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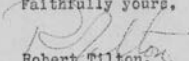
Dear Dr. Schwyzer:

I have the honor to inform you that your name is to be included in our compilation for 1944 of WHO'S IMPORTANT IN MEDICINE, which records the careers of Outstanding Physicians, Surgeons, Medical Educators and Hospital Administrators.

Please fill in and return the enclosed brief questionnaire. If time permits, I shall be glad to mail you a proof of your edited biography prior to publication.

There is, of course, no obligation of any kind.

Faithfully yours,


Robert Tilton,
Associate Editor.

P.S. You may also send us one of your photographs.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

[No charge of any kind is made for inclusion in this work.]

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Name (in full)

Present Position, Title or Specialty

Address (professional)

Street

City State

Residence

Street

City

State

Date of Birth Place

City

State

Name of Parents

Father's

Mother's Maiden Name

Genealogy

(Please mention any noteworthy facts concerning your ancestors)

Education

(Please list Colleges or Universities attended and degrees received. Give dates.)

Married

Wife's Maiden Name

Date of Marriage

Children

(Please give names)

CAREER: Began as Date

(List chronologically all important professional positions held from beginning of career to present.
Please mention dates. List hospital and teaching connections, etc.)

(OVER)

Director or Trustee (indicate which) of the following educational, business or public institutions.

Civic Activities (Indicate if identified with civic, charitable or defense movements. Give dates when you served as officer of such organizations.)

Member of the following Medical Associations, Learned and Technical Societies, etc.:

Recipient of the following Honors and Decorations:

Clubs:

Hobby or Special Interest:

Author of the following books and important pamphlets, and their dates of publication:

Military Record

You may recommend below two names of those whom you believe to be eligible for inclusion in WHO'S IMPORTANT IN MEDICINE.

Name..... Name.....

Position, Title or Specialty..... Position, Title or Specialty.....

Address..... Address.....

1314 Second Str
Hudson, Wisconsin.
Jan, 11th, 1944.

Dr, Arnold Schwyzer
St, Joseph's Hospital
St, Paul, Minn.

My Dear Doctor;

On November 29th, when I was being loaded on the cart for my journey to the operating room. I imagined I could smell the flowers at my own funeral. As we moved down the hall, I said to myself" Here is where Old Paddy hangs a red light on the moon" (A railroad mans expression for death) However your keen mind and skillful hands, shoved the grim reaper into the side track, and gave me a clear main line to a more comfortable and hopeful future. I shall be eternally grateful to you, for all you have done for me. Truly, You are the Master Surgeon.

Yesterday, I recieved from your office a statement for professional services rendered. I shall mail check to your office. This statement convinces me that Surgery is not your only Specialty. I now realize to the very fullest extent, that you are a man of heart. A man of deep and abiding sympathy. You were more than generous to me in fixing your fee. Please be assured, if prayers and good wishes, good can bring. Mine are with you in every thing.

I was rudely shocked last week, when I heard that you were in the hospital for an operation. Please accept my most profound and heartfelt sympathy in your hour of pain, and my best wishes for your speedy recovery. May I remind you, that one week from the day you operated on me. My nurse took me for a buggy ride in a wheel chair. That I believe is some kind of a record. However You didnt have the Surgeon that I had. So I wont expect you to duplicate my record. If you take the wheel chair buggy ride in two weeks. I shall be satisfied. In the mean time, I shall be storming Heaven with prayers for your Complete recovery.

I am enclosing two little poem's, that have been very comforting to me in hours of heart breaking pain. The one entitled Resignation, is realy a prayer. Please read them every day.

Good luck and God Bless you forever.

Patrick H. O'Rourke
Patrick H, O'Rourke

1314 Second Str
Hudson, Wisconsin
Jan, 13th, 1944.

Dr. Arnold Schwyzer
127 West Seventh Str
St, Paul, Minn.

My Dear Doctor;

Last week I recieved your statement for professional services rendered. This morning the mail man brought me a revised statement reducing your fee. I have already written you at the hospital, expressing my gratitude for your great generosity to me. This revised statement leaves me speechless. I dont know what to say or how to say it. I do know that if I wrote a volume, I could not begin to express the sentiments that ring in my heart and vibrate in my very soul. So I shall just ask you to think of every appreciative, enthusiastic, and thankful expression, that the english language can formulate, and then you wont know a one thousandth part of the feeling of appreciation and gratitude that i am trying to convey in this jumble of words.

Am enclosing bank draft covering revised statement. Be assured, if God Will grant the prayers and petitions of a tired old railroad man. Your health will be quickly restored.

Good Luck And God Bless You Forever

Patrick H. O'Rourke
Patrick H. O'Rourke



Capt. H.C. Schuyler

O-368966

Active Hospital

FORT LEONARD

Wood,

Missouri

U.S. ARMY

Monday

POSTMARK:

Jan. 17, 1944

Dear Jack,

I spent the week and with some soldiers trying to get the house in order for Margie's return. We had a lot to do, but at least had it livable when she arrived today. I haven't ~~actually~~ seen her yet, just talked to her by phone. She seemed tired, but the baby was apparently in fine shape.

