

manner in his recent volumes the *War Diary* (1931), the *Diary of the Peace Conference and After* (1933), and *More Pages from My Diary*, dealing with the pre-war period and published this year.

Lord Riddell's was a most attractive personality—simple, shrewd, helpful, kindly. In conversation he was always interested and interesting, and became one of the most welcome after-dinner speakers. His baronetcy came to him most deservedly in 1918, and his peerage in 1920. He leaves a widow, but had no children.

ROBERT FLETCHER MOORSHEAD, M.B., B.S.

Medical Secretary, London Missionary Society

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 60, of Dr. R. F. Moorshead, who was for more than thirty years the medical secretary of the London Missionary Society. Born in Bristol in 1874, he obtained his medical education at the Bristol Medical School and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He graduated M.B., B.S. Durham in 1898, taking the conjoint diploma a year later, and the F.R.C.S. in 1903. We are grateful to a correspondent ("G. B. P.") for the following account of his missionary and other activities.

From the days of Livingstone the annals of medical mission work abroad have a roll of honour, increasing in length, of medical men and women. These, so well qualified to win high positions in their profession, devoted themselves and their talents to the outstanding needs of far distant races and peoples, by whom the blessings of modern medicine and surgery were almost unrealized, and whose lives still needed the moral and spiritual inspiration of the Christian faith. On such a roll Fletcher Moorshead's name should surely be placed, though the sphere of his life lay mainly in the home country. For over thirty years he spent his life on behalf of the Medical Mission Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary Society; an auxiliary which, in association with the late Dr. Percy Lush and the late Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, he helped to found in 1902, and for the remarkable growth of which he was mainly responsible since that time. So striking has been the interest and support that Moorshead elicited throughout the Baptist community that there are now established in India, China, and Africa sixteen hospitals with 900 beds, and a staff of thirty European and eleven native qualified doctors, assisted by thirty-four European nurses and 234 native hospital assistants and nurses. Tremendously keen on his professional work, and hoping at one time to spend his life in the foreign field, he realized, shortly after qualification, the need of his Society's Home Base in the formation and development of its medical department. For this object he readily sacrificed his personal and medical ambitions, to assume the arduous, exacting, and meticulous work of medical secretary.

As already indicated, his success in this sphere has been widespread and permanent, and his life's labours and influence find a lasting record in the creation and development of hospital buildings and centres of healing in many lands. On behalf of his Society and work he visited India in 1905-6, and China in 1919-20, and many recall the inspiration which he left behind when making these tours. His writings mainly dealt with medical mission subjects. He was the author of *The Appeal of Medical Missions*; *The Way of the Doctor*; *Heal the Sick: 25 Years of B.M. Missions*; and edited, in recent years, *Conquest by Healing*, a monthly journal. Latterly his health had given rise to anxiety, and he was expecting to retire in two years—after thirty-five years' service—but, following a recent strenuous round of public engagements in Scotland, he suddenly developed double pneumonia, and despite all remedial efforts he passed away,

after a week's illness, on December 4th, leaving a widow, with whom widespread sympathy will be felt.

Fletcher Moorshead's memory will be treasured, not merely for what he accomplished, but also for his personality. He never considered himself—generous to a fault when any effort or help was sought from him; of a friendly and sociable disposition, which secured for him friends wherever he went, he was also an effective public speaker in the cause so close to his heart. He has lived, and with success; he leaves a world strengthened by his presence, his ideals, and the memory of a life devoted to the highest ends.

ALEXANDER ARTHUR MACKEITH, M.B., C.M.

On December 5th the medical profession in Southampton lost one of its best-known and honoured members by the death, in his 69th year, and after a long illness, of Dr. A. A. MacKeith. Dr. MacKeith, who graduated M.B., C.M. at Glasgow in 1887, came of a family of doctors. He practised for some years in Exeter and Ilfracombe before he settled in 1900 in Southampton, where he conducted a successful practice for many years.

