

## Buchanan Portraits Unveiled at Fairfield Memorial Hospital



**Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr.**



**The Late Dr. John C. Buchanan, Sr. (1862-1943)**

In impressive ceremonies which were, perhaps, unique in the annals of South Carolina medical history, portraits of the late Dr. John C. Buchanan, Sr., and his son, Dr. John C. Buchanan, Jr., were unveiled and presented to the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital on Wednesday afternoon, May 16, before an assemblage of several hundred people. The portraits were painted by Charles Mason Crowson, noted artist of Columbia, who was among the crowd of distinguished out-of-town visitors.

In the absence of Ray Brooks (prevented from attending because of illness), whose zeal did much to make the event successful, John T. Heyward extended the welcome. The invocation was given by the Rev. Richard L. Sturgis, rector of St. John's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Churches.

G. F. Patton, who made the presentation, recounted the interesting history of the Buchanan family, from the time of its leaving Ireland in 1765, through services during the Revolution, Confederate and World Wars, which included 111 continuous years in the practice of medicine in Fairfield County.

The late Dr. Buchanan, Sr., was born in 1862, was graduated from the South Carolina College in 1883, with the highest marks made to that date, and then finished the Medical College of Charles-

ton at the head of his class. He began practicing in Winnsboro in 1888 and after 41 years of service, retired in 1929, to be succeeded by his son. Dr. Buchanan, Sr., died on February 28, 1943.

The speaker drew a parallel between the character, careers, preparation and performance of father and son, relating that Dr. Buchanan, Jr., was graduated from the University of South Carolina and from the George Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, interned at Johns Hopkins, before returning home to practice. Prior to World War II, he organized a medical detachment of the national guard, subsequently going into the armed forces of his country when war broke. He served abroad in Europe and in Iceland, rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After the war, he returned to his practice in Winnsboro, and is continuing it as of today.

Davis Douglas Buchanan, son of Dr. Buchanan, Jr., and William Y. Buchanan, Jr., a nephew, drew the cords which unveiled the portraits and the crowd applauded as the pictures came into view.

R. Harris McDonald, chairman of the board, accepted the portraits on behalf of the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Arthur M. Martin, former pastor of Sion Presbyterian Church, now of Columbia.