

CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF TWO FAMOUS SURGEONS

On Dec. 13th 1907, the Academical Society of Natural Science and Medicine of Berlin presented addresses to Prof. Wilhelm Waldeyer and Ernst V. Bergmann on their each attaining the age of 70 years.

Waldeyer, who was born in Hehlen on October 6th, 1836, began the study of medicine in the University of Gottingen, where Henle taught anatomy; later in the University of Greifswald, where he was an assistant to Budge in anatomy; still later, in Berlin, he listened to the lectures of Reichert and Du Bois Raymond. After some three years as assistant in physiology, and about seven years in pathological anatomy, he became director of the Anatomical Institute in Strassburg, where he remained until 1883, when he was called to Berlin to teach anatomy. The subject of this article has accomplished much in the field of investigation in anatomy and pathology, at the same time being a very successful teacher.

E. Von Bergmann, a son of a clergyman, was born in Riga, Dec. 6th, 1836. He studied medicine in the University of Dorpat, remaining there as an assistant in the surgical clinic until 1864, when he visited the Clinics of Berlin and Vienna. In Bohemia he was an assistant to Prof. Dr. Wagner during the war between Germany and Austria. He also served under Volkmann and Bilbroth in the Franco-Prussian war, after which he was professor of surgery in Dorpat until the outbreak of war between Russia and Turkey. He accompanied the Russian army of the Danube. After peace was declared he was appointed to the chair of surgery in Freiburg, leaving there in 1882 to go to Berlin. In the early part of his surgical career he gave a great deal of attention to the various septic and infective conditions connected with injuries and operative interference.

After the principles of antiseptics became well established, he did good work in adding to the clinical knowledge and operative technique in brain surgery. Bergmann has also produced some good works dealing with military surgery.

Dr. Bergmann died March 22, 1907.