I had hoped to keep up my hospital work, but am so busy in the Internment Camp that I don't get around much. As a result I'll have a lot of ~~extra~~ extra work to do when I get back to the hospital, about Tuesday or Wednesday.

Our nice Christmas time is being extended, because we still have presents to open which came after Marge left, so we will have another little party for ourselves tonight.

In anticipation of your approval for my coming home (if I don't have to work) on Saturday I have already ordered my tickets & have reservations both ways.

This morning a large group of prisoners, about 200, marched by the dispensary and they all sang. It is surely a worthwhile past time to listen to their perfect harmony and absolute pitch. It is peculiar that so many ordinary folks are so musical. Though the songs are not complimentary to us, the time is very pleasant.

With hopes to see you in a week or two, all my love
[Hanns Schwyzer] *Hanns*

Church of the Holy Cross

REV. V. W. WORZALLA

1621 UNIVERSITY AVENUE N. E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

January 25, 1944.

Dr. Arnold Schuyzer,
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Schuyzer:

I was indeed very happy and also pleased when your and my good friend Dr. John Lepsak conveyed your kind greetings to me. But I assure you, my good Doctor, that I was very sorry to hear that you are ill.

At this moment I wish that I were the most skilled doctor in the world, that I might restore your health as you did for me just a few months ago. This is beyond my power. So I leave all this in the hands of you and my good Heavenly Father. Should God call you for your eternal reward go gladly. You have been faithful in your duties now awaits you the crown of glory. You have nothing to fear.

I made a special memento in the mass this morning and will remember you every day while at the altar offering up the Holy sacrifice of the mass. I just lost a very personal friend Dr. Paworski last November so I ask God to spare you another kind friend of mine. Asking God to bless you and all your dear ones.
Sincerely yours in Christ Walter Worzalla

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
SAINT LOUIS

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
BARNES HOSPITAL
600 SOUTH KINGSHIGHWAY

February 17, 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer
Department of Surgery
950 E. 59th Street
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Schwyzer:

We shall be very glad to consider your application for assistant residency in Medicine. Will you kindly send me a transcript of your scholastic record in medical school and three letters of recommendation from members of the hospital staff under whom you are now working. Final appointments for assistant residencies in Medicine will probably not be made until sometime in May, but we shall inform you as soon as appointments are made.

Very truly yours,

W. Barry Wood, Jr.

W. Barry Wood, Jr., M. D.
Professor of Medicine

*name &
address*

*{ Dr. Hatcher
Dr. Dragstedt
Dr. Jenkins*

Yale

*Ruth Markin's
Husband -*

Medical Internships at the Barnes Hospital, St. Louis

The plan for training internes in internal medicine at the Barnes Hospital has been altered because of the special situation created by the war and by the ruling of the National Procurement and Assignment Service. Internes will be appointed to the medical service for a period of 9 months. Those who have completed the 9 months' internship may apply for assistant residencies for an additional 9 months. Assistant residents will be eligible to apply for a third 9 months' period of training as residents. All internships and residencies are open to women as well as men.

Two types of internships, designed to meet the requirements of military medicine, are offered in internal medicine.

(1) Ward Medical Service: Six men are appointed as internes on the medical wards of the Barnes Hospital. Their services include work on the general medical wards of the Barnes Hospital, and on the wards of the St. Louis Isolation Hospital. In addition, the internes are assigned to the neurological service, the admitting and emergency service, the metabolism ward, the laboratory service, and the venereal disease clinic. This medical internship is designed primarily for men wishing to obtain training in internal medicine, and has been modified to meet the special requirements of the army medical corps.

(2) Private Medical Service: Seven men are appointed to internships on the private medical service of the Barnes Hospital. The interne service on the private wards has been reorganized to simulate that on the ward medical service. The internship includes training in the St. Louis Isolation Hospital, in the outpatient department, and in the diagnostic laboratories of the Barnes Hospital. The private internes take part in ward rounds held 5 days a week on the private medical service and, in addition, attend the staff rounds and conferences of the ward medical service. Special instruction is given in neurology and cardiology.

There is no salary connected with internships, but small salaries are paid to the assistant residents and to the resident. All the resident house staff, however, including the internes, the assistant residents and residents are provided with living quarters, board, laundry and white suits free of charge. Barnes Hospital provides, without charge, to each interne a membership in Group Hospital Service. Dependents may be enrolled at small additional cost. The family of any interne who joins the army or navy may retain the membership.

All applications for internships must be submitted at least 9 months before the date of appointment. Applicants from schools other than Washington University School of Medicine must send three letters of recommendation with the internship application.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

MEDICAL SCHOOL
THE MEDICAL CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 22

April 21, 1944

Marguerite Schwyzer, M.D.
The University of Chicago
Department of Surgery
950 E. 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Schwyzer:

In Doctor Kerr's absence I am sending you an application blank for an assistant residency in Medicine at the University of California Hospital. You may return this to Doctor Kerr.

In addition to the application, he would like a letter from the Dean of your school, together with one or two letters from staff members under whom you have worked during your hospital training. A recent photograph (snap-shot will suffice) should accompany the application.

