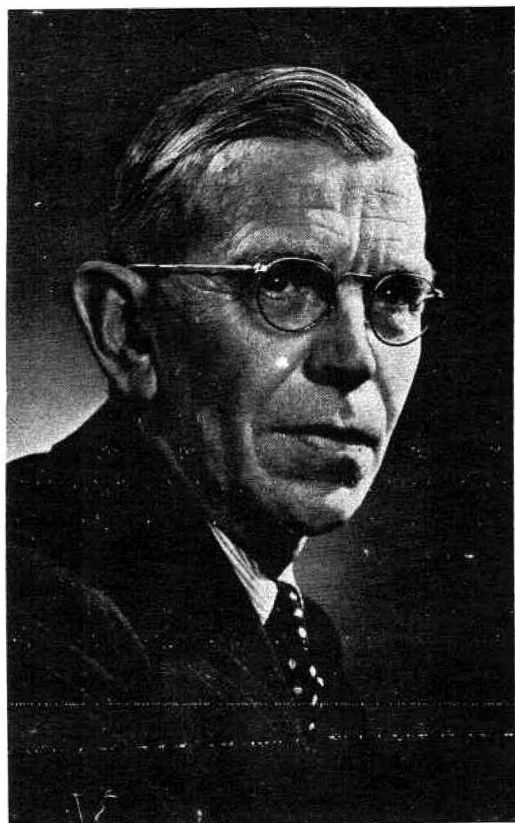


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WILLIAM A. SCOTT, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Toronto, died on Feb. 19, 1960. Despite his 74 years, he was still in active practice and was apparently in good health when fatal illness overtook him.



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Dr. Scott was a brilliant undergraduate student. He graduated B.A. from McMaster University and M.D., Gold Medalist, from the University of Toronto in 1913. After serving as house surgeon in obstetrics and gynecology at the Toronto General Hospital under Professor B. P. Watson, he entered the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and served in Canada and the United Kingdom until the end of World War I. He then returned to Canada and resumed his association with the Toronto General Hospital and the University of Toronto. He was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Toronto, and Chief Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Toronto General Hospital, in 1953. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 1946 to devote his full time to private practice.

Dr. Scott was a skillful surgeon and an outstanding clinical teacher and lecturer. As such, he was widely known in Canada and he did much to raise the standard of practice of obstetrics and gynecology throughout the country. He had a brilliant analytical mind, was always ready to explore new ideas and to try new procedures, and was quick to perceive those that subsequently were to prove of value. He early appreciated the role of radiotherapy in the treatment of carcinoma of the uterus, and in association with the late Dr. Gordon Richards he laid the foundation at the Toronto General Hospital for the establishment of an outstanding radiotherapeutic center.

He was an early advocate of total hysterectomy and low segment cesarean section when these were controversial procedures. His interest in the study of the pregnant patient with cardiac disease made him a pioneer in the conservative management of these patients in regard to therapeutic abortion, sterilization, and method of delivery. He was one of the leaders in the formation of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and was the second president of that society. He was elected a Fellow of the American Gynecological Society in 1923, vice-president in 1936, and Life Fellow in 1948. He was elected a member of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1928 and vice-

president in 1941. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, and the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Scott had many interests other than medicine. He was an outstanding classical scholar, ardent sportsman, raconteur, and traveler. As a result he had a wide circle of friends outside the profession.

He will be greatly missed by all but particularly by those who had the good fortune to have close professional association with him in teaching and practice. He will long be remembered for his important contributions to the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology in Canada.