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## C. JEFF MILLER

ALTON OCHSNER, M.D., F.A.C.S., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ON March 21, 1936, America lost one of her most distinguished surgeons and magnetic personalities in the death of Dr. C. Jeff Miller. Dr. Miller, a true son of the South, represented the ultimate in medicine, the science of which was greatly benefited because of his having lived. In addition to his professional attainments probably no physician ever meant as much to a community, either locally or regionally, in a non-professional way than Dr. Miller. His intense interest in the welfare of humanity is illustrated by the fact that he repeatedly took time from his busy teaching and clinical activities to head Community Chest Drives and other similar movements. Not only was his surgical judgment unsurpassed, but also his broad vision and keen insight made his presence on many lay boards of inestimable value.

Dr. Miller's education was that of the greatest scholar, as, in addition to his profound knowledge of medicine, he was a connoisseur of music, literature, and art. Some of his happiest hours were spent in his library engrossed in J. M. Barrie, Robert Burns, Osler, and Moynihan.

As a teacher he was unsurpassed, primarily because of his profound knowledge of the subject and also because of his lucid and superb presentations. Even during the most trying operative procedures he lectured clearly, and his operative clinics were always filled to their maximum capacity.

His ability as an executive is exemplified by the organization of his own departments and the great influence he exerted on the many boards on which he served. Often after many hours of heated controversy in which he took no part the question would be quickly settled by his logical deductions.

Those who knew Dr. Miller could understand the devotion of his patients with whom he shared so freely his wise and generous counsel. He always imparted comfort and reassurance to patient and family in the soft tones of his modulated voice.

Dr. Miller was born on February 9, 1874, in Winchester, Tennessee, the son of Charles J. and Elizabeth Johnston Miller. He attended and was graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. His early ambition to study medicine was undoubtedly kindled during his stay with his uncle, Thaddeus Johnston, a country physician. He received his M.D. degree from the University

of Tennessee in 1893 and interned at the Nashville City Hospital in 1894. On January 30, 1896, he married Ada Parker, of Memphis, Tennessee, and in 1912 their only daughter, Elizabeth, was born. From 1899 to 1904 he served as chief of clinics at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, under Dr. Ernest S. Lewis. In 1911 Dr. Miller became professor of gynecology at Tulane University, which position he held until his death. He was chief of the Gynecological Services at the Charity Hospital and Touro Infirmary, New Orleans.

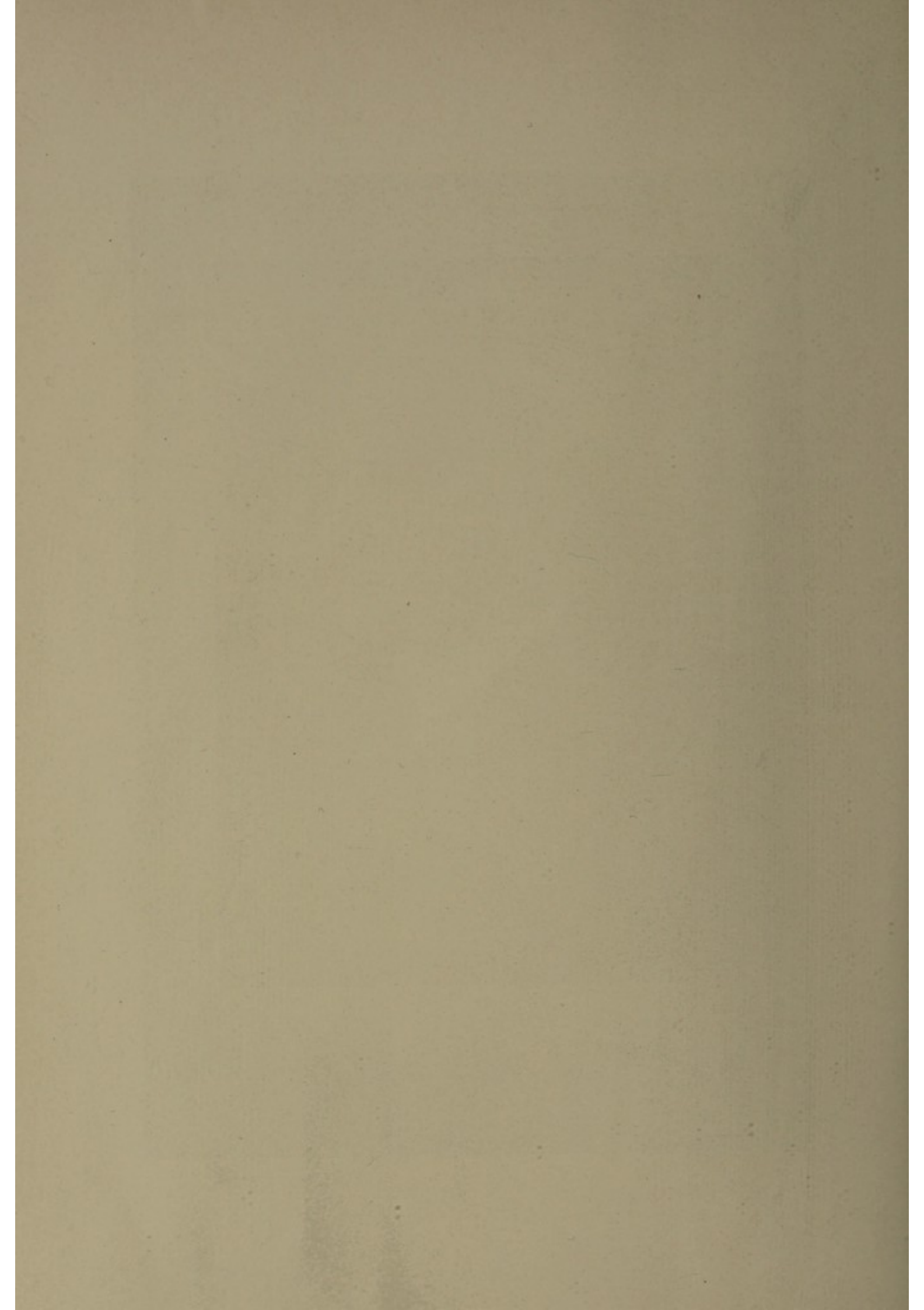
Dr. Miller was officer of many organizations. He served both as secretary and as president of the Orleans Parish Medical Society. From 1926 to 1936 he was a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons and was president in 1930-1931; in 1912 he was chairman of the Section on Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Abdominal Surgery of the American Medical Association; president of the Gynecological Club in 1927; president, American Gynecological Society, 1928-1929; president of the Southern Surgical Association in 1922; president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress in 1936; and president of the Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans. During the World War Dr. Miller was a Major in the Medical Corps.