An energetic and practical man, he was always in the forefront of the most important affairs of the profession, both locally and nationally. He saw the importance of a strong, representative professional body, and devoted years of a busy life to the British Medical Association, which he served as a representative of the Southampton Division, and as president of the Southern Branch (1921-2). To his credit stands the inauguration of such important institutions as the Southampton Public Medical Service, one of the pioneer schemes and now a model for numerous similar services, and the Hospital Contributory Scheme in Southampton, for whose constitution and inception he was mainly responsible—he remained its vice-chairman until his death. He was chairman of the Committee of Management of the Free Eye Hospital for ten years, and remained on the committee till his death.

Dr. MacKeith was a surgeon major (T.), and was attached to the Heavy Brigade, R.G.A. During the war he was P.M.O. Troops, Southampton, and medical officer to the prisoner-of-war camps. It is characteristic of his energy that within a few hours of the outbreak of war he had organized and launched a medical war emergency committee, which arranged for the conduct of the practices of doctors on active service. His work in this respect was gratefully acknowledged by his fellow practitioners, who showed their recognition by presenting him with an illuminated address and a silver salver. He took a keen interest in the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association until his death. A man of logical mind, with a keen insight and the power to take the long view, MacKeith was a good and just negotiator, a man whose integrity was his most outstanding virtue, coupled with cautiousness and gentlemindedness, round which all other manly virtues fitly clustered—a friend and counsellor, whose loss is deeply felt by his patients, his colleagues, and his fellow citizens.

He leaves a widow and ten children, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Four of his sons are doctors, who, as they reached years of maturity, have achieved success in the profession.

THE LATE DR. STRICKLAND GOODALL

"A JUNIOR COLLEAGUE" writes: Dr. Strickland Goodall's early death must be largely due to the self-sacrificing devotion with which he worked unceasingly for the benefit of others. With all his being he gave of his best: to his profession, his patients, his colleagues, and to all and sundry, who never spared him in their anxiety to gain from him that help—for physical or mental

ills or ignorance—which was always so abundantly offered. His courage and indomitable will would not spare himself; his skill and knowledge (a generation in advance of his time), enthusiasm and sympathy made him continually and self-sacrificingly give all. We who have had the privilege of knowing him will always treasure a very blessed memory of this unassuming and most beloved physician. His contributions to medical knowledge are so well founded that they will stand the test of time. Doubtless there will also be raised some tangible memorial that shall spread farther and to future generations the benefits of his teaching.

We learn with great regret of the death, on December 5th, of Dr. EDWIN FITZGERALD O'CONNOR of Bessbrook, Co. Armagh. Born in 1889, the son of the Rev. D. Hamilton O'Connor, rector of Newbridge, Co. Kildare, he was an exhibitioner of Trinity College, Dublin, and graduated B.A. in 1910 and M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1912. As an undergraduate he played hockey for his university and for Ireland. After holding house appointments in Victoria Central Hospital and Wallasey Dispensary he joined the R.A.M.C. in 1914, served with distinction in Gallipoli and France, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Government. After demobilization in 1920, he commenced practice in Bessbrook, and some two years later was appointed medical officer to Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry. Here he found the opportunity for the practice of surgery, to which he brought a natural aptitude and skill combined with a sane enthusiasm. During his all too short tenure of this office he made the hospital a surgical centre for a large district, and gained to an extraordinary extent the confidence and trust not only of his colleagues, but of the general public. Dr. O'Connor was a member of Portadown and West Down Division of the British Medical Association, and a Fellow of the Ulster Medical Society. He was an enthusiastic Freemason, and dearly loved a day with the Newry Harriers. He married in 1915 Miss Evelyn Morris of Ruabon, Denbighshire, who has nursed him with courage and devotion during a long and painful illness bravely borne. There are three daughters and one son of the marriage.

