

to the staff of the Eye Infirmary in 1911. As an officer in the R.A.M.C.(T.) he was mobilized on the outbreak of war, and volunteered for foreign service, which took him to Gallipoli, Salonica, Egypt, and the Russian front; he suffered from several of the tropical illnesses incidental to service in the Levant. Soon after the armistice he was appointed visiting surgeon to the Eye Infirmary, and in 1920 was elected to the chair of ophthalmic medicine and surgery at the Anderson College of Medicine. At both these centres, by his practical methods and his enthusiasm as a teacher, he soon gathered round him a large class of students.

When the British Medical Association met in Glasgow in 1922 he took an active part in the work of the Annual Meeting, and acted as local honorary secretary of the Section of Ophthalmology.

He was a man who made many friends and few, if any, enemies. Possessed of a buoyant disposition and a genial and humorous manner, he was not readily perturbed. During a friendship that has existed for over twenty-five years the writer of this note has never seen him lose his temper. He was married soon after the outbreak of war, and leaves a widow and one son, to both of whom he was devoted.

CHARLES EDWARD ROBERTSON, M.D.,
Glasgow.

WE have to record with regret the death of Dr. Charles E. Robertson of Crosshill, Glasgow, who died on January 16th. Born in Ayrshire in 1850, he qualified as a teacher and taught for a number of years before taking up the study of medicine. He graduated M.B., C.M. at Glasgow University in 1888, and soon after settled in general practice in the south side of Glasgow, where he spent the rest of his life. He proceeded to the M.D. degree in 1898.

A man of varied attainments and many interests, he was early attracted by medical politics, and for many years was an outstanding figure in public medical life in Glasgow. He was a justice of the peace, a governor of the Victoria Infirmary, and a member of the Glasgow Burgh Insurance Committee from its inception. He was also an active supporter and office-bearer of the Southern Medical Club and the Southern Medical Society.

In the British Medical Association Dr. Robertson was, in turn, chairman of his Division (Glasgow Southern), president of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch, member of Council, and a representative for over twenty years. During his two periods of service upon the Central Council of the Association he was most regular in his attendance at the meetings in London. He never spared himself in the public service. Whatever cause he espoused, he advocated it strenuously and effectively; his pertinacity in controversy commanded the respect, even as his bonhomie earned him the regard, of his fellows. He is survived by his widow.

JOHN H. ALEXANDER, M.B., C.M.,
Late of Dundonald, Ayrshire.

MANY of our readers whose recollections of Glasgow University go back to the late seventies of last century will have shared our regret at the announcement last week of the death of Dr. John H. Alexander, which occurred at Colinton, near Edinburgh, on January 20th.

Owing to failing health Dr. Alexander had to relinquish practice some years ago, but in earlier life he had been associated with, and ultimately succeeded, his father, Dr. William Alexander, whose reputation as a singularly gifted and trusted physician extended far beyond the picturesque little village of Dundonald in Ayrshire where he resided. During a long life of active work Dr. Alexander, sen., had built up, what nowadays seems scarcely possible, a consulting practice from a rural centre, and it was under such auspices that his son began his medical work. But after a few hopeful years progressive impairment in health set in, and ultimately led to his retirement from practice.

It was not in his nature, however, to stand aside and look at life solely as a spectator, and for some years afterwards he reverted to an early interest in applied physics, and delivered several courses of lectures on electrical

engineering to the evening classes held in Kilmarnock Academy under the auspices of the local education authority. Ultimately even this proved more than his failing strength permitted him to undertake, and some twelve years ago he removed to Edinburgh, and then to Colinton, where he died.

Although much of his life was thus passed in retirement, his interest in the progress both of the medical and of the mechanical sciences remained active.

Almost by instinct he was an engineer, and a volume on *Model Engine Construction*, published by Whittaker and Co., went through two editions; while another on *Elementary Electrical Engineering* reached its fifth edition in 1925. He issued another volume on *Model Balloons and Flying Machines*, and constructed a model aeroplane which found a place in one of the Glasgow International Exhibitions in the early days when knowledge of heavier-than-air machines was still in its infancy. He also published a series of newspaper articles on mechanical inventions from before the Christian era till the present day, and, as an illustration of another aspect of his many interests, he wrote a volume of *Gleanings about Christ and Early Christianity*.

Patience and charitableness ran through his life like silver threads relieving the shadows of his physical weakness, and his life was a bright example of what may be accomplished amidst such limitations. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom deep sympathy will be extended.

Dr. WILLIAM PERCY HILLIAM of Wyke, near Bradford, died on January 14th. He was the eldest son of the late Captain Thomas Hilliam, and was born at Willesby Hall, Spalding, in 1859. From Malvern College he went to the University of Edinburgh, and continued his medical studies at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School. He took the diploma of L.S.A. in 1893, and that of L.M.S.S.A. in 1907. After serving as assistant to a medical practitioner in Sheffield, he commenced practice at Wyke some thirty-five years ago. He was a member of the Bradford Division of the British Medical Association and of the Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. Dr. Hilliam is survived by his widow and one son.

Dr. GEORG THIEME, founder of the *Deutsche medizinische Wochenschrift* and head of the publishing department, has recently died at the age of 65. He received the degree of doctor *honoris causa* from the Leipzig faculty of medicine on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the journal in 1924.

The deaths of the following eminent foreign medical men are announced: Dr. H. Fehling, formerly professor of clinical gynaecology at the University of Strasbourg, at the age of 78; Dr. Edouard De Smet, honorary professor of Brussels University, aged 83; Dr. Georg Puppe, director of the Institute of Medical Jurisprudence and formerly dean of the medical faculty of Breslau, aged 58.

The Services.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES.

Colonel Herbert Eustace Cree, Army Medical Staff (ret.), died suddenly of heart failure, while travelling on the Metropolitan railway, on January 25th, aged 66. He was born at Budock, Cornwall, on November 27th, 1859, was educated at the Middlesex Hospital, and took the L.S.A. in 1882 and the M.R.C.S. in 1883. Entering the army as surgeon on August 1st, 1885, he became lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and was promoted to colonel in the long war promotion list of March 1st, 1915, retiring on December 26th, 1917. He served in the Chitral campaign of 1895, with the relief column, gaining the Indian frontier medal with a clasp; in China in 1900, when he was mentioned in dispatches in the *London Gazette* of May 14th, 1901, and received the medal, and in the recent great war.

Lieut.-Colonel Hazlett Allison, Madras Medical Service (ret.), died on November 15th, 1925, aged 74. He was born on April 30th, 1851, at Drumraha, Ireland, and was educated at Queen's College, Belfast, graduating as M.D. and M.Ch. in the Queen's University in 1873. Entering the I.M.S. on September 30th, 1883, he became surgeon lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and retired on December 23rd, 1903.