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Since the last meeting of the Academy we have lost one of our most useful and most distinguished members, in the passing of Dr. Frank Barbour Wynn. He became a member of the Academy at the annual meeting in 1916, and while he contributed few papers he was prompt in his attendance and helpful and practical in his suggestions. His smiling countenance and his cheerful voice will be sorely missed by all. In his varied activities he represented the highest type of American manhood.

Frank Barbour Wynn was a native of Indiana, his birthplace, Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana, the same as that of the Indiana Academy of Science. He was born May 28, 1860. He graduated at DePauw University in 1883, with the degree of A. B. This institution, in 1886, granted him the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1922, just a month prior to his death, they conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. In 1885 he was graduated from the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, with the degree of M. D.

He was assistant physician in the Ohio Insane Asylum, at Dayton, Ohio, from 1886 to 1888, and in 1891 he was on the medical staff of the Northern Indiana Hospital for the Insane, at Logansport. In the years 1892 and 1893 he studied in the hospitals and other institutions of New York, London, Paris, Berlin, and Vienna, and then located for the practice of his profession in Indianapolis. Since that time his activities have been so varied and of such value that no history of Indiana, covering the period from 1900 to the date of his death, can be fully and truthfully written without frequent mention of them. He was the president of the State Historical Commission, and bore a leading part in the centennial celebration of Indiana's admission to statehood. He was a valued and useful member of the Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and was chairman of the State Park Board. He was a vice-president of the American Medical Association in 1921, president of the Indiana Medical Association in 1914 and 1915, president of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association in 1920, and a fellow of the American College of Physicians. He was held in highest esteem by all his confreres. He was president of the recently organized Lincoln Memorial Association. From 1895 to the date of his death he held the chair of Medical Diagnosis in the Indiana School of Medicine. A lover of nature, he was an active member of the Indiana Audubon Society, and president of the Indiana Nature Study Club. He was also a member of the committee to Collect Data on the Archeology of Indiana. He was not a seeker after preferment. Preferment sought him, and it ever came as a recognition of special fitness. He not only occupied the several positions above enumerated, but what is far more important, he filled each and all of them acceptably and ably. He was a peculiar combination of versatility, profound and thoroughgoing ability, and a genial and loving personality.

For many years he had spent much of his vacation periods in the mountains and in mountain climbing. He had climbed many of the great mountains of Switzerland and of America and was president of the American Alpine Club. It was while engaged in his favorite recreation, scaling Mt. Siyeh, in Glacier National Park, that he met death.

In his religious affiliations he was a member of the Meridian Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in Indianapolis. In his social and professional life, while he was positive and forceful in action, he was always courteous, kindly and considerate of the rights and of the feelings of others. Clean in thought, clean in speech, he was an honorable, an upright, and a Christian gentleman, with all which that title implies.

Frank B. Wynn was a contributor to periodicals and newspapers, writing popular, fascinating articles on mountain trips, etc. He was a compiler of songs used by the Nature Study Club. The booklet "Suggestive Plans, Indiana's Centennial Celebration, Nineteen Sixteen" was in large part the result of his work and interest.

Short non-technical papers included "The Mountain Queen" (dedicated to the Mazamas, July 4, 1915), "The Campfire", "Hail to Indiana", "My Boy", "Sleep", and others.

His more technical articles are in part, at least, as follows:

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- Our association and its activities. Some suggestions and plans for the success of the next annual meeting. *Jr. Ind. St. Med. Assn.* vol. 8, p. 1, 1915.
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- Psychic factors in temperature, etc. *Jr. Amer. Med. Assn.* vol. 73, p. 31, July 5, 1919.
- Renal tuberculosis. Its early recognition and management from the viewpoint of the internist. *Jr. Ind. St. Med. Assn.* vol. 14, p. 33, 1921.
- The ten commandments of medical ethics. Indianapolis, 1922.

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