

Inglis F. Frost died at Newton Square, Pennsylvania on April 7, 1983 at the age of 96 years.

Dr. Frost was born June 6th, in Attica, New York, where his grandfather was a practicing physician, and it was from his grandfather that he learned his love of medicine.

In 1889 his family moved to Toronto where his father became Director of the American branch of the China Island Mission. Eventually the family moved to Germantown, Pennsylvania where Dr. Frost graduated from Germantown Academy in 1905. On graduation he was selected as the Ivy orator, an honor which included planting the class ivy and unveiling the class stone.

He then entered Toronto University where he spent two years in biology and physics and then transferred to Yale Medical School where he received his M.D. degree in 1912.

During his school years, sports played a major role in his life. At the university these included varsity ice hockey, junior varsity football, and cricket. He was to become most accomplished at cricket, playing on all-star teams in Canada, India, and on the Kilkenny team in Ireland.

Dr. Frost interned at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York and then at the German Hospital, now the Lenox Hill Hospital. While at the German Hospital he operated with Dr. Willy Myer in his pressure chamber and assisted Dr. Torek in the first successful operation for cancer of the esophagus.

In 1914 Dr. Frost entered private practice in New York City. However, in 1915 he traveled to Miraj, India, where he served at a Presbyterian Mission hospital near Bombay. At the end of this time Dr. Frost was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Third Indian Army and was assigned to the 5th Ghurker Regiment near the Khyber Pass. After two years he was transferred to the American Army and arrived home at the end of World War I.

In 1919 he opened practice in Morristown, New Jersey and joined the staff of both Morristown Memorial and All Soul's hospitals. In addition he opened an office in New York City in 1935 and was associated with Woman's Hospital where he was to become active in both the Urologic and Fertility Clinics.

His many honors included President of the New Jersey Obstetric and Gynecologic Society, President of the Morris County Medical Society, and for many years, Chairman of the New Jersey Obstetric and Gynecologic Travel Club, succeeding Dr. Samuel Cosgrove in that capacity. Dr. Frost was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Founding Member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1960 the College selected Dr. Frost to present

a gift to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at the opening of their new building at Regents Park, London. The gift was the speaker's rostrum. At the same ceremony, the New York Obstetrical Society presented a file and New Jersey Obstetric and Gynecologic Society a painting of Dr. J. Marian Syms.

Dr. Frost's many publications appeared in *Fertility and Sterility*, the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, the *American Journal of Surgery* and *Lewis Practice of Surgery*. But none of his scientific publications could equal the impact of his small monograph entitled "A Faith in Which I Believe". This outwardly unimposing little pamphlet of 27 pages combined vast Biblical knowledge and varied medical experiences to make a unique personal statement of faith in God and fellow man.

How astonishing it is that we are able to memorialize this man who was born in the time of Queen Victoria, served at the Khybur Pass in Colonial India, and only this year passed from our midst. How remarkable that we can pay tribute in 1983 to a man who was able to relate the following story in his religious monograph:

"While living in Toronto, I contracted a case of diphtheria when I was about ten years of age. This was long before the days of antitoxin, toxin or antibiotics. Treatment at that time consisted of a throat spray with an antiseptic solution and a heart stimulant with rest in bed. Isolation was strict and a large placard was attached to the front door, labeled 'Diphtheria in this House'. In the house, isolation was also carried out. Rooms where the patient was isolated were set apart and all doors were covered with sheets and sprayed frequently with a solution of carbolic acid; even the door handles were wrapped with gauze and kept wet with the same solution."

At the personal level I would like to add that Dr. Frost held the New York Obstetrical Society at the very top of his professional activities. When he spoke of our functions and members he glowed as a small boy might when talking of his athletic heroes.

To his widow Elizabeth, and to his family, we express our deepest sorrow.

Mr. President, I offer a resolution that these comments be incorporated into the minutes of the Society and that a copy be forwarded to his family.