

DR. ELMER E. SOUTHARD.

DR. ELMER ERNEST SOUTHARD, of Boston, Massachusetts, died in New York City, February 8th, after a two days' illness from pneumonia. Dr. Southard was forty-three years old. He was born in Boston. He graduated from the Harvard University Medical School in 1901, having previously received a degree in Arts from Harvard University. During his work in the University he specialized in philosophy under Professors William James and Josiah Royce, and for a period conducted Professor Royce's seminar. He always maintained his interest in philosophy, and his later writings on mental hygiene are replete with references to the work of James and Royce. The week previous to his death he had been invited by the University to collate and edit the works and manuscripts of the late Charles Peirce, an early associate of James and Royce, a piece of work to which he looked forward with great interest.

On the completion of his work in the medical school, Dr. Southard went to Europe, where he studied at Senckenberg Institute, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and in the University of Heidelberg. On his return to the United States he became instructor in neuropathology at Harvard; later, assistant professor, and since 1909 Bullard professor of neuropathology. He was assistant visiting pathologist to the Boston City Hospital in 1904 and 1905; assistant physician and pathologist of the Danvers (Massachusetts) State Hospital from 1906 to 1909; pathologist of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Diseases in 1909, and Director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital from its opening in 1912 to 1919. At the time of his death he was the Director of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Institute of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Diseases. He was chairman of the Section of Neurology and Psychiatry of the American Medical Association; president of the Boston Society of Neurology and Psychiatry; president (1918-1919) of the American Medico-Psychological Association; a director of the Eugenics Record Office, Cold Spring Harbor, New York; a member of the board of scientific directors of the Bedford Hills Laboratory, Bureau of Social Hygiene, New York; a member of the Committee on Psychiatry of the National Research Council; a director of the Massachusetts Society for Mental Hygiene; a member of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, with membership on its sub-committees on War Work, the Smith College training Course for Psy-