We regret to announce the death, on November 25th, in his seventy-sixth year, of Dr. P. F. STURRIDGE of Chippenham, Wilts. Dr. Sturridge was born in Jamaica, and came to school in England at the age of 14 years. He received his medical education at Middlesex Hospital, and was a contemporary of the late Sir Henry Morris, Dr. Sidney Coupland, and Sir John Bland-Sutton. He obtained his M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1881 and his L.R.C.P.Ed. in 1882, and was Prosecutor to the Royal College of Surgeons and house-physician to the Middlesex Hospital. Starting in general practice in Kendal about 1884, he remained there for nearly forty years. He specialized in surgery and ophthalmic work, and was on the staff of the county hospital. A skilful and safe surgeon, he had to tackle everything that came along—sometimes in the most out-of-the-way places. His skill with cataract operations gained him the reputation of a miracle-worker in some of the isolated hamlets among the Westmorland fells. His only contribution to medical literature was a book on the eyesight of school children, and he used to predict that electric light would put the whole nation in spectacles. He was surgeon to the North-Western Railway, and a keen lecturer and examiner to the St. John Ambulance Association. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for twenty-six years, and was the first secretary of the Kendal Division, an office he held for eleven years. During the war he was surgeon to the local war hospital. After the war he returned to Sutton Benger, near Chippenham, with a small practice, and was soon the centre of the Church and social life of the village. On the death of his wife, three years ago, he gave up his home, and spent his winters in Jamaica and his summers in Yorkshire and London. He is survived by a married daughter in Yorkshire and a son practising in London.

The Royal Society of Medicine has suffered an irreparable loss by the death, in the Brompton Hospital, on December 4th, of its esteemed librarian, Mr. H. E. POWELL, after a trying illness which lasted many months. Mr. Powell was respected and loved in a degree which few persons in his profession attain. He was a learned man, and on every occasion unstintingly placed his personal knowledge at the disposal of all workers in the great library over which he presided with such efficiency, and by his example he materially raised the standard of medical bibliography in this country. He was a man of peculiar modesty and self-effacement, disliking intensely to be in the limelight, but devoting his whole energies to the perfection of his library and to the interests of the Royal Society of Medicine, of which he was such a loyal servant. I knew Powell for twenty-seven years, first as assistant in the library then as chief librarian, and I cannot recall an instance in which we differed, either on a question of policy or practice. I have known no one more affectionately spoken of nor one whose illness aroused such sympathy from the most highly placed members of the medical profession. His life was uneventful. Hubert Edward Powell was born at Twickenham in 1881, the son of a business man well known in that town. He went to school at Malden, and early showed the habits of the student and scholar. He entered the Royal Society of Medicine as an unpaid library pupil and gradually mastered the intricacies of the business under Sir John Y. W. MacAlister, whom he ultimately succeeded as librarian in 1920. In the course of years Powell acquired a very wide knowledge of practical medical librarianship, and his help was daily sought by, and daily given to, medical authors, inexperienced or learned. Powell was a born librarian, and had all the instinct for a successful career in his chosen work. Outside his medical work he was a wide reader of history, and he had an extensive and critical knowledge of the early British dramatists. His scholarship gained him election to the Fellowship of the Society of Antiquaries. Powell was also a mechanic, and spent his lonely bachelor evenings in the harmless pursuit of horology, until he became an expert in the construction of complicated watches and clocks. Powell was a fine character. He asked for nothing, he expected little, he gained much; and he will long be remembered in medical circles as an unselfish man who never turned a deaf ear to a request and one who attained to a high position in his profession.

WILLIAM BULLOCH,
Honorary Librarian, Royal Society
of Medicine.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Faculty Board of Medicine has appointed Dr. G. S. Graham-Smith, Dr. A. N. Drury, and Mr. W. H. Bowen to be members of the M.D. Committee until September 30th, 1935.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses:

University College: Dr. Archibald Durward and Mr. John Kirk (Anatomy).

St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School: Mr. Roland H. Bagggon (Surgery).

London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women: Mr. Claude W. Morris (Anaesthetics).

St. Mary's Hospital Medical School: Mr. Gerald L. M. McElligott (Venereal Diseases); Mr. William C. W. Nixon (Obstetrics and Gynaecology).

The degree of Ph.D. in pathology has been conferred on Mr. William A. Gray, F.R.C.S.

Professor W. Langdon Brown has been appointed governor of the Harpur Trust, Bedford.

At the celebration of Foundation Day, on November 22nd, the following degrees were conferred:

LL.D. (*honoris causa*).—Sir Edwin Cooper Perry.

D.Sc. (*honoris causa*).—Professor Karl Pearson, F.R.S.