

György Gaal: *Árpád Gyergyay – Medical Scientist and Curator of the Unitarian College*

The Gyergyai family settled at the very beginning of the XVIIIth century at Kolozsvár/Cluj, its members were leading personalities of the town-council and of the Unitarian Church. The first physician from this family was Árpád Gyergyai Sen. (1845–1881) who made the first experiments in Transylvania connected with blood coagulation and transfusion. Árpád Gyergyay Jr. (1881–1952) was born after his father's premature death. He studied at the Unitarian College and also became a physician, one of the first otolaryngologists. The short history of the Medical Faculty from Kolozsvár and of Otolaryngology in Hungary is presented. Gyergyay started his otolaryngological activity at the Department of Surgery. He was promoted privatdocent in 1912, and in 1913 he founded the first Department of Otolaryngology in this town. He participated at international congresses presenting his discoveries in the field of Laringology as well of Audiology. In the period of 1920–1940 he worked at his private sanatorium. In 1940 he was promoted full professor of Otolaryngology and dean at the returning Hungarian University. He was a specialist of international fame. His wife was also Unitarian. They participated in the life of the Unitarian Church. Gyergyay was elected curator of the Unitarian College in 1932.

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