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MR. JAMES TAYLOR, who died at his residence in Glasgow on 15th May, 1934, was a native of Auchterarder. He began his education in Paisley Grammar School, and studied medicine at Glasgow, where he took the Triple Qualification of the Conjoint Board in 1905. Three years later he was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and in 1925 to the Fellowship of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. After qualification he served as a house surgeon and house physician in Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

At an early stage in his career Mr. Taylor showed his bent for surgery, and in 1910, while still engaged in general practice in Glasgow, he became attached to the Gynæcological Department of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, then under the charge of the late Dr. G. Balfour Marshall. He at once demonstrated his aptitude for surgical technique, and gained a reputation for the high quality of his work.

On the outbreak of war, Mr. Taylor was granted a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and was sent overseas. He served in Belgium from October, 1914, until April, 1915, when he was recalled to the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, where his skill soon won recognition by his appointment as District Consulting Surgeon to the Aldershot Command. He did an immense amount of good work there, and his services were recognized by several mentions in despatches and by the award of the Order of the British Empire.

On his return to Glasgow, in 1919, Mr. Taylor resumed his surgical work at the Royal Infirmary, becoming an assistant surgeon in 1921, and from this point onwards he devoted himself entirely to general surgery. In 1928 he was appointed a visiting surgeon to the Infirmary, and he continued to hold this position until his death.

An appointment as consulting surgeon to the Corporation

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of Glasgow in 1920 secured his services for the municipal hospitals, and he did a large amount of work of the highest quality in the wards reserved for surgical tuberculosis in Robroyston Hospital, and later in Mearns Kirk Hospital. He was also appointed consulting surgeon to Kilmarnock Infirmary, the Victoria Infirmary, Helensburgh, and the Houldsworth Homœopathic Hospital, Glasgow; and for some years was consulting surgeon at the Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley.

Mr. Taylor was a popular and successful clinical teacher at the Royal Infirmary. For a number of years prior to his death he was an honorary Lecturer and Examiner in Clinical Surgery in the University of Glasgow, and also an Examiner in Surgery for the Licence and for the Fellowship of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.

His contributions to surgical literature were not numerous, but whatever he wrote was based on his own wide clinical experience and expressed the considered views of an unbiassed observer and investigator.

Mr. Taylor had an extensive surgical practice, and his services were in constant demand in the West of Scotland. He was more than a careful diagnostician and skilful operator, for he had that sympathetic understanding of the personality of his patient which marks the true clinician. He was untiring in his devotion to his work both in and out of hospital, never sparing himself; and it may be said that his unstinting expenditure of energy was the chief cause of his premature death. He was in his fifty-second year.

The death of James Taylor is a real loss to the community that he served for the best years of his life. Those who were associated with him in his work appreciate the soundness of his outlook as a surgeon and realize the value of his influence as a teacher of clinical surgery in Glasgow.

JAMES CRAWFORD GIBB MACNAB, M.B., C.M. (1887), M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., died at Durban, Natal, on 14th May, 1934.

ROBERT PATERSON, L.R.C.P. (1899), died at Coll, Argyll, on 4th June, 1934.