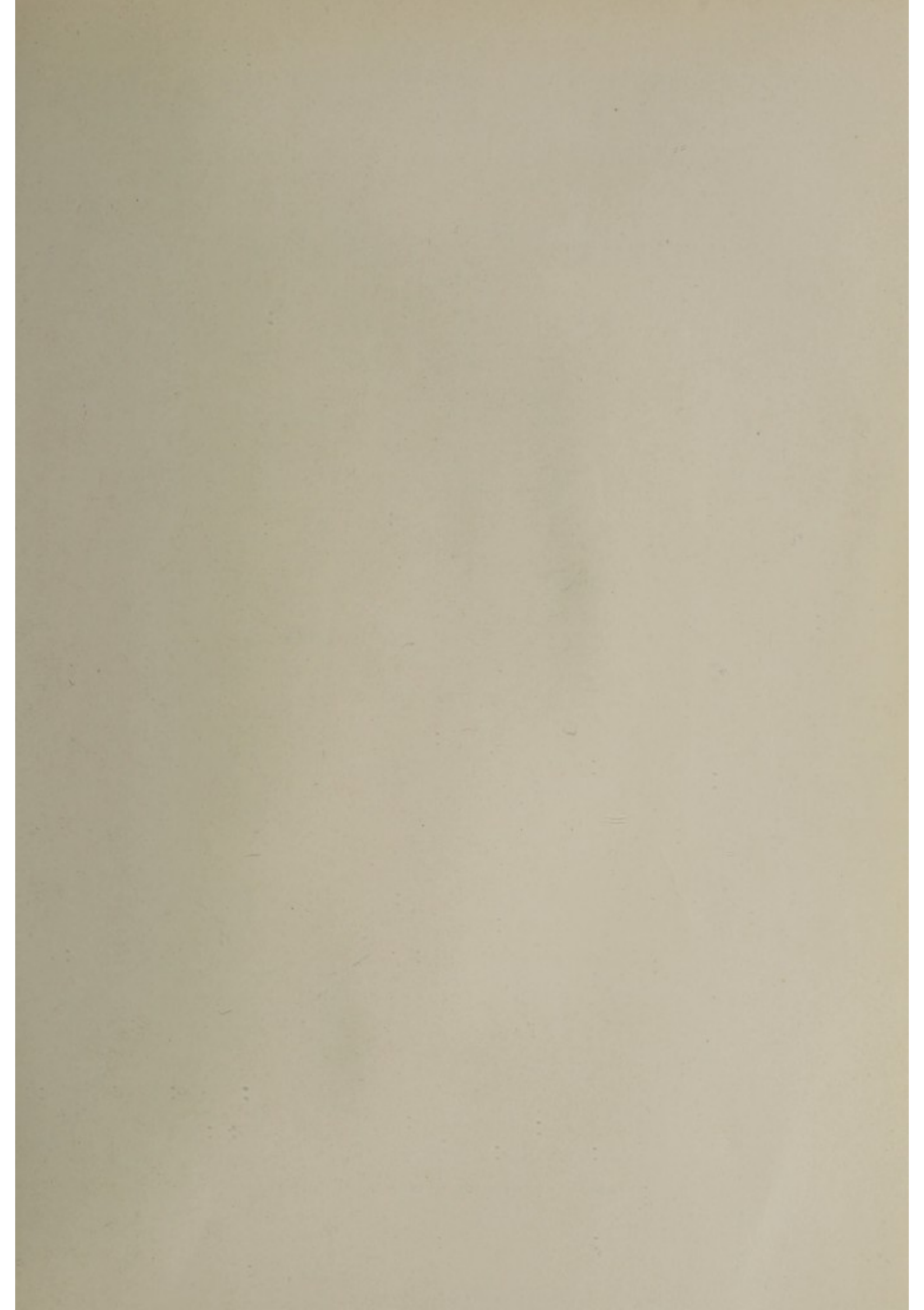
In June, 1930, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from his Alma Mater, Sewanee. He was author of two textbooks, *An Introduction to Gynecology* and *Clinical Gynecology* as well as of innumerable articles on scientific subjects.

Dr. Miller was truly a Southern gentleman and in every way typified Jeffersonian principles. He had the pioneering instinct of Lister, the judgment of Solomon, the technique of Halsted, the tenderness of Florence Nightingale, the perceptive powers of Osler, the determination of Noguchi, and practiced the ethics of Hippocrates.



*C. Jeff Miller*





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