Sincerely,

Carole F. High
Secretary, Division of Medicine

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Draw at Yale [no transcript]

^{D.}
Dr. D. Hagedt

✓ Dr. H. Hatcher

Dorothy &
Marseille

no p Jan 1, 1945

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dean's Office

San Francisco, 22, California

A list of the positions at the University of California Hospital and at the San Francisco Hospital (University of California Service) is given below.

Residencies and House Officerships

University of California Hospital ✓

Medicine, including Neurology and Dermatology	1 Resident and 6 Assistant Residents
Surgery, including Anesthesia	1 Resident and 10 Assistant Residents
Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery and Otorhinolaryngology	
Radiology	1 Resident and 1 Assistant Resident
Pediatrics	1 Resident and 1 Assistant Resident
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1 Resident and 2 Assistant Residents
Pathology	1 Resident
Compensation - Residents.....	\$900 per annum plus maintenance
Assistant Residents..	*\$300 or \$600 per annum, plus maintenance

*Assistant Residents, in the first year of training following internships, will be paid \$300, those in the second year \$600.

San Francisco Hospital (University of California Service)

Medicine	1 Senior House Officer, 2 House Officers
Tuberculosis	1 Senior House Officer, 1 House Officer
Psychiatry	1 House Officer
Surgery	4 House Officers
Ophthalmology	1 House Officer (Joint position with Stanford)
Otorhinolaryngology	1 House Officer
Urology	1 House Officer
Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases	1 House Officer
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1 Senior House Officer, 1 House Officer
Pathology	1 House Officer

Compensation - None from University. Salary and maintenance provided by City and County of San Francisco

Residencies and House Officerships begin, normally on July 1st of each year and run for twelve months. However, the Chairman of the division concerned may give permission for the appointee to begin at some other time. The Chairman may also recommend a re-appointment for an additional year or more.

InternshipsUniversity of California Hospital

Straight internships are as follows:

Medicine	4
Surgery	4
Pediatrics	3
Gynecology and Obstetrics	3
Pathology	1

San Francisco Hospital (University of California Service)24 Rotating Internships

Because of the accelerated program in the University of California Medical School, our own students will begin internships at various times during each year. If possible, arrangements will be made for students from other medical schools to begin whenever they are available. All internships are of nine month's duration.

APPLICATION

The attached blank should be completed and sent to the

Dean's Office
University of California Medical School
Medical Center
San Francisco, 22, California

An applicant from another medical school should include with his blank (1) a recent photograph, (2) a letter of recommendation from the Dean of his medical school, (3) letters of recommendation from one or more individuals who are familiar with his work. A transcript is not necessary.

The Dean's Office will forward the application blank to the chairman of the division concerned for consideration. The chairman will communicate with the applicant, informing him whether or not he has been accepted.

As an exception to the above paragraph, applications for internships at the San Francisco Hospital are acted upon by a committee appointed by the Dean. These applications should also be sent to the Dean's Office.

LICENSURE

Members of the resident staff, except interns (it is desirable, though not absolutely necessary for interns to be licensed) are expected to be licensed to practice medicine in California, or to become so qualified at the earliest possible opportunity. Complete information concerning licensure may be obtained from:

{ Board of Medical Examiners
1020 N Street, Room 536
Sacramento, California

HOSPITALS

University of California Hospital

The University of California Hospital is a general hospital of over 300 beds, owned by the University of California and operated by the Board of Regents of the University. The Hospital is an integral part of the Medical School, and is directly affiliated for graduate training.

The medical staff is closed, with all appointments recommended by the Dean of the Medical School and approved by the President of the University. The various divisions of the School have full time teaching staffs with all the professional activities of the hospital under the direct supervision of the chairman of the divisions.

The Medical School maintains well organized divisions for teaching of the basic medical sciences and Divisions of Pathology in the University of California Hospital and the San Francisco Hospital, all under the direction of full-time chairmen. At least 75 per cent of all deaths have post-mortem examinations with complete protocols on file. Special dissecting rooms for surgical anatomy, adjacent to the University Hospital are used freely. The experimental laboratory offers opportunity for animal surgery which is largely associated with physiological studies, and operative work on animals may be conducted at any time. Facilities are also available for chemical and biochemical studies. The X-ray department is under the direction of full time radiologists.

The Medical School Library contains 60,000 volumes and subscriptions to approximately 600 current medical journals.

At the beginning of his appointment, the Superintendent's Office of the University Hospital will supply each member of the resident staff with a Manual of Procedure for the House Staff and with copies of such other rules and regulations as are necessary.

To the extent of accommodations available in the University Hospital male residents, assistant residents and interns are expected to live in the Hospital. In other cases, an allowance is made for living quarters outside. Such quarters must be within easy walking distance of the Hospital and must have a telephone.

There are no living quarters for women at the University Hospital and women members of the resident staff must live outside. As in the case of male residents, their quarters must be within easy walking distance and must have a telephone.

