

Emory Ross

Dr. Emory Ross died after a long illness on March 16, 1973, in Annandale, Virginia. He and Mrs. Ross had moved to Virginia only a few weeks previously. A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 22, at four p.m. in the Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Avenue, New York, of which Dr. Ross was a life elder.

Dr. Ross's 36-year association with American Leprosy Missions made an indelible

mark on its development as an effective world service to those with leprosy. It began in 1937 after he left the Congo and became what he termed a "stop gap" general secretary for ALM. But he stayed on to give four years of outstanding service. The key word in his tenure was cooperation—cooperation of the various mission groups engaged in leprosy work and particularly the cooperation of governments and missions. In 1941,

he became vice-president of the Board and in 1948 was elected chairman.

His achievements outside the field of leprosy are too numerous and well-known to be listed here. As an internationally known expert on African affairs he was in constant demand. But despite all the calls upon his time and energy Emory was never too busy

to give unstintingly of his time, his great knowledge and his outstanding ability in human relationships. After his retirement as chairman in 1959, he was still always available to any one of ALM's staff, from president to file clerk. There was no problem too big or too small for his thoughtful attention.

—OLIVER W. HASSELBLAD