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DR. HARRY BURR FERRIS

For forty years, Dr. Harry Burr Ferris has been a dearly beloved teacher of Anatomy in Yale University School of Medicine. He took his B.A. degree, with distinction, at Yale in 1887. He graduated from the Medical School in 1890. For the next two years he interned at the New Haven Hospital, engaged in private practise, and served as an Instructor in Anatomy. His success in the latter field led to his promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor, a position which he held for the next three years. In 1895 he was made Professor of Anatomy, and in 1897 he was appointed to be the E. K. Hunt Professor of Anatomy, a Chair which he has filled since that date. His profound knowledge of his subject has been a constant source of inspiration to many generations of students. His kindly interest, his generosity with his time, and his fairness in dealing with student problems have endeared him to all who have had the privilege of studying under him.

He has seen the School of Medicine pass through a critical period in its history and emerge into a new effectiveness. Through the many vicissitudes attendant upon growth and development, he has stood for thorough, conscientious, scientific endeavor.

As a mark of appreciation, six hundred and thirty-one of his former students and colleagues contributed the funds necessary to have his portrait painted; the portrait to hang in the halls of the School of Medicine as a permanent record of the esteem in which he is held.

At the suggestion of Dr. Joseph Marshall Flint, former Professor of Surgery in Yale University School of Medicine, John Quincy Adams, a distinguished European portraitist, was engaged to paint the portrait for the School. In the Ferris Room, a library and seminar room fitted up for the use of all students of Anatomy, Mr. Adams completed the portrait during the month of November, 1930. It now hangs there, a fitting reminder of the love and esteem of all who have been associated with Professor Ferris.

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