

Dr. ALEXANDER BUTLER died suddenly at his residence in Harrogate on June 12th. He was educated at the High School of Glasgow and graduated at Glasgow University. He commenced practice in Kilmacoll, but shortly afterwards moved to Port Glasgow, where he resided for nearly thirty years. Dr. Butler took an active part in the educational work of that town, being chairman of the educational committee. It was owing to his efforts that one of the merchant princes there erected a cottage hospital for the district. He also acted for over twenty years as surgeon to the Royal Garrison Artillery Corps. At the beginning of the Boer war he volunteered for service in South Africa, and was gazetted captain in the regular army. At the commencement of the great war he was a major in the Territorial Force, and very early went out to France. His work lay at various advanced stations, some of them within the firing line. Being invalided home with trench fever he afterwards acted officially at numerous home stations during the period of the war. He held the rank of colonel, and received the long service Territorial medal. Dr. Butler was an antiquary and anthropologist of no mean order, and had an extensive knowledge of Shakespeare combined with great literary ability. He was engaged in finishing a book on the antiquities of Fountains Abbey, which will be of great interest to the historian, and he had done much research work in the neighbourhood of Harrogate and Knaresborough. The world is the poorer for the loss of such men as Dr. Butler.

We regret to report the death of Dr. CLAUD ANTHONY HOLBURN of Darlington on the evening of June 16th. While reversing his car he capsized into a ditch and was killed outright. Dr. Holburn was only 40 years of age, and was just becoming well established in his practice, which he had started on leaving the R.A.M.C. after the war. He received his medical education at Sheffield, where he obtained the Kaye scholarship in 1904-05. He took the diplomas of M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond. in 1908. His former appointments included those of house-surgeon to the Sheffield Royal Hospital, assistant house-surgeon to the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, and anaesthetist to the Hospital for Women and Children, Leeds. Dr. Holburn was a member of the Darlington Division of the British Medical Association. He leaves a widow and three young children.

Dr. LAURENCE McNABB of South Shields has died, after an illness of several months, at the age of 59. Dr. McNabb was a native of North Ireland, who received his medical education at the University of Durham, where he took the degree of M.D. After holding junior staff appointments at the Newcastle Infirmary and at Preston he served as medical officer to the Harton Institution, under the South Shields guardians. Dr. McNabb then entered private practice, and became district medical officer and public vaccination officer under the Poor Law authority. He was one of the managers of St. Bede's Roman Catholic School, South Shields. He took a keen interest in sport, and was one of the oldest members of the South Shields Golf Club. He leaves a widow, two sons, and five daughters.

Dr. HORATIO W. A. COWAN, who died on May 28th, was well known in London as a most energetic and thoroughly up-to-date practitioner. He was born in Inverness, and received his medical education at Aberdeen University, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1895. Afterwards he studied at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and while acting as assistant to a practitioner also found time to hold clinical appointments at the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, Moorfields Eye Hospital, and the Brompton Hospital. He served for a time in the Royal Navy, passing out of Haslar first of his year. The want of professional work in the service made him retire after two years, to start in practice in Fitzroy Square, London, where he continued until his death. He was a most sympathetic practitioner, who never grudged time or work in the

interests of his patients. All who knew him soon recognized, beneath his quiet manner, the sterling character of the man and the solidity and soundness of his judgement in medical matters, founded on a deep and wide acquaintance with clinical medicine and medical literature. Dr. Cowan will be greatly missed by colleagues, patients, and his many friends. He was a most hard and industrious worker, often doing two or three men's work, especially during the war, when, in addition to being a voluntary medical officer to the Flying Corps, he acted as skin physician at Middlesex Hospital. These excessive demands on his strength probably undermined his resistance, and paved the way for the onset of the cardiac condition which was the cause of his sudden death. Outside his professional life Dr. Cowan had many interests; both motoring and yachting attracted him. He will indeed be missed by a large circle of friends and by many who have been under his care. He leaves a widow, one daughter, and a son, who is succeeding him in practice.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. SYDNEY GWENEFERD MOSTYN, medical officer of health for Darlington, at the age of 59. He was killed in a motor accident on June 22nd while touring near Fort William in the Western Highlands. Dr. Mostyn received his medical education at Oxford and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1902; he obtained the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. diplomas in the same year, and the D.P.H.Camb. in 1903. In 1902 he became medical officer to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Newcastle, and two years later received the appointment of medical officer of health for the county borough of South Shields. In 1911 he was appointed medical officer of health for Darlington, where he organized the first health week in that city two years later. Dr. Mostyn, who was a Fellow of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, the Physical Society of London, and the Royal Sanitary Institute, was very popular in Darlington, where he was an active member of the Rotary Club and the Darlington and Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club.

Dr. JOHN WILSON of Lanchester, county Durham, died on June 18th at the advanced age of 91. He was born in Scotland, and studied medicine at Glasgow University, where he graduated M.D. in 1860. After practising for a short time in his native country he became assistant to the late Dr. George Renton of Blackhill. He subsequently removed to Lanchester, where he was appointed medical officer under the Lanchester board of guardians, which post he resigned in 1914 after fifty-two years' service. In 1884 Dr. Wilson was appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county; for many years he acted as chairman of the Lanchester bench. High tributes were paid to Dr. Wilson's work and character at the sitting of the Consett petty sessions on June 21st. He is survived by one daughter and four sons.

The following distinguished foreign medical practitioners have recently died: Dr. Brugnatelli, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in the Sassari faculty of medicine; Dr. Agular Jordan, a well known paediatrist of Valencia; Dr. T. Wyder, formerly professor of gynaecology at Zürich; Dr. C. Rugi, professor of gynaecology at Berlin; Professor F. von Soxhlet, the inventor of the well known apparatus for the sterilization of milk; Professor J. Kyrle, a Viennese dermatologist; Dr. S. Patellini Rosa, professor of social eugenics at Milan; and Dr. Edouard Moutard-Martin of Paris, a specialist in diseases of the chest.

THE LATE SIR HENRY MORRIS.—Mr. W. A. Maggs writes: In 1877, when I entered as a student at the Middlesex Hospital, Mr. Henry Morris (later Sir Henry) was the lecturer on anatomy. Both by his own personality and by his intimate acquaintance of the subject he was accustomed to keep the class well in hand, and thoroughly interested; indeed, he seemed to make the dry bones speak. His handsome presence, fine voice,