

the silver medal of his school for general proficiency. He received the first part of his medical education at the Manchester Medical School, subsequently proceeding to the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and Edinburgh University. He qualified M.R.C.S. in 1867, and M.D. Edin. in 1870. He had a very distinguished university career, and after qualifying he filled the important offices of Senior and Junior House-Surgeon and Physicians' Assistant at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. At the expiration of his terms of office he returned to Halton to help his father to conduct a large general practice, for which he was eminently qualified. On the death of his father in 1881 he succeeded to the various appointments—such as Parochial Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator; and subsequently, when the Runcorn Union was divided for sanitary purposes, he was appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Halton and Weston Districts. This appointment subsequently became merged with two other sanitary districts of the union into one much larger area. When the vacancy arose he did not apply for the appointment. He continued to hold all the other appointments up to the time of his death. He was a keen observer and a highly successful practitioner, and for some years past was asked constantly in consultation by his professional brethren all round the district in which he lived. His large and wide experience helped to make him a very acceptable and successful consultant. His annual sanitary reports proved him to be a close, shrewd, and cultivated observer, much in advance of his time.

His remains were carried to their last resting-place at the beautiful churchyard of Aston-by-Sutton amongst the universal sympathy and sorrow of the whole countryside. The whole of the medical men of Runcorn, Frodsham, and surrounding districts attended to show their respect and profound sorrow, and of him it may be truly said that he did not leave a single enemy behind him.

Dr. Carruthers married Miss Mabel Hodgson, of Carlisle, nineteen years ago. The widow and two daughters survive to mourn their sad and irreparable loss. His eldest daughter died four years ago, after a short and acute illness, and this loss was a terrible blow to her devoted father, from which he never recovered. His personal friends recognized that his health was severely shattered, and that from that time his usual buoyant spirits began to droop.

ARTHUR TREHERN NORTON, C.B., F.R.C.S.,

CONSULTING SURGEON TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.

We have to announce with much regret the death, on August 4th, after a serious operation, of Mr. A. T. Norton, consulting surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, London.

Arthur Trehern Norton, who was born on August 17th, 1841, was the second son of the late Dr. Robert Norton. He was educated at Totteridge Park School and St. Mary's Hospital. He became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1862 and a Fellow in 1867, and in early life was engaged in teaching anatomy. At this period of his career he published books entitled *Osteology for Students*, which reached a second edition, and *The Examiner in Anatomy*.

After serving as Assistant Surgeon he became Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery in the Medical School. On his retirement from London and from practice to reside near Ashampstead, Berks, he was appointed Consulting Surgeon to the hospital. He took a lively interest in the medical education of women, and was one of the founders of the London School of Medicine for Women. At one time he was an active contributor to the medical periodical press, and was for some years editor in London of the *Medical Press and Circular*.

Mr. Norton became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London in 1862, and thirty years later was appointed one of its examiners, a post he retained for six years. In 1901 he became a member of the Court of Assistants, was Warden in 1908-1910, and Master for the year 1910-11; he had represented the Society on the General Medical Council since 1910.

He served with the English ambulance in France during the Franco-German war, and was decorated by the French War Office for his services. From an early date he took a keen interest in ambulance work, was an officer of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, and commanded the London

Companies. On his retirement in 1897 he was made C.B. He also received the Jubilee Medal and the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, and was an Honorary Associate of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was a member of the War Office Committee which made recommendations with regard to the development of the Volunteer Medical Service.

JAMES McILROY, M.B., C.M. GLASC.,

BALLYCASTLE, CO. ANTRIM, IRELAND.

WIDESPREAD regret was felt throughout North Antrim when it was learnt that on Sunday, July 28th, Dr. James McIlroy had passed away.

Born sixty-six years ago at Mallindobet, co. Antrim, he was early destined for the medical profession. After a distinguished career at Glasgow University, he graduated M.B., C.M., with commendation in 1867. Shortly after graduation he was appointed Medical Officer to the Castlequarter Dispensary District, and continued to hold this position until 1888, when a deputation from the Ballycastle Board of Guardians invited him to apply for the post of Medical Officer to the Ballycastle Dispensary District which had fallen vacant. He accepted the invitation, and became Medical Officer also to the Ballycastle Workhouse Infirmary and Fever Hospital. He held the posts of Medical Officer to the Royal Irish Constabulary and Post Office in Ballycastle and Armoyn, and to the Rathlin Lighthouse. In January, 1911, he resigned his dispensary appointment, and in September his workhouse duties. His retirement was due to symptoms of spinal paralysis the result of a carriage accident sustained some years ago while attending to his professional duties. The onset of the symptoms was very insidious, but in spite of every attention on the part of his medical colleagues in London and elsewhere he became gradually unfit for active work. The last six months were shadowed by recurrent attacks of acute cystitis, but during the few weeks preceding his death considerable improvement had set in, and hopes were entertained that he might yet be restored to a measure of good health. An unusually severe attack, however, set in with involvement of the kidneys, and he died within a few hours of its onset.

Dr. McIlroy was a man of exceptional professional abilities, which, together with his striking appearance and charming personality, won for him universal respect and devotion. He was a skilful surgeon and his services were in demand throughout the length and breadth of the county. A staunch Conservative, he nevertheless numbered among his friends those who differed from him in creed and politics. A magistrate for the county, his sympathy was always with the oppressed. His services were given to the poor as willingly as to the rich. He was unflinching in his attention to duty, and his splendid physique rendered him almost immune to illness and fatigue. His death has left a gap in the hearts of the people which it will be difficult if not impossible to fill.

Dr. McIlroy leaves a widow and four daughters, two of whom are members of the medical profession:

Medico-Legal.

MIDWIFERY ATTENDANCE.

T. W. writes that he was engaged to attend a confinement in the case of well-to-do people, some seventy-six miles away from his own residence. He was sent for too early, but waited for six days at the patient's residence. He was then compelled to return home on account of important business, and the patient was delivered a few days later by a local practitioner. He wishes to know whether he is entitled to send in an account for his services until superseded, and would like to be advised as to what charges he should make.

* * In such a case the local practitioner might have attended for our correspondent and the fee agreed upon divided. If no fee had been fixed beforehand, our correspondent is entitled to charge the full value of his services in addition to cost incurred up to the time he was superseded. As to what these charges should be, he is the best judge, and should be guided by the custom of the profession in his neighbourhood.