

INTRODUCTION

The McGuire Lecture Series honors Stuart McGuire, M.D., L.L.D. who served the Medical College of Virginia from 1913 to 1948 as Professor of Surgery, Dean, President, and Chairman of the Board of Visitors. His relentless dedication was a primary force in moving MCV into the national mainstream of medical education.

The 50th McGuire Lecture Series presented current reviews in clinical cardiology and hypertension for practicing physicians and medical students. Speakers were members of the faculty of the Divisions of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery at the Medical College of Virginia, and Dean T. Mason, M.D., Chief of the Cardiovascular Section at the University of California at Davis. Dr. Mason, who is the outstanding authority on the management of con-

gestive heart failure by reduction of the load against which the heart must pump, was the McGuire Lecturer.

The audience attending this lecture series came from several states and represented various medical disciplines. They entered freely into the discussion and thus contributed greatly to the value of the presentations. We offer thanks to them, to the lecturers whose talks are presented in this issue of the MCV QUARTERLY, to the Department of Continuing Medical Education whose planning for this symposium was both thorough and efficient, and especially to Dr. Mason, who gave a magnificent McGuire Lecture.

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