The Langley Porter Clinic

The Langley Porter Clinic is a one hundred bed research and teaching institute for psychiatry, created by the Department of Institutions of the State of California with the provision that the research and teaching functions of the Hospital shall be carried on under the direction of the University of California Medical School. In addition to the Psychiatric Wards, the Clinic has a ward for Neuro-Surgery, one for children and an out-patient department. All modern hospital facilities, such as laboratories, including a laboratory for encephalography, an operating room, an X-ray laboratory, an occupational therapy department as well as all of the equipment of a psychiatric hospital are available.

There are a number of resident staff positions at the Langley Porter Clinic to which appointment is made by the State Personnel Board. Further information concerning these may be obtained by writing to the

Director,
Langley Porter Clinic
Medical Center
San Francisco, 22, California

San Francisco Hospital - The Department of Public Health

The San Francisco Hospital is maintained by the City and County of San Francisco. Its buildings consist of an executive building and the main group of twenty wards, and the Tuberculosis and Isolation Divisions, consisting of twelve wards and four wards, respectively. The medical care of patients is covered jointly by Stanford University School of Medicine, and the University of California Medical School. The University of California controls approximately five hundred and eighty-two beds in this hospital, including two hundred and twenty-nine in the tuberculosis wards, which are equally divided for instruction in clinical medicine, clinical surgery and the specialties. The laboratories adjacent to the wards are fully equipped for the use of interns and students, and a communicable disease wing provides opportunity for the study of such diseases.

Now wards have been built to expand the pediatrics, women's surgical and municipal accident case services, and to provide additional beds in the women's tuberculosis division. Two new buildings have been constructed, one housing a psychopathic unit of the hospital, and the other housing the maternity service.

House Officers and interns at the San Francisco Hospital will be asked to report to the Superintendent of the Hospital at a designated time for the assignment of rooms and for other instructions as to their work. Married house officers and interns may be permitted to live outside of the Hospital but, if so, their living quarters must be within five minutes walking distance of the main entrance, and must have a telephone.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
BARNES HOSPITAL
600 SOUTH KINGSHIGHWAY

May 14, 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer
University of Chicago Clinics
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Schwyzer:

Thank you for your letter applying for an assistant residency in medicine. I am sorry to have to inform you that all of our assistant residencies for October 1944 have already been filled. I regret therefore that we can not consider your application.

Sincerely yours,

W. Barry Wood, Jr.

W. Barry Wood, Jr., M. D.
Professor of Medicine

424 HAMM BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINN.

FRANK E. BURCH, M. D.
EDWARD P. BURCH, M. D.
FERDINAND L. P. KOCH, M. D.
R. L. SCHMIDTKE, M. D.

PRACTICE LIMITED TO
OPHTHALMOLOGY AND
OPHTHALMIC SURGERY
BY APPOINTMENT

May 15, 1944

Miss Marguerite Schwyzer
The University of Chicago
950 E. 59th St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Marguerite:

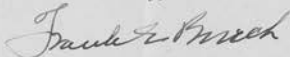
I do not know of anything that would give me greater pleasure than to help you in any way possible by a letter of recommendation for anything you undertake. Please feel free to call on me any time you can. I think it is perfectly logical that you should want to practice in St. Paul. I know you are enjoying your work and I hope you can get up to see your mother as frequently as possible. She has been very brave through this trying experience.

Dr. Alex. Colvin delivered a most appropriate and timely tribute to your father at the Meeting of the Minnesota Academy last Wednesday evening. He emphasized particularly the value of your father's service to the profession, his many contributions to surgery and medicine, and pioneer work that he had done in various phases of surgery. We were all most pleased to have this memorial from one who could write it best.

I am sure you too are going to be a contributor to medicine.

With my kindest regards always, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Frank E. Burch, M.D.

FEB:mm

P.S. My letter to Dr. Watson has already been sent.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

MEDICAL SCHOOL
THE MEDICAL CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 22

May 16, 1944

Marguerite Schwyzer, M.D.
University of Chicago Clinics
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Schwyzer:

I am greatly pleased with the recommendations which have been sent to me about you and your work. I regret, however, that I will not have an assistant residency to offer you on January 1, 1945 as our house officers are to begin work on September 1st and at the present time the places are filled.

However, I could offer you a position as Assistant in Medicine with six months in Clinical Pathology and six months in Pathology, to begin on January 1, 1945 at a salary of \$75.00 per month, without perquisites. During the period of the War the University has been giving its employees and faculty an emergency payment added to the salaries which amounts to \$25.00 per month. If you should care to accept this appointment, there is a good chance that before the time for you to start or soon thereafter a vacancy may occur on the resident staff, and if one should occur, you could have the place.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Cordially,


Wm. J. Kerr, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

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YALE UNIVERSITY: THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
333 CEDAR STREET • NEW HAVEN • CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

17 May 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer
The University of Chicago
950 E. 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Schwyzer:

In accordance with your request I have written to Dr. Cecil J. Watson in connection with your application for a fellowship at the University of Minnesota. I hope you may be successful in obtaining this appointment.

I find that you are not alone in gaining appreciation of Yale after leaving and going elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis G. Blake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Francis" and last name "Blake" clearly distinguishable.

