

OBITUARY.

GEORGE ROBINSON BARNES, M.D., L.R.C.P. EDIN.

DR. G. R. BARNES died on August 25th at the age of 60, after a long illness, causing much suffering, which he bore with exemplary patience and fortitude. He was born at Leadwell, Oxfordshire, in 1831, and was educated at Addersbury College. It was decided that he should follow his father's profession, and he was apprenticed to Dr. P. B. Ayres, Professor of Chemistry at Charing Cross Hospital. In 1847 he entered as a student at University College Hospital, and after five years of study there he passed the examination of the Society of Apothecaries. In January, 1853, he obtained the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons. Soon after he was appointed surgeon to the *Investigator*, one of Messrs. Green's fleet, and after making two voyages in her, he went to the Crimea as one of the assistant surgeons in the Anglo-Turkish contingent. He was attached to the Engineers under Major (now General) Sir I. Stokes, K.C.B. He was, for his services in the Crimea, awarded the Turkish medal and clasp. At the end of the war he came home and settled for a time at Dunkinfield, in Cheshire, as a general practitioner, but finding the work in this mining district very laborious, he sold the practice and went to study in Paris for two years. From there he went to Edinburgh, and after two years' study at that University, he took the M.D. degree and the diploma of L.R.C.P. In the year 1867 he settled in Ewell, Surrey, and joined the late Dr. Jones, of Epsom, in partnership. Here he remained in the active pursuit of his profession until he was incapacitated by an incurable disease from further work. He was of a most kindly disposition, a good practitioner, and a kind, warm-hearted friend.

CLEMENT JAMES HAWKINS, F.R.C.S.

THE death of Mr. Clement J. Hawkins, of Cheltenham, took place on October 17th, somewhat suddenly. Mr. Hawkins was born in Cheltenham seventy-eight years ago, and had spent a great part of his life there in the practice of the profession, of which he had become the acknowledged head. He was a son of the Rev. W. Hawkins, who for many years before his death, in 1848, was head master of the Cheltenham Grammar School. Clement Hawkins received his preliminary education in the old school. He qualified as M.R.C.S. Eng. in 1837; he was a favourite pupil of Mr. Charles Fowler, to whose practice he succeeded about forty years ago. Like Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hawkins took a warm interest in the Cheltenham General Hospital; for many years he acted as its senior surgeon, and subsequently, until his death, continued his connection with it as consulting surgeon. Mr. Hawkins was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1854. "Skilful in his profession, and devoted to it, he led," says the *Cheltenham Examiner*, "a quiet and retired life so far as public affairs were concerned, but it will not be forgotten among the unostentatious service he rendered that it was upon his suggestion that the late Miss Delancey made the gift out of which has arisen the present Delancey Trust."

CONWAY EVANS, M.D. LOND.

DR. CONWAY EVANS, who had acted as medical officer of health for the Strand since the formation of the sanitary district, died on October 18th. Dr. Evans was the son of a Welsh minister, and received his medical education at King's College, where he was a favourite pupil of Dr. Todd. In 1855 he took the degree of M.B. in the University of London with honours, being University Scholar in Medicine. He was shortly afterwards appointed curator of the anatomical museum of King's College, and pathological registrar to King's College Hospital. Subsequently he became assistant physician, and at the time of his resignation had held office for eleven years, and was senior in that grade.

The cause of his resignation was his appointment as medical officer of health for the Strand District. During the cholera epidemic of 1866 he organised the measures taken in the Strand to limit the spread of the disease, and he subsequently received a substantial testimonial from the board.

Dr. Evans's active career was mainly spent in the discharge of his sanitary duties, but he acted also as physician to the

Public Dispensary, Stanhope Street, for some twenty years, was physician to the Welsh School at Ashford, and had medical charge of the establishment of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Co. He contributed several articles to Dr. Todd's *Cyclo-pædia*, and made some contributions to the *Transactions of the Pathological Society*, chiefly on subjects connected with atheroma, and the effects of overstrain in producing aortic regurgitation. He practised for many years in Russell Square, but subsequently transferred his residence to the country, and confined himself more and more to his purely official duties.

ALFRED PEARL BOON, F.R.C.S. ENG., L.R.C.P. LOND.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. A. P. Boon, which took place in St. Kitts on September 14th. He had been ailing for some time, but, owing to pressure of work, had not been able to have a change or rest until a few weeks before his death. He then obtained a fortnight's leave, but instead of seeking the rest he so much needed, Mr. Boon, in company with a friend, camped out in a small island off the coast of Antigua, where he spent his time in hunting, of which he was passionately fond. The exposure and fatigue he went through brought on an attack of malarial fever, to which he eventually succumbed, in spite of the attention, skill, and care of his colleagues. He leaves a widow and four children to deplore his loss.

Mr. Boon, who was born in St. Kitts in 1850, received his education at Totteridge Park Grammar School, and, after matriculating at the London University, entered St. Mary's Hospital as a medical student. Here his career was a distinguished one. He was appointed demonstrator of anatomy and, some time after, house-surgeon to the hospital. In 1870, while still a student, young Boon gained the Sibson Clinical Prize with an essay on the "Heart Sounds of Bright's Disease." The examiners congratulated his father on the remarkable originality shown in the treatment of the subject. In 1872 Mr. Boon received the diplomas of L.R.C.P. Lond and M.R.C.S. Eng., and in 1880 he became Fellow of the latter College by examination.

Shortly after he became qualified [Mr. Boon received the appointment of medical officer of St. Paul's parish, Antigua, which post he relinquished for one of a similar nature in his own native isle. Here he rapidly made a name for himself not only by his professional skill, but by his kindness of nature and his uprightness of character. He always took an active part in everything that concerned the public good. Whatever he did he always did well. In St. Kitts he was appointed a J. P., a visiting justice of the gaol, a Water Commissioner for Sandy Point Waterworks, besides occupying several other important positions.

Mr. Boon married a daughter of the late Hon. P. Burns, Auditor-General of the Leeward Islands. To Mr. Boon is due the honour of having originated the idea of forming a Leeward Islands Branch of the British Medical Association, of which to the end of his valuable life he was an enthusiastic member. He was Island Secretary for St. Kitts, Nevis, and the success of the second annual meeting of the Branch, held in St. Kitts last February, was largely due to his zeal and energy. At the time of his death he was one of the vice-presidents of the Branch. Many there are throughout those islands who will for years to come cherish the memory of their departed friend.

ROBERT CRAN, M.D.,

Ballater.

UNMIXED regret will be felt at the announcement of the sudden death of Dr. Robert Cran, Ballater, which took place after a few hours' illness, on October 23rd, at Wemyss Bay Hotel. Dr. Cran was staying at the hotel, being on his marriage tour, when the sad event took place; he had been married on October 12th.

Dr. Cran had not been in robust health since his return from Assam six years ago; and although he had a severe attack of influenza last winter, no apprehension was felt as to his condition; the story of his death thus comes to his many friends as a great surprise.

Dr. Cran was a native of Kildrummy, his father, the late Dr. Cran, having been for many years medical officer of that Aber-