

of three years' hospital training. Those of us who are against State registration for nurses, argue that character, earnestness of purpose, and personal suitability for the nursing profession are beyond the scope of registration, and that a certificate of three years' training at a good hospital is sufficient evidence of capacity. Even if the lay public are ignorant of what, in the absence of State registration, is generally held to constitute a fully-trained nurse, surely it is the medical man's duty to protect his patients from the ignorance and incompetence of the "quack nurse" by refusing to recognize untrained and uncertificated people?—I am, etc.,

August 9th.

A HOSPITAL SISTER.

## OBITUARY.

FREDERICK LORD, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. EDIN.,  
Southsea.

FREDERICK LORD, who died at Southsea on August 5th, was born at Northfleet, Kent, the son of a schoolmaster. Before going to Edinburgh for his regular medical studies he took a course of pharmacy at Boston, Lincolnshire, and the knowledge of drugs and dispensing there gained was later of the greatest use to him in his practice. He entered the University of Edinburgh in 1872, and almost at once became a favourite with his fellow-students. Although always more or less delicate in health, he was nevertheless a most successful runner, especially in mile races. He became Secretary of the University Athletic Club, and did much during his time at College to maintain the high position held by Edinburgh in the Inter-University and other athletic contests. He did not, however, on this account neglect his medical studies. He acted for a time as one of the *post-mortem* clerks at the Infirmary, and took the prize at one of the midwifery classes in 1875. He took the L.R.C.P. Edin. and L.R.C.S. Edin. in 1876.

After a voyage to India as a ship's surgeon, and an assistantship at Forest Hill, he settled in practice at Southsea, where for more than twenty years he had carried on a considerable private practice, in addition to appointments to a number of important clubs.

In 1895 he conceived the idea of founding the Portsmouth Medical Union, and its continued success is largely owing to his energy and zeal. He was an active member of the British Medical Association, and was elected President of the S.E. Hants District of the Southern Branch in 1900. He held the Librarianship of the Portsmouth Medical Library from its foundation.

For the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, held at Portsmouth in 1899, he did a large amount of useful work as President of the Printing and Publishing Committee, which included the issue of a unique historical Guide Book to the neighbourhood. He was much interested in photography, and was active in promoting and supporting the Local Amateur Photographic Society.

Dr. Lord was always a staunch friend, and his genial manner and upright professional conduct won for him the confidence and affection of all his colleagues.

His funeral was attended by a large number of his professional neighbours, a striking evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. He will be greatly missed at the local medical meetings, and his death leaves a gap which will not easily be filled.

Dr. J. WARD COUSINS has sent us the following tribute to his departed friend: Dr. Lord was a skilful surgeon and a very intelligent practitioner, and was one of the founders of the Portsmouth Medical Union, which has done much to promote professional courtesy and concord. He took also a prominent part in connexion with the visit of the British Medical Association to the locality in 1899, and it was mainly due to his editorial labours that the local committee were enabled to place the attractive "Guide to Portsmouth and Southsea" in the hands of the members who were present at the meeting. Many copies were afterwards applied for by members of the Association who were prevented from attending. Dr. Lord was an enthusiastic photographer and assisted in the foundation of the local Photographic Society, and its marked success has been greatly due to his persistent efforts. When a young man he was a well-known athlete and a very fast runner, and he carried off a large number of cups and valuable trophies at various times. The writer of this short notice had the privilege of his friendship for many years, and

can bear testimony to his kindly disposition and honourable character, and also to the esteem in which he was held by all his medical friends in Portsmouth. The funeral took place at Southsea on August 8th, and around his grave a large number of his sincere friends were gathered, with many of his professional colleagues, who will all ever entertain towards him the kindest recollections. Dr. Frederick Lord was only 53 years of age, and he leaves behind him a wife and four children to mourn their inestimable loss.

WILLIAM BURNS MACDONALD, M.A., M.B., C.M.,  
Dunbar.

By the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. W. B. Macdonald, of Dunbar, at the age of 45, a large district has been bereft of one who, by his high character, his honourable conduct, unflinching kindness and courtesy to rich and poor alike in the discharge of his multifarious duties, had earned for himself the designation of "a man greatly beloved."

About a year ago Dr. Macdonald had a bad fall from his bicycle, which resulted in concussion; he remained unconscious for forty-eight hours, and was incapacitated for two months, when, although complaining a good deal of headache and languor, he resumed work. Finding himself unequal to the strain, he was persuaded to take a long sea voyage. Accordingly in November he set out on a yachting cruise round the world, and, with the exception of a few days at Fiji, he enjoyed excellent health, and appeared to have entirely regained his former vigour. On leaving Gibraltar, however, on the homeward run, cerebral symptoms manifested themselves; he arrived off Cowes in a comatose state, and, without regaining consciousness, passed away on board the R.Y.S. *Valhalla* on Sunday morning, August 2nd.

The whole circumstances were peculiarly sad. Dr. Macdonald's cheery letters had given rise to the expectation that within a very few days he would be back completely restored, and a great reception awaited him, when, alas! the startling message came that he was no more.

Dr. Macdonald was a son of the manse. He came of good Highland stock, who were prominently identified with the great disruption movement of 1843, and he loved to talk of his Highland home.

Educated at the Edinburgh Academy and University he graduated in Arts before commencing his medical curriculum, in which he had an exceptionally brilliant career. He was medallist and first prizeman both in practice of medicine and practical pathology, besides obtaining six first-class and six second-class honour certificates.

He graduated M.B. and C.M. with honours in 1882, and then undertook the duties of *locum tenens* at the Rio Tinto mines at Huelva, Spain, where, among his other duties, he had charge of a large hospital, in which he performed successfully a good number of both major and minor operations. On his return to Scotland he was assistant for some time to the late Dr. Moffat at Falkirk in a very extensive practice, and then for three years practised at Lossiemouth. In 1887 he took over the practice of Dr. Napier in Dunbar, where his worth was soon appreciated. He held the appointments of Medical Officer and District Medical Officer of Health to the Parish Councils of Dunbar, Innerwick, Spot, and Oldhamstocks, Army Medical Officer during annual militia training, Surgeon-Major Army Medical Reserve, Admiralty Surgeon, and Surgeon to the Oddfellows, etc.

Dr. Macdonald was not only a practitioner of exceptional skill, but a man of wide reading and high culture. He was a good linguist, fond of travel, and had seen much of the world. A man of singularly gentle, winning, and kindly disposition, he had greatly endeared himself to all who knew him. One of the most unselfish and warm-hearted of men, he frequently said he liked best to go to the homes of the very poor, and these had the same patience, care, and skill bestowed upon them as the most influential patients in his wide practice, and not a few found in him not only a medical adviser, but also a true friend.

The funeral took place on Wednesday last at Dunbar, a service being held in the parish church, the vast congregation there assembled being visibly affected. All the public bodies were represented, business was entirely suspended, and the town bell tolled. The remains, borne from the church by a military party, were laid to rest amid such signs of emotion as are rarely seen.

Dr. Macdonald leaves a widow and three children, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.