

DEAN ARNOLD D. MASON

This sketch is of one who has risen to the heights of his profession.

Born on a farm in Scarboro Township in 1878, Arnie was the youngest of ten children and upon him was heaped the judgment and torment of all the other members of his family. Through this schooling, he developed a temperament and forbearance for others which have endeared him to all who know him.

During his early childhood, the family moved to Bedford Park and he was a pupil at the Eglinton public school. When not engaged in attending to his studies, he filled in the time doing odd chores around the farm. His education was continued at the Jarvis Collegiate Institute and at Upper Canada College, from which he graduated in 1898.

He entered the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario in 1899 and spent the first two years of his professional studies there. The following session, he attended the final year at the Chicago College of Dental Surgeons and graduated in 1901. During his dental studies, he was fortunate in being under the instruction of men of distinction who had a good influence on his professional career. He returned to complete his course in Toronto and graduated with the class of 1902.

Entering upon the practice of his profession in Toronto, he rapidly built up a very fine clientele. By careful and steady work and study, he soon was recognized by his confreres for his ability and altruism and was elected to the Presidency of the Toronto Dental Society.

About this time, he was appointed to the staff of the Dental College and became an instructor in Operative Dentistry. Upon the death of the late Dean Willmott, he was elected representative from the Faculty to the Board of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, a position which he continues to fill.

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During his term on the Board, he has shown great interest in the student body and the profession.

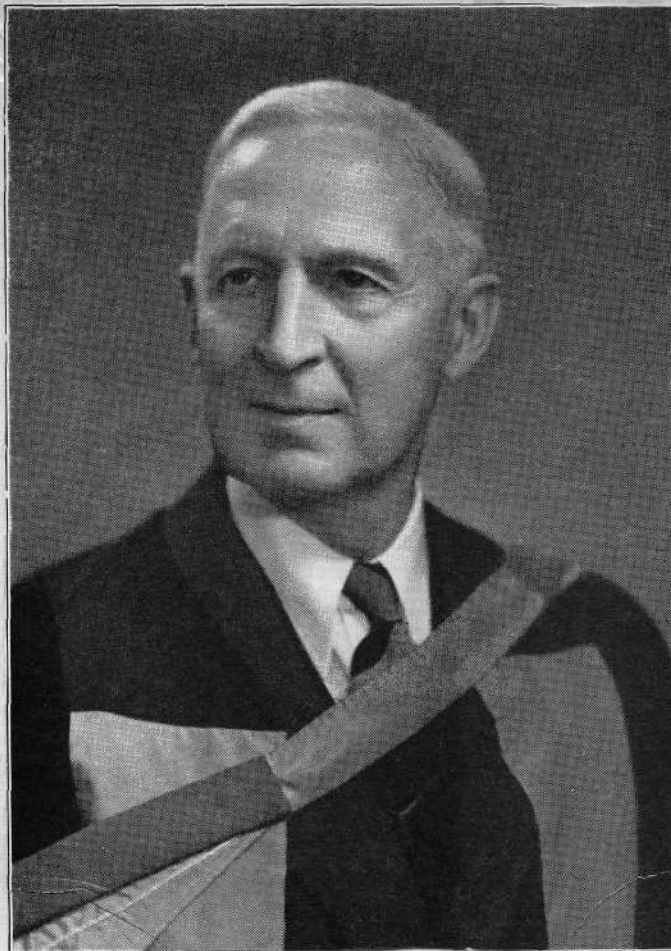
His years on the Faculty have well fitted him for the high position which he now occupies. We all feel that he will prove a worthy successor to his stalwart predecessors.

Dr. Mason's splendid record as a dentist, teacher and as a citizen, ensures a continuance of the tradition of fine service to which the previous Deans contributed so materially. He has travelled widely and come into intimate touch with dentistry, both on this continent and in Europe. He has exceptional ability combined with ripe experience. In him the student will have a friend to whom he may go with his problems and receive a very sympathetic hearing and sound advice. The latch string will be on the outside of the door and no question will be too trivial for his consideration.

Our College has been very fortunate in the choice of men to fill the high office of Dean. They have been men of sterling quality and great foresight. We predict that Dean Mason's term of office will be a great credit to himself and to his profession.

Dr. Mason is a great believer in every dentist having some hobby which will take his mind away from routine and give him interests which he may enjoy in the out-of-doors. He is a great lover of horses and, in his younger days, always had a fine rider and jumper. On week-ends, he could always be found trailing the country roads, or stealing across the fields with his trusty steed. Of later years, he has taken a great interest in golf and he may be found on the greens any fine day. He also derives pleasure as an amateur moving picture photographer. Another diversion is the interest he has taken in art and among his collection are many fine examples of Canadian paintings.





ARNOLD DENBOW ALFRED MASON, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

Born in L'Amoureux, in the Township of Scarboro, near Toronto, on January 19, 1878.

*Ord. Mar. 25, 1962*

Came to the Royal College of Dentistry during the session 1898-1900. Attended the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, 1900-1901, whose degree of D.D.S. he obtained in 1901. Returned to Toronto in 1901, and took his D.D.S. in 1902. Drs. Willmott and Webster in Toronto were his teachers, and in Chicago: Drs. C.N. Johnson, Case, Brophy and Harlan.

Entered private practice in 1902 immediately after graduation and remained in this practice until 1912 when he joined the staff of the Faculty of Dentistry as a demonstrator. In 1925, he became Professor of Clinical Dentistry, and taught full time in the Faculty, giving up practice entirely in 1927.

