

## OBITUARY.

McLAREN, Dr. Alice Janet, who died on 20th December, 1945, was born in Edinburgh and educated at Cheltenham. She trained at the London Royal Free School of Medicine for women, graduating M.B. with honours in 1890, B.S. one year later, and was one of the first five women to obtain the London M.D. in 1893. With the exception of a term of office as resident house physician at Leith General Hospital, Dr. McLaren spent her long professional life in Glasgow, where, in addition to carrying on an extensive general practice, she found time for much social work. She was one of the first two women on the Board of Management of Glasgow Lock Hospital, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Vigilance Association of Scotland from its foundation. By her appointment as assistant surgeon at the Royal Samaritan Hospital, Dr. McLaren became the first woman elected to the visiting staff of a Glasgow hospital. This post she held for many years, and from 1896 till 1903 she was a dispensary physician at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children. Till her retiral from active medical work she held the appointment of consulting gynaecologist to Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.

Early in her career, Dr. McLaren became aware of the increasing demand by women patients for hospital treatment by doctors of their own sex. At the same time, the extreme difficulty experienced by medical women in obtaining specialised training and responsibility made it impossible for them to render their full service to the community. In 1903, therefore, mainly due to her energy and enthusiasm, was founded a small hospital, called Glasgow Women's Private Hospital. The demand for its services was such that it was moved into successively larger premises, becoming eventually the present well-known Redlands Hospital for Women.

The rapid growth of this institution made increasing demands on the time of Dr. McLaren, who was its first Medical Superintendent and Gynaecological Surgeon. There she did her most valuable life's work, not only in treating patients with skill and devotion, but also in helping and encouraging the many younger medical women who worked under her leadership.

On her retiral in 1932, Dr. McLaren left Glasgow, spending her remaining years in the picturesque East Coast town of Crail, but she never lost her keen interest in the work of the hospital and in the progress of the junior medical women whose paths she had done so much to prepare. Till the end of her life she retained the wide humanity and lively sense of humour which endeared her to those who had the privilege of knowing her as doctor, colleague, and above all, as friend.

GARRY, Dr. Gilbert, who died on 14th February last, spent most of his professional life in the prison medical service. For 26 years he was Medical Officer to Duke Street Prison, and for the last 6 years, Governor as well. Dr. Garry's name came much before the public as he was a Crown medical witness in many important trials.

KILTY, Dr. James P., who was a native of Old Cumnock and practised in Cambuslang for 25 years, died on 17th February last.

### ERRATUM.

The late Dr. Gracie graduated in 1900 not 1910 as in the obituary notice, p. 57.