Francis G. Blake
Dean

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THE
ANTHONY N. BRADY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

May 22, 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer
Department of Surgery
The University of Chicago
950 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Doctor Schwyzer:

I have your letter of May 15
and we are today sending transcripts of your record
to Barnes Hospital and the University of Minnesota,
and Dr. Smith is writing a letter of recommendation
to Dr. Kerr of the University of California Medical
School. Please advise us of your success in these
applications, and be assured of our interest in you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Miriam K. Dasey
Miriam K. Dasey
Registrar

The University of Chicago

Department of Surgery

950 E. 59TH STREET

May 23, 1944.

Dr. Wm. J. Kerr
Univ of California Medical School
San Francisco 22, California

Dear Doctor Kerr,

I am very happy
to accept the position as
Assistant in Medicine with
six months in Clinical Pathology
and six months in Pathology
beginning January 1, 1945.

I am looking forward to
~~going~~ to Calif to working 2 yrs.
Sincerely,
S. M.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

MEDICAL SCHOOL
THE MEDICAL CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 22

May 27, 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer
Department of Surgery
The University of Chicago
950 E. 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Schwyzer:

I am pleased that you will accept the position which I have offered, to begin January 1, 1945.

In order that I may have the proper material to make the recommendation for your appointment, will you kindly fill out the enclosed blanks and card and return to me as soon as possible. The biography blank is to be completed in duplicate and both copies returned.

Looking forward with pleasure to having you as a member of my staff, I am

Cordially,


Wm. J. Kerr, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

k/h

Attach the complete address in plain black ink in the space below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pen. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.

Hanns C. Schwyzer

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
MRS. ARNOLD SCHWYZER
8 CROCUS HILL
ST. PAUL 2
MINNESOTA

From

CAPT. HANNS C. SCHWYZER
O-358956 (Sender's name)
56th PORT SURE HOSP

APO #522 - 2, P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

13 JUN 44

(Date)

DEAREST MAMMA,

HERE WE ARE AT OUR DESTINATION FINALLY, AFTER A TRIP THAT WASN'T SO BAD EVEN WITH THE SEASICKNESS. WE ARE NOW SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, AND I SURE AM SURPRIZED TO GET HERE. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF THIS BEING NOW THE HORRIBLE PLACE WE ALWAYS HEARD ABOUT, IT IS RATHER A CIVILIZED PLACE, WITH A PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE IS ALL RESPECTS. I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE, BUT WHAT ELSE I WOULD OTHERWISE SAY, WOULD REASSURE YOU TREMENDOUSLY, AND I AM SINCERE IN THAT. WE ARE CAMPED ON A SANDY BEACH IN A COCONUT GROVE, AND ARE GOING TO SET UP SOME VERY COMFORTABLE HOUSE KEEPING.

MAMMA, SINCE I WON'T HAVE PROPPER CARDS TO SEND WITH THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS, WILL YOU GIVE THIS NEW ONE TO THESE PARTIES, WHICH NOW HAVE THE OLD ONE: 1ST NATIONAL BANK, ST. PAUL; SANDSTONE STATE BANK; FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS; CLARENCE; AND OTHER FRIENDS.

ALSO I WISH YOU WOULD START A SUBSCRIPTION FOR ME TO THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION; SURGERY; AND SURGERY, GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS. SEND THEM TO ME, AND I WILL FORWARD THE MONEY. IT WILL BE FOR THE OUTFIT. ARNOLD CAN HELP YOU IN THAT.

AS I HAVE WRITTEN MARGEE, I WILL SEND A CABLE TONIGHT, BUT THEY ARE SO SLOW THAT THIS LETTER WILL PROBABLY PRECEED IT. ALSO IN REGARD TO MAIL, V MAIL IS FASTEST, A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. AIR MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL ARE ABOUT THE SAME, SEVERAL DAYS TO WEEKS LONGER. AND PACKAGES TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.

I HAVE ALREADY FOUND OUT THAT IN EVERY PROBABILITY I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE TANTE FRIEDL QUITE SOON. I'D LIKE TO ARRANGE IT TO BE THERE FOR XMAS, THAT WOULD BE BEST. WE COULD CALL YOU CHRISTMAS EVE THEN.

BY THE WAY, WHEN YOU USE V MAIL, I DON'T BELIEVE THEY WILL ACCEPT YOUR USUAL PURPLE INK. TYPR WRITING IS THE BEST.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS HERE WHOM I KNEW AT FORT WOOD, AND SOME FROM EARLIER THAN THAT EVEN. AS TIME GOES ON AND WE GET A JEEP I'M GOING VISITING. THE STUFF YOU SENT FOR THE SWISS DELEGATES AT WOOD WILL SURE BE HANDY.

DID I WRITE YOU THAT ON THE TRAIN I MET A MEMBER OF THE SWISS LEGATION, WHO KNEW OF THE OTHER DELEGATES VISITE TO US AT WOOD LAST YEAR, WHO WAS FROM ST. GALLEN, AND WHO KNEW UNCLE MAX? HE WAS REALLY FROM APPENZEL, A TOPEL OF THE CHOCOLATE COMPANY. SPEAKING OF THAT, THE NESTLE PEOPLE MAKE ALL THE MILK AND SIMILAR STUFF WE USE HERE.

