

OBITUARY

ACHILLE PERONI (Milan)

(1904-36)

THE death of this Italian colleague at the early age of 32, in the full vigour of his health and at the beginning of a most promising career, has caused a shock to his many friends, not only in his own country, but also in France and America. A few days before being laid up with influenza and a fatal pneumonia he had been devoting himself to his favourite sport of ski-ing on the snows of Sestrières.

He qualified as a Liber Docent in 1933, he was Assistant to Professor Calamida at the large Ospedale Maggiore at Milan, where he obtained several prizes, after which he went to Philadelphia. Here, for no less than ten months, he worked under Chevalier Jackson and became such an enthusiastic pupil that, on his return to Italy, he became a devoted apostle of bronchoscopy. During his sojourn in America he also gained great fluency in speaking English. This secured him many friends from this country who chanced to meet him at the Congresses of Madrid, Paris, or Brussels, and these friends were looking forward to renewing in Berlin the happy associations with him in Milan, on the Lake of Como or elsewhere.

He had a most attractive personality, modest, sincere and full of the simple joys of living.

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