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protection thus afforded them.

SAW LINCOLN SHOT.

Dr. Charles Augustus Leale, the first physician to reach the side of Abraham Lincoln after he had been shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, Washington, on April 14, 1865, and who remained with the President until the end came the next day, died on June 13, at his home, 1261 Madison avenue, New York. Dr. Leale was 90 years old, and his death was attributed to the infirmities of age.

At the time of the assassination Dr. Leale, who had been graduated two months previously from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, was surgeon in command of the commissioned officers ward of the United States Army General Hospital in Washington. He was in the theatre and saw Booth fire the fatal shot.

He went to the President's box immediately, identified himself, and was placed in charge of Mrs. Lincoln. With the aid of several others, he stretched the President on the floor of the box, and later removed him to the Peterson House, across the street from the theatre, where the President died.

Dr. Leale was born in New York March 26, 1842, the son of Captain William P. and Anna Maria Burr Leale. He was a grandson of Captain Richard Burr, who, in 1746, sent a cargo of corn to famine-stricken Ireland.

Dr. Leale began his medical studies at 18, the private pupil of Dr. Austin Flint, sr., in diseases of heart and lungs, and of Dr. Frank H. Hamilton in gunshot wounds and surgery. He also studied at various clinics and served a full term as medical cadet in the United States Army.

After he had been honorably discharged in January, 1866, with the rank of Brevet Captain in the United States Volunteers, he went to Europe, where he studied the Asiatic cholera.

Until his retirement in 1928 Dr. Leale maintained a continuous interest in philanthropic, medical and scientific projects. He had proposed to the late Mayor Strong the use of public piers for recreation purposes and advocated the use of floating hospitals. He served as chairman of the floating hospital committee and head of the Northwestern and Central Dispensaries, and for twenty years was a trustee of St. John's Guild and the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.