all the agents he uses alter levels of consciousness. Perhaps an exhumation of the relationships of anesthetics to levels of consciousness is long overdue. Observations accurately recorded by a discerning anesthetist could supply important data on the functioning nervous system. And all the research equipment needed would be a pad of paper and a pencil.

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Emory A. Rovenstine
1895–1960

The following tribute to Dr. Rovenstine, Associate Editor of ANESTHESIOLOGY for 16 years, was written by two of his former students, E. M. Papper, M.D., and S. G. Hershey, M.D.

When Dr. E. A. Rovenstine died on November 9, 1960, it marked the end of an era. It was the end of the time of giants. This great man’s influence will be felt for a long time to come since he contributed directly and forcefully, in a major way, to the effective anesthetic care of the sick.

Dr. Rovenstine will be immortal in the intellectual sense of that word. His greatest contribution, in the opinion of many of his former students, was the bringing of the scientific habit of thought to anesthesiology in a large and systematic way. He had the talent to inculcate this attitude in many of his students. A goodly number of them also contributed in the same spirit so that this stimulus grew and developed even further. It is no exaggeration to state that the anesthetic care of the sick in a rational fashion owes much to his influence.

His creativity extended in other directions. He was able to see, very early, the importance of quantitative measurement in relation to the anesthetic process. He saw the need to educate physicians in the finest traditions of American medicine in this specialty, so new at the time he came on the scene. He was a skillful writer, speaker, and communicator. Fortunate, indeed, are many of the population of this country that he lived. Sad and deserted are those whom he taught quietly but effectively to partake of the scientific practice of medicine. Dr. Rovenstine lives each time a patient is safely guided through anesthesia by a competent anesthesiologist, trained to use knowledge with compassion.

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