

With all these qualities and blessings, added to brains, industry, and a high capacity for enjoyment, it is not surprising that Ernest Clarke did not want to die. And yet when the call came—with merciful rapidity—he accepted it with the meekness that is instinct in the spirit of the masonry of which he was so distinguished an ornament.

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The death, on November 22nd, of William Tregonwell Collier, at the early age of 43, has removed from Oxford a practitioner of great promise and one who was beginning to make himself a name in several ways. He was the son of Dr. William Collier, F.R.C.P., who was President of the British Medical Association at the Oxford Meeting in 1905. Educated at Mr.



Lynam's school, near Oxford, at Rugby, where he was the head of the School House, and at Balliol College, Oxford, he came to University College Hospital, London, where he obtained the gold medal. After qualification he entered the R.A.M.C. in 1915, and was drafted to Cairo. He was with the Imperial Camel Corps at the second battle of Gaza, when he was wounded. For his services in that action he received the M.C., and was mentioned in dispatches. On demobilization he took, in

1920, the M.R.C.P., and began practice in Oxford. He was elected an assistant physician to the Radcliffe Infirmary in 1921, and in that capacity acted as assistant to the Regius Professor of Medicine. He took the D.M. (Oxford) in 1923. In 1931 he was elected a physician in charge of beds at the Radcliffe Infirmary, and in 1932 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

He was interested in all branches of clinical medicine—especially diabetes—and continued to work in the pathological laboratory of the hospital on morbid anatomy and clinical pathology. The results of his experience and laboratory work were the subject of contributions to medical literature from time to time. An old weakness of his right arm prevented him excelling in games, but he was a good climber, and spent most of his holidays either in Cumberland or in Switzerland. Dr. Collier was a loyal colleague, and created a sense of trust in those with whom he came into contact. He was especially beloved by his patients, for whom no exertions appeared irksome or too great in any matter which concerned their welfare. He was very quiet in demeanour, but his friends knew him as one with a keen sense of humour. In addition to medicine and pathology he was interested in social work, and as president of the Balliol Boys' Club was a true friend to many a boy who continued to hold him in affectionate regard. He leaves a widow and two sons.

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SPENCER MORT, M.D., CH.M., F.R.C.S.ED.

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Dr. Spencer Mort, who died suddenly on November 21st at the age of 52, received his medical education at the Universities of Glasgow, Paris, Dresden, Stockholm, Munich, and Amsterdam. At Glasgow he won the Rainey prize in anatomy and physiology, the McGunn research scholarship in surgery and bacteriology, the William Cullen medal in medicine, and the John Hunter medal

in surgery. In 1903 he graduated M.B., Ch.B., with first-class honours, and was awarded the Brunton prize. He proceeded to the M.D. in 1913, in which year he also became F.R.C.S.Ed., and in 1922 he took the degree of Ch.M.Glas. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Dr. Mort was a member of the North Middlesex Division of the British Medical Association, and had been medical director of the North Middlesex County Hospital at Edmonton since 1910. During the war he held a commission as lieutenant-colonel R.A.M.C., and was appointed officer commanding and chief consulting surgeon of the special Military Surgical Hospital, which the War Office established at his institution in Edmonton.

J. R. K. writes: The death of Colonel Spencer Mort, at the North Middlesex Hospital, brings a great loss to the sphere of work to which he devoted himself with so great enterprise and distinction. Under his direction this hospital expanded, kept abreast with every advance, especially in surgery, and, later, in radium therapy and research. After a brilliant career at the University of Glasgow, Mort studied at many Continental clinics, became assistant professor of surgery at Glasgow, and twenty-two years ago was appointed medical superintendent and surgical director at Edmonton. The annual reports of that hospital provide a record of his great endeavour and unique success. But to Glasgow men who knew Spencer Mort his professional brilliance was only second to his personality. His heart was as mellow and true as the notes from his flute. As one who has known him since he was a very small boy at Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, I would offer my tribute to the memory of our friend. We think of his very early days when he was contributing homely little verses to the school magazine, of his university medals, of his research work by the side of our great teacher Sir William Macewen, and of his going to London.

Medical News

The seventieth annual meeting of the Royal Surgical Aid Society will be held at the Mansion House, London, on Monday, December 5th; the Lord Mayor will take the chair at 4 p.m.

As already announced the opening ceremony at the house of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (58, Queen Anne Street, W.) will be performed by H.R.H. the Duchess of York on Monday, December 5th, at 3 p.m. The annual dinner of the College will be held on the evening of the same day at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

On December 7th, at the Home Office Industrial Museum, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W., Dr. Oscar Faber will read a paper before the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers on examples of modern heating, ventilating, and electrical installations. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., and is open to non-members.

A festival dinner in aid of the London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green, will be held at the Park Lane Hotel, on December 15th, with Lord Reading in the chair.

At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Birmingham Hospital Centre on November 24th, it was announced that Sir William Morris, Bt., had made a gift of £52,000 towards the establishment of the centre, on the understanding that the first part would be begun in the new year. It was decided to proceed with the work forthwith on the site of 150 acres given by Cadbury Brothers.

The King has been pleased to approve of the Polar Medal in silver with clasp inscribed "Arctic 1930-31" being granted to the members of the British Arctic Air Route Expedition, 1930-31, including Surgeon Lieutenant E. W. Bingham, R.N.