

IN MEMORIAM

DOCTOR THE HON. E. B. WOOLF

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Dr. E. B. Woolf who played such a vital part in establishing Physical Medicine and Physiotherapy in South Africa, died suddenly in Germany on December 12th, 1973, at the age of 80.

After qualifying in Medicine in London and serving in the S.A. Medical Corps during World War I, he started practice in Johannesburg in 1921. He later opened the Department of Physical Medicine at the General Hospital there and became Honorary Head of the Department.

Through his foresight and perseverance the Schools of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy were established at the University of Witwatersrand. These were the first such schools in South Africa and thus present day Physiotherapy owes much to his efforts on our behalf.

Dr. Woolf became senior lecturer in Physiotherapy and during World War II while a serving officer he introduced a Post Graduate Diploma Course in Physical Medicine for Medical Graduates at the University of Witwatersrand.

He became Vice-President of the S.A. Society of Physiotherapy in which capacity he served for many years.

Dr. Woolf was a man of many interests outside as well as within the field of medicine and was always willing to give help and encouragement where needed. Many Physiotherapists will remember him for his friendliness and kindness with real affection and deep respect and gratitude.

We extend our sympathy to his widow.

(With acknowledgements to Dr. Cyril Adler.)