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Diminutive Biographical Sketches

Rotarian: Stephen Arnold Malloy.

Club Classification: Doctor of Medicine.

Club Fellowship Appellation: Steve.

Distinguishing Attributes: A heart throbbing with sympathetic under-

standing and generous impulses, possessed of the touch of the healer of the physical ills and mental worries of mankind; fun-loving, smiling face; devotion to service, helpfulness and ethical conduct.

A spotless garment, interwoven by the Master Spinner from the warps, woofs and weaves of life's complex loom;

A Godly vessel, symmetrically potttered and brightly burnished in the crucible which burns away the dross and gloom.

A good physician, aye, yea, and more, a faithful friend who walked with me along life's hard and stony road.

And when my own burdens grew too heavy for me to bear, he took on his shoulders a part of my back-breaking load.

The metre may not measure the poetry, but the words measure the life and character of my friend and personal physician. The friendship stretches back over a period of 45 years, to the time when this writer in "The Little News" announced his arrival in Yanceyville on June 1, 1898, to fling his professional saingle to the breezes. Dr. Steve was born Oct. 26, 1872, near Wentworth, a son of Col. David Morton and Elizabeth Massey Malloy. His father was a doughty and courageous Irish descendant who distinguished himself as a Confederate officer and, later, as a constructive leader of Republicanism in the dark days of the reconstruction era. He attended a community school, taught by an older sister, I believe, got his academic education at Guilford College, took his preliminary professional training at the University of Maryland, and finished at the University of Louisville. After passing the State examination, he came at once to Yanceyville, and has been here ever since. He has not only been a leader in his profession and in the Democratic party, but also in our social, civic and religious life, as well as in the industrial activities of the community and county. Two years ago Orange Presbytery met with the Yanceyville church in honor of Dr. Malloy's 43 years of service as a ruling elder. He has been identified with Masonry for 43 years, first with the John A. Graves Lodge and now with the retaken charter of Caswell Brotherhood Lodge No. 11. The Democrats of Caswell last year honored him for his 20 years of faithful and laudable service as chairman of the party in Caswell. Two years ago the doctors of this doctorial district signally honored him with a magnificent banquet, when he was eulogized in glowing tributes by the eminents of his profession. Perhaps Rotarian Dr. Houston Gwynn, his associate in practice since he himself finished his training and likewise beloved of thousands, best summed up Dr. Malloy's life in saying: "No man can truly measure the great heart of the man and properly judge the skill of him as a physician but one like I who have watched that tender heart moved to tears and seen that skill reach its loftiest endeavors around bedsides when death hovered near and human agencies seemed unavailing." He is a charter member of the Yanceyville Rotary club and, as much as any member, he practices the idealism of "service above self."

Dr. Malloy married Miss Narnie Kerr, a daughter of the late John Hosea and Katharine Yancey Kerr, a gentle scion of one of Caswell's oldest and most prominent families. This union was blessed with one daughter, Katharine Yancey Malloy, now Mrs. James I. Pritchett, III, of Danville, Va. Truly, it may be said he has been a kind husband and an indulgent father, as well as an outstanding churchman, civic-minded citizen and Samaritan-like physician.