MORE
MY LOVE TO YOU, AND

V-MAIL

LATER, NOW TO CLOSE WITH ALL
MY USUAL PRAYERS FOR YOU ALL.

Hanns

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the space below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No. _____

Hanns C. Schwyzer

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
MRS. ARNOLD SCHWYZER
8 CROCUS HILL
ST. PAUL 2
MINNESOTA

From

CAPT. HANNS C. SCHWYZER, MC
0-368966 (Sender's name)
56th PORT SURG HOSP
APO 322-1, 5 P.M.
(Sender's address)
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

14 JUN 44

(Date)

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DEAREST MAMMA:

TODAY IT IS SEVEN WEEKS SINCE I LEFT YOU ALL, AND I SURE HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN. IT IS FUNNY. I GUESS IT IS THE TRAVEL BLOOD OF A SWISS THAT MAKES ME ENJOY GOING NEW PLACES AND DOING NEW THINGS, WHILE KEEPING MY HEART AT HOME. IN FACT, THOUGH I MISS YOU ALL TERRIBLY, AND ALL THAT MINNESOTA BRINGS WITH IT I'M NOT IN THE LEAST DISSATISFIED HERE. I'M EVEN DUMB ENOUGH TO LIKE IT. THE WOODS, THE CAREFREE LIFE, THE PHYSICAL LABOR OF HAULING LOGS AND GRAVEL FOR CAMP, SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN OR SWIMMING HOLE IN THE CLEAR COLD MOUNTAIN STREAM, ETC. ARE MUCH LIKE SANDSTONE. MOST MUSICAL TO ME IS THE TRICLE OF WASH WATER INTO THE WHITE ENAMEL BASIN, IT SOUNDS HERE EXACTLY LIKE ON THE FARM. FUNNY HOW THINGS SO SMALL STRIKE SUCH A RESPONSIVE NOTE. NOW IF ONLY WE GET WORK TO DO RATHER THAN SIT AROUND. WELL, I COULD ALSO HAVE OUR COMMANDING OFFICER A LITTLE MORE PRACTICAL. ALL HIS LIFE IN A LARGE CITY HASN'T MADE HIM TOO SMART ABOUT CAMP. HE'S LIKE PA, HAS TO SEE AND DECIDE ON EVERYTHING PERSONALLY, WITH MANY A "WUP! OH, AHA, WELL, NO DO IT THIS WAY, PERHAPS. COME HERE, NO WAIT".

HAVE ANY WORDS BEEN CUT OUT OF MY LETTERS? I HOPE NOT AS ITS A REFLECTION ON ME AS I'M UNIT CENSOR. I GET A LOT OF FUN OUT OF THAT, AS I LET THE MEN WHO WANT TO WRITE IN THEIR NATIVE TONGUE (ALL EXCEPT THE CHINESE COOK) AND SO GET LETTERS IN FRENCH, SPANISH, AND GERMAN TO READ. SEE, YOU AND PA WERE PRETTY SMART ON INSISTING WE LEARN LANGUAGES, EVEN IF WE KNEW BETTER AT THE TIME. THOUGH OUR COOK IS GOOD, I WISH MARIE COULD TEACH HIM HER SAUCES, TOO. GREET HER AND ARNOLD AND THE REST MOST CORDIALLY. HOW'S MY LITTLE FAMILY? NOW, YOU CAN'T KNOW HOW MUCH I

V-MAIL

I LOVE YOU ALL.

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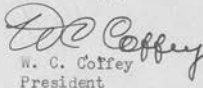
July 5, 1944

Mrs. Arnold Schwyzer
8 Crocus Hill
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Schwyzer

At the May 18, 1944, meeting of the University Senate, a resolution was adopted recording the appreciation of the University Senate for the work and life of Dr. Arnold Schwyzer. I am sending you copies of this resolution as printed from the minutes.

Sincerely yours


W. C. Coffey
President

Enclosures

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

June 9, 1944

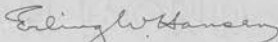
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St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Schwyzer:

The enclosed memorial to Dr. Schwyzer was read at the last meeting of the Minnesota Academy of Medicine and a resolution passed directing that it be made a part of the permanent records of the Academy and that a copy be sent to you.

I am glad to do this for while I was not as close to Dr. Schwyzer as some of his older friends I have admired him and respected him now for a great many years and I am sure we shall all miss him.

Sincerely,



Erling W. Hansen, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer

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MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

ARNOLD SCHWYZER, 1864 - 1944

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Dr. Schwyzer was born in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1864. After six years in college, he undertook the study of medicine, graduating at the University of Zurich in 1888. He served one year as assistant in the County Hospital at Glarus, and for a short time as assistant in the Surgical Clinic of Kroenlein, and finally three years at the obstetrical and gynecological clinic at the University of Zurich.

