

IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to Dr. J.K. Fairy

By The Edisto Medical Association

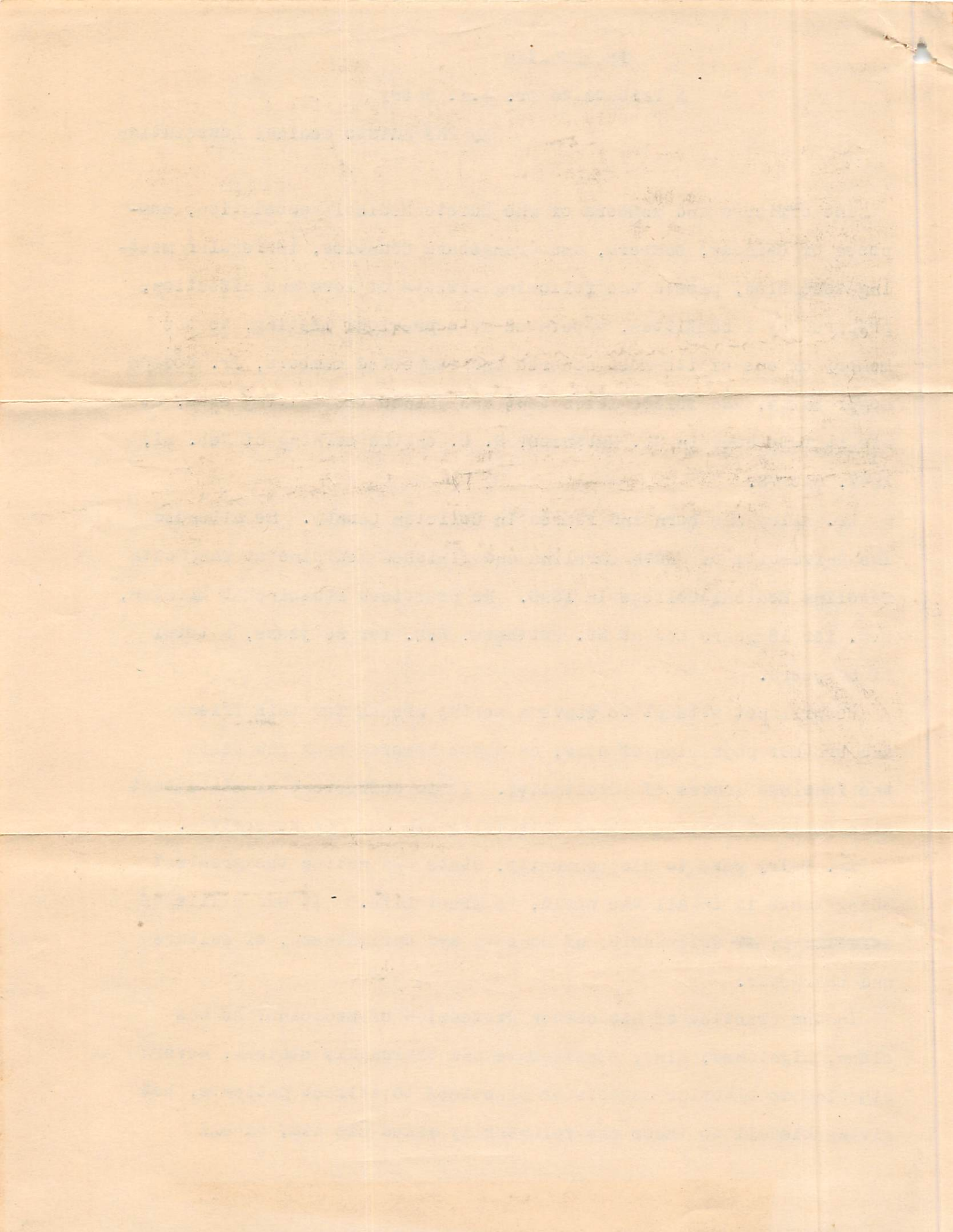
The officers and members of The Edisto Medical Association, composed of Calhoun, Bamberg, and Orangeburg Counties, in regular meeting assembled, passed the following tribute of love and affection, prepared by a committee, appointed at a previous meeting, to the memory of one of its most honored and respected members, Dr. Joseph Koger Fairy, who folded his tent and joined the waiting dead, at his stately home in St. Matthews, S. C. on the morning of Feb. 21, 1947, age 78.

Dr. Fairy was born and reared in Colleton County. He attended The University of South Carolina and finished medicine at The South Carolina Medical College in 1890. He practiced medicine at Creston, S.C. for 18 years and at St. Matthews, S.C. for 36 years, a total of 54 years.

We will not attempt to weave a worthy wreath for this friend and brother physician of ours, on whose honored brow now rests the fadeless leaves of immortality. It is sufficient to state that like David of Old, he served faithfully his day and generation.

Dr. Fairy gave to his community, state and nation the greatest thing there is in all the world, "A Great Life." It was a life of ~~affability~~, of friendship, of honesty and uprightness, of culture and character.

In the practice of his chosen profession of medicine, he was clean, hightoned, kind, considerate and thoroughly ethical, never stooping to ulterior methods or practices to attract patients, but giving his all to those who voluntarily asked his aid, of all



classes and stations in life, with no thought of fortune or fame, but of the service he could render. Dr. Fairy followed his convictions with unswerving fidelity. He never turned his back on a worthy cause. He believed in the "Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of Man." ~~"He kept his feet on the ground, but the stars were always in reach of his hands."~~ He was at all times "The master of his fate, the captain of his soul." As Mark Antony said, "His life was gentle and his elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This is a Man."

It is a beautiful thought of the scientific world, that when a sound has been made, a word spoken, it never dies. Still true and more beautiful, is the thought that a great and useful life, such as was that of our friend-companion and colleague, Dr. Fairy, "Never dies." It possesses within itself the attributes of immortality and will live forever.

Respectfully Submitted

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