He held the following positions in the Faculty: Librarian and Curator of the Museum, 1912-1913; Associate Professor of Operative Dentistry, 1916-1920; Professor of Operative Dentistry, 1920-1922; Professor of Clinical Dentistry, 1922-1936. When Dr. Webster retired in 1936, the title "Professor of Clinical Dentistry" was discontinued, and Dr. Mason once more became Professor of Operative Dentistry. After Dean Wallace Seccombe died in January, 1936, Dr. Mason was appointed Acting Dean until July of the same year when he became Dean.

From 1915-1940, he was a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, and was its president from 1922-1924.

He lectured on relevant dentistry in the Faculty of Medicine, the School of Nursing, and the School of Physical and Health Education, of the University of Toronto. He was the first dentist associated with the Toronto General Hospital to deal with fractures of the jaws.

He was appointed by the government to be the dental colleague of Dr. Dafoe in the care of the Dionne Quintuplets, and in 1939 he wrote "The Dental Story of the Dionne Quintuplets"

He had a term of service as Captain with the Canadian Army Service Corps, 1913-1919.

He was President of the Toronto Dental Society: 1911-1912.  
" " " " Royal Dental Society, 1901.

Past President of the Thornhill Golf Club; and now a Life Member.

Secretary, Dominion Dental Council of Canada: 1934-1936.

Made Honorary Life Member, Academy of Medicine: 1951  
Member, Academy of Medicine, Toronto; Curriculum Survery Committee, and the Executive Committee of the American Association of Dental Schools, and its President: 1947-1948; member of the National Association of Dental Examiners of the U.S.A; Life member of the St. George's Society since 1938; member of the Art Gallery, the Arts and Letters Club, the Ontario Dental Association, the National Club, the Canadian Club, Canadian Dental Association, Life member of the Zetland Lodge, No.326, A.F & A.M. since 1910; the Omicron Chapter, Xi Psi Phi Fraternity; member of the Pi Chapter, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honour Dental Fraternity; the Canadian Officers' Club and Institute; Fellow of the American College of Dentists since 1931

Loves a good game of golf, and is fond of photography.

His real hobby is art - he has paintings from the brush of forty different Canadian artists. He has excellent examples of Jacobi, O'Brien, Fraser, and many others.

He retired from the Deanship of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, on June 30th, 1947.



*Original for Dr. Cody,  
(amalgam with biog. -  
retired group)*

## Biographical Notes

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Dean, Faculty of Dentistry  
University of Toronto

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Dean, Faculty of Dentistry  
University of Toronto (Dentist)

Residence: 7 Scholfield Avenue, Toronto

Date of birth: January 19, 1878

Place: L'Amoreaux, Scarborough, near Toronto

Name of Parents: Henry Mason

Fanny Palmer Mason

Religious Denomination: Anglican

Married: Miss Annie Gertrude Wheeler, April 22, 1903; Died April 15, 1935.  
Miss Lillian Wheeler, May 3, 1939

Children: Doris Gertrude Mason (now Mrs. Howard Small)

Grandchild: Susan Patricia Small

Education: Eglinton Public School, Jarvis Collegiate, Upper Canada College, attended Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario during 1898-1900, and again in 1901-02, Chicago College of Dental Surgery during session 1900-01 obtaining the D.D.S. in May 1901, University of Toronto, D.D.S., 1902.

Career: 1902-1927 In private dental practice in Toronto.  
1911-1916 Dental clinician (part time) Toronto General Hospital.

Held following appointments in Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario:

1912-1913 Librarian and Curator of Museum.

1916-1920 Associate Professor, Operative Dentistry

1920-1922 Professor of Operative Dentistry

1922-1936 Professor of Clinical Dentistry (Supervised the Dental Clinic)

In 1925 when the School of Dentistry of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons became the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, Dr. Mason continued to serve as Professor of Clinical Dentistry. After Dr. Webster's retirement in June 1936, the title of Professor of Clinical Dentistry was discontinued, and Dr. Mason again became Professor of Operative Dentistry. After Dean Wallace Seccombe passed away in January, 1936, Dr. Mason was appointed Acting Dean until July of the same year, when he was appointed Dean.

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Lecturer in Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto  
 Lecturer in Dentistry, School of Nursing, University of Toronto  
 Lecturer in Dentistry, School of Physical and Health Education, University  
 of Toronto

1915-1940 Member of the Board of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of  
 Ontario, and President 1922-1924.

1911 President of Toronto Dental Society, which later became the Academy  
 of Dentistry, Toronto.

Member, Academy of Medicine, Toronto

Member, Ontario Dental Association

Member, Canadian Dental Association

Secretary, Dominion Dental Council of Canada 1934-1936

1931 Fellow of the American College of Dentists

Member of Curriculum Survey Committee of the American Association of Dental  
 Schools; and of Executive Committee

President-elect of the American Association of Dental Schools 1946-47.

Member, National Association of Dental Examiners of U.S.A.

Member, Omicron Chapter, Xi Psi Phi Fraternity

Member, Pi Chapter, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honour Dental Fraternity

## Clubs: Member of

Canadian Club, Toronto

National Club, Toronto

St. George's Society (Life member since 1938)

Arts and Letters Club

Art Gallery, Toronto

Thornhill Golf Club (Past-president and Life Member)

Life Member Zetland Lodge, No. 326, A.F. & A.M., Since 1910.

Canadian Officers Club and Institute

Military: Retired Captain, Canadian Army Service Corps (Service from 1913-1919)

Hobbies: golf, art, photography

Author: The Dental Story of the Dionne Quintuplets. 1939.