During a visit to Edinburgh, he met the American Consul to whom he presented a letter of introduction from a prominent St. Paul citizen, a friend of his family who had lived with them in Switzerland during his college term. The American Consul, knowing of his intentions to come to the United States, advised him to come as a highly trained surgeon else he would just become another doctor. The soundness of this advice is evident even today. In those days, numbers of American doctors embarked upon journeys of study in the older centers of medical education in Europe, to round out their training. His was the advantage of being taught by great teachers and of being associated with them in hospital work during his formative years. The inspirations derived from early association with great men in medicine cannot be over-estimated.

Because of these advantages, he was at once recognized and generously acknowledged by a group of men in St. Paul who, although lacking laboratory training and experience, were men of great spirit and high ideals, sound clinicians, and fine surgical capacity and judgment. Dr. Schwyzer soon recognized this and became a peer among a group of men who had become nationally known for their outstanding spirit of ethics, kindness and helpfulness to young men.

The recognition thus early obtained soon extended over a much wider area than his own locality. He became a member of:

1. The American Surgical Association
2. The American College of Surgeons, of which he belonged to the founders' group.
3. The Minnesota Academy of Medicine
4. The Western Surgical Association
5. The American Medical Association
6. The Minnesota State Medical Association
7. The Minnesota Pathological Society
8. The Ramsey County Medical Society
9. Swiss Surgical Society

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He was awarded the medal of the Minnesota Academy of Medicine in 1929, the first and only given for outstanding contributions to the organization.

He acquired early a large surgical practice which continued to grow year by year. He was an indefatigable worker. His daily routine began at the hospital at 7:00 A.M. He was an individualist in his work - and entitled to be this; and the fact that he was possessed of a great sense of responsibility for his patients accounts in part for the fact that he employed only one assistant in his large volume of surgical work, and never in any sense developed the group or clinic idea. He thus, naturally, held in a marked degree the confidence and admiration of his patients.

He was his own internist, pathologist, chemist, radiologist, physicist, and radiographer. This enormous amount of work, increasing in volume from year to year, could only have been carried on, practically alone, by a man of unusual physique endowed with great intellectual power, and these he devoted more and more as the years went by to the application of an increasing knowledge of medical science to the needs of his patients; and this went on day by day, year in and year out.

In the meantime he kept abreast of medical progress by continuous study, emphasizing Dr. Osler's epigram that the master word in medicine is work. When unusual cases presented themselves and were discussed among hospital men, he was always prepared with the ancient and recent knowledge of the subject and, being accused of looking up the information the night before, he said - "Do they think I just know; they do not know how hard I work to acquire all I know." Men of his calibre are not jealous of others, but they do doubt challenge supremacy and usually have it. It was fine to see how his contemporaries acknowledged it. Such men engaged in private competitive practice are always under close scrutiny; but, if his colleagues found any flaws in him, they overlooked them. He was intrinsically one of them and a good fellow. Such is foundationally the character of medical practitioners.

Perhaps all men of his size feel the sporting instinct of leaders; a very innocent evidence of it in him was disclosed in his equestrian excursions. These early morning rides started out as very proper and dignified performances; and, although he could ride hard, the commander's order was that there should be no racing. However, let the other's horse nose ahead a little - as will happen in western horses - and the race was on, and the sedate and dignified canter became a furious gallop.

In his play - all the way from checkers, cards, or what not -

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he put all he had in it, as he did in his work. His busy life left little time for social affairs even if he was a very socially minded man. However, all during his working life - and that was until the last month - he made numerous vacation trips to his beloved Switzerland taking his entire family with him. While these were vacations, he nevertheless kept in touch with what was going on in medicine, made easy by his many friends in university and hospital circles.

The years that he did not go abroad, he spent two or three months each summer on his large farm situated on the shores of Grindstone Lake in Pine County. This large tract of land he converted from a mostly burnt over wild country into a productive and picturesque spot with bridle paths through the woods where he loved to ride with his guests and discuss agricultural projects on which, by the way, he kept as well informed as he was in medicine, he and his brother, Gustav, being frequent visitors to the Agricultural College.

During their summer vacations on the farm, Dr. and Mrs. Schwyzer were rarely without guests, the entertainment of whom gave them continuous pleasure. In a separate study built over the edge of the lake, he nevertheless caught up with medical literature not only in medical journals which in his hard-working months he had not had time to read; the reading of some advanced work on physics or chemistry was also saved for this period. He had an amazing memory for the complicated formulae of organic chemistry.

His essay on "Musings on Excerpts on the Origin of Life" was published in pamphlet form that his friends, of whom he had many, might receive copies as a greeting and a sign that he should have liked to have their discussion while pondering over these problems. These Musings were a summarizing analysis of what the natural sciences have to offer for a conception of the organized from the inorganic. This study had its origin in a sheer love of an almost oriental abstract contemplation. Only a mind informed in chemistry, physics, embryology, geology, etc., could be more capable of the "Musings" found in this pamphlet, and so this active mind was unceasingly at work even in holiday times; and, if his guests were at all like-minded, he kept them busy listening to a recital of all he had been reading during his holiday.

He enjoyed the company of his fellows and while on his broad acres at the lake in Pine County he was the squire of the district, acquainted with the farmers of his neighborhood and all their problems and difficulties. His many loans were not investments that brought him many returns.

