DR. THANNAUSER, FORMER TUFTS CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

Dr. Siegfried J. Thannhauser, Brookline, Mass., former Tufts Clinical Professor of Medicine, died on December 18, 1962, aged 77, at the Pratt Clinic-New England Center Hospital where he was a member of the original staff. An internationally famous physician, educator and researcher, he was the author of 400 medical papers and five books on Metabolic Disorders foremost on the subject.

Born in Germany, Dr. Thannhauser received his M.D., Summa Cum Laude, in 1909 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude, in 1913, both from the University of Munich. Following his service as a Physician in the German Army during World War I, he was appointed Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of University Clinics at leading Medical Schools in Germany as follows: Heidelberg 1924-1927; Dusseldorf 1927-1930; and Freiburg 1930-1934.

Like so many other Jewish scientists, he was a target of the Nazis. In 1934, he left Germany with his wife and three daughters under the auspices of the Rockefeller Institute; Mr. William Bingham, 2nd of Bethel, Maine, a medical philanthropist; and Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, after whom the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital was named. Despite the urging of several German Universities, Dr. Thannhauser never returned to Germany. "One does not return to a house from which he has been asked to leave", he said. He was naturalized as an American citizen in 1940.

After his arrival in Boston, he worked in the medical wards and established a new research laboratory in the Boston Dispensary where Dr. Pratt was Physician-in-Chief. He was with Drs. Pratt and Proger when they planned the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital which was opened in 1938 and expanded to the Pratt Clinic-New England Center Hospital in 1948. Here, he continued his practice and research activities.

Dr. Thannhauser was associate professor of medicine at Tufts from 1934-1938 and Clinical professor from 1938-1950 when he retired at the age of 65. Subsequently, however, he was a lecturer from 1951-1960. As a brilliant clinician and teacher, he was very popular with the medical students, his house officers and colleagues. He maintained an active interest and schedule in all of these activities until his death.

On Dr. Thannhauser's 70th birthday, the three German Medical Schools with which he was affiliated before coming to the United States, granted him honorary M.D. degrees. He was a member of many important medical societies. Three daughters and nine grandchildren survive him. His wife died in 1960.

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Dr. Kimpton was an ardent horseman and used to ride to the hounds with the Cohasset Hunt Club. He, too, was a boatsman and belonged to the Scituate Yacht Club where he anchored his boat, the ARK (Arthur R. Kimpton).

He retired from active practice in 1949 and lived in Norwell, Mass. till 1960. He is remembered by his former students and colleagues as an immaculate and brilliant surgeon and as a keen and stimulating teacher. He leaves his wife and four daughters.