



WILLIAM GERRY MORGAN, M.D.  
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DR. WILLIAM GERRY MORGAN, the well-known gastro-enterologist and leading physician in the nation's capital, came to the presidency of the Association with a wide experience in medical society organization.

He was born in Newport, New Hampshire, May 2, 1868, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1890, and that of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1893. After postgraduate work in New York City he began practice in Southport, Connecticut, in 1894, and in 1899 removed to Washington, D.C. where he soon gained a high place in medical circles. He became professor of diseases of the digestive tract in Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1904, and has held that position ever since. From 1931 to 1935 he was Dean of the Medical Faculty. He also served as Regent of the University.

Doctor Morgan has been Associate Editor of Tice's System of Practice of Medicine; and of Lippincott's American System of Medicine and Principles and Practice of Physical Therapy.

During World War I he served as Chairman of the District of Columbia Advisory Draft Board, also as Lieutenant (J.G.) U.S.N. M.R.C. He retired from the Navy Reserve Corps in 1922, and was commissioned a Major in the Medical Reserve Corps U. S. Army, from which he retired in 1932.

In the American Medical Association, Doctor Morgan was a

member of the House of Delegates from 1920 to 1925, serving as president-elect from 1929 to 1930, and president from 1930 to 1931. His inaugural address as president in 1930 was an able presentation of the "paternalistic tendencies of the time as related to the medical profession," and discussed principally the dangers of compulsory health insurance and governmental control of medical practice.

He had a notable record in the American College of Physicians, serving as Regent from 1918 to 1930, member of the Board of Governors from 1930 to 1933, secretary general from 1933 to 1937, and vice-president in 1937, and in 1939 he was specially honored by being elected a Master of the College.

Doctor Morgan has been honored by various special organizations. He was president of the American Congress of Internal Medicine in 1922; president of the American Gastro-Enterological Association in 1933; of the American Therapeutic Association and American Clinico-Pathological Society in 1919; of the District of Columbia Medical Society in 1919; he was vice-president of the Washington Academy of Science in 1919, and Councillor of the Southern Medical Association. He is a member of the Virginia State Medical Society, Washington Historical Society, American Archeological Association, Association of Military Surgeons, and honorary member of the New York Academy of Medicine.

As a member of the International "Gastro-Enterological Society" he attended the Conference in Brussels in 1935 as a representative of the United States.

Doctor Morgan is the author of *Functional Diseases of the Alimentary Tract*, and the *History of the American College of Physicians* (1939).

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Dartmouth College and Georgetown University in 1929, and that of Doctor of Laws from the University of Pennsylvania in 1930.

Doctor Morgan continues his consultation practice in Washington, D. C., and maintains a deep interest in all medical activities.