He found time, during his many years of an unusually large

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and exacting practice, to write 108 articles. These covered a large part of the field of general surgery and most of the surgical specialties, were largely subjects related to his surgical practice, and of a reflective, analytical and investigative nature. Notable were, early in his career, his report of an operation and cure of subclavian aneurysm, resection of the femur in continuity for sarcoma with transplantation of the fibula; both of these patients were presented at medical society meetings many years afterwards.

He originated a plastic operation on the pelvis of the kidney for hydronephrosis due to obstruction at the pelvo-ureteral junction which has become a standardized procedure.

He was an optimist in both medical and surgical therapeutics. An article entitled "Defeatism in the Treatment of Malignancy" reflected this characteristic. In the years when surgery was making great advances, he was in the front lines of the advance. His Inaugural Thesis before this Academy in 1894 was on "The Infectious Nature of Carcinoma. Inoculation of Cancer in the Wound Made for Total Extirpation of the Cancerous Womb". His last paper before this Academy was on "White Bile". In the interim he read 53 papers and case reports. His numerous discussions of papers read were not confined to surgical subjects.

His was the value of a highly intellectual and practical surgeon, experienced from years of keen, thoughtful observation, endowed with the faculty of evaluation, being self-reliant and possessed of high ideals and integrity and singleness of purpose. All these are required in the suddenly changing scenes of action in the successful surgeon. It goes without saying that the character of his work and the manner of life he led exerted a profound influence on his community.

That he was imbued with a desire to teach is evidenced by the fact that he was Professor of Pathology at Hamline University from 1900-1902, and during this period was Pathologist to the City and County Hospital. From 1904-1908 he was Professor of Clinical Surgery at Hamline University. In 1927, he was appointed Professorial Lecturer at the University of Minnesota, and in 1932 was made Professorial Lecturer Emeritus. Too late in life he was offered the Chair of Surgery at the University of Minnesota. Having by this time become involved in a very large surgical practice, he decided that at his time of life he could not carry the double load, and he was so constituted that he would not undertake anything that he could not give all the time and effort required to make it a success. It was a great pity that the opportunity did not come to him earlier that he might have developed and organized his efforts as a great teacher and thus have widened his influence in his community. However, in his well-organized one-man unit, both by example and precept his influence

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was felt in his hospital work by succeeding groups of interns and by many visiting physicians.

He was a wonderful mathematician. He was born in 1864, and said in 1934 that the difference between 1864 and 1934 was 55, not 70. From 1934 to 1944 would be 10 and he should be 80, but I am sure you will all admit that as far as mental activity was concerned, he was one of the youngest members of the Academy.

The last year of his life ran true to form. He had been having abdominal distress for a year, but, not wanting to cause any uneasiness in others, did not mention his illness to either family or friends until a few days before an exploratory laparotomy was done. He performed a major abdominal operation the day before his own; had one scheduled the same day as his own, and then suddenly decided to surrender. After that, he was the same self-reliant man knowing his fate, discussed it at times briefly, predicted the date, said it was hard waiting but he could take it. The impatient man became patient and hoped he would not be impatient and left believing that the universe could not go wrong. These last days were an inspiration and long to be remembered.

The Necrology Committee:

A. R. Colvin, Chairman
H. B. Zimmermann
Martin Nordland

Read at the regular monthly meeting of the
Minnesota Academy of Medicine, held May 10th,
1944.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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He began the practice of surgery in the United States in 1894 in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he quickly demonstrated an unusual ability as a physician and surgeon and as a scientific investigator. Over the years his outstanding ability, keen and incisive mind, together with his remarkable personality and broad cultural background brought him to a plane of eminence seldom attained.

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Dr. Schwyzzer was a charter member of the American College of Surgeons and the St. Paul Surgical Society, a member of the Minnesota Academy of Medicine, Minnesota Pathological Society, Western Surgical Association, American Surgical Association, International College of Surgeons, Swiss Surgical Society, the American Medical Association, and the Minnesota State Medical Association. Medical literature has profited immeasurably by his concise and scientific contributions, of which approximately eighty-three were published.

Dr. Schwyzzer's three children are all physicians: Dr. Marguerite Schwyzzer, who graduated from Yale Medical School; Dr. Arnold Schwyzzer, who graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School; and Dr. Hanns Schwyzzer, who graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and is now a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps at Camp Leonard Wood.

During his entire career, it was customary with Dr. Schwyzer to spend the summer months on his well-beloved farm on Grindstone Lake in Pine County. Here he studied and read extensively and delighted in his life-long love of horses. Those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him are unanimous in agreeing that he was one of the great masters in American surgery, and a man beloved of his many friends and patients, kindly and unselfish, modest and unassuming, a true physician and philosopher.

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December 16, 1944

Dr. Marguerite Schwyzer,
University of Chicago University Clinics,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Schwyzer:

Thank you for your letter of December 6th. It is satisfactory for
you to report for duty on January 8, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W J Kerr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wm. J. Kerr, M.D.
Professor of Medicine.

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Air Mail

We shall be glad to welcome you to California!