

Obituary.

JOHN ADAMS, M.B.E., M.B., C.M. GLASG.,
GLASGOW.

BY the death of Dr. John Adams the medical profession in Glasgow has lost a distinguished and well-beloved member. For some time past the state of his health had given grave cause for anxiety, and his death at his residence, 1 Queen's Crescent, on 20th April, was not unexpected. He was in his sixty-third year. Before entering on the study of medicine at Glasgow University, he spent some years in business as a chemist. As a student of medicine he had a distinguished career, was Cullen medallist, and graduated M.B., C.M. with commendation in 1888. After serving for a period as house physician in the Western Infirmary, Dr. Adams entered general practice in partnership with the late Dr. Suttie, and, later, on his own account. His kindly and sterling qualities as a man and his skill as a physician soon obtained for him an extensive practice. Early in his professional career he became interested in medical politics, in which, later, he took a very prominent part. His work in connection with the British Medical Association forms a long record of continuous, faithful service. From the outset he was a most loyal member, and in 1908 he was elected a representative to the central body, where his active interest and sound judgment received well-merited recognition by his election to the Council of the Association, on which he served from 1912 to 1917. During this period also he was a member of the Insurance Act Committee, and was appointed chairman of the Scottish Committee. The value of his work for the Association and his fellow-practitioners at this time can hardly be over-estimated. Dr. Adams was called upon to perform these important duties at a very strenuous period in the history of the Association, and the frequent night journeys to London which these entailed, combined with the exacting work of a busy practice, proved too severe a strain, and he was compelled to relinquish this part of his public work.

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He continued to interest himself in the Medical and Dental Defence Union. For some years he acted as chairman of the General Council of this body, and on resigning the post was appointed one of its vice-presidents. During the war Dr. Adams served as a member of the Medical Service Emergency Committee for Scotland and of its executive, and his valuable aid in this and other departments of war work was recognised in the honour of Membership of the Order of the British Empire which was conferred on him. Perhaps, however, Dr. Adams appreciated more the kindly esteem of his fellow-practitioners, who, in token of his valuable and unremitting services on their behalf, entertained him to a complimentary dinner. He married late in life—only about three years ago—and is survived by his widow, to whom we offer our respectful sympathy.

ROBERT BAIN LOTHIAN, M.B., C.M. GLASG.,
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WE record with regret the sudden death of Dr. Lothian which took place on 30th March at his residence, 2 Queen's Terrace, Glasgow. He was a native of our city, and was the son of a well-known Glasgow practitioner, the late Dr. John A. Lothian, who was for twenty-two years a surgeon on the staff of the Royal Infirmary. Dr. Robert Lothian studied medicine at Glasgow University, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1888. After qualifying, he acted as house surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and thereafter spent some time in London hospitals. On his return to Glasgow he joined his father in practice. In 1896 he was appointed casualty surgeon of the Northern police district; in 1902 he was transferred to the Central Division, and appointed ambulance lecturer to the police force and fire brigade. He held these offices till 1914. During the war he served on recruiting boards in the earlier days, and, later, held a commission as captain in the R.A.M.C.

Dr. Lothian was a well-known figure as a practitioner of medicine in the city. He was also an amateur actor of considerable attainments, and took a very active part in organising dramatic performances in aid of charitable objects. His loss will be felt, both medically and socially, by a wide circle of friends.