

OBITUARY.

Sir Dyce Duckworth, F.R.C.P., M.D.

It is with much regret that we have to report the death of Sir Dyce Duckworth on 20th January. Sir Dyce took his medical course in Edinburgh and graduated M.D. with honours and gold medal in 1863. In the following year he took an appointment at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and his connection with this great hospital lasted for twenty-two years. He held very many important appointments in the medical world, but his name is one familiar to Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association for another reason also—he was one of the Signatories to its Royal Charter of Incorporation, and his passing has an added note of sadness when we remember that of the thirty men and women—great personalities in the world of Medicine and Nursing—who signed our Royal Charter of Incorporation, only six now remain.

Mr. Montague Price, D.L.

The death of Mr. Montague Price, D.L., on 5th January last has deprived the Nurses of a very true and kind friend. He gave of his best in guiding the destinies of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, of which he was Chairman for many years. The lot of many is less hard to-day because he has lived, and we like to think that the fruits of his work will not be confined to his own time, but that many generations of those, with health broken by the exacting and often exhausting work of caring for the sick, will "call him blessed," when the Fund brings to them its comfort as they walk in the shadows of declining years or on the hard road of suffering.

Unostentatious in his way of accomplishing a piece of work which had fallen into his hands to be done, Mr. Price's one desire was to increase the usefulness of the T.N.A.F., yet his kindness was far removed from any thought of patronage or of egoism, and no one received a warmer welcome, when he came to our Club in Queen's Gate, than this kindly gentleman with his fine, courtly manner. Integrity, a sound knowledge of business, a gentle, ready sympathy he placed ever at the service of the Benevolent Scheme, and that he knew and acknowledged the dignity of the Nursing Profession was shown by the fact that he did everything in his power to encourage the Nurses to shoulder their own responsibilities as regards benevolent work, often expressing the opinion that it was the only dignified course they could take. Nothing pleased him more than to see, as each year passed, that more and more Nurses were coming forward to support the Fund from their own ranks.

As one newspaper, in its obituary notice, stated, Mr. Price had the true humility of mind that accompanies greatness of character. Throughout a life spent in that

great financial thoroughfare of the world—the London Stock Exchange—Mr. Price possessed alive the soul of a "very perfect gentleman" and a versatility of mind that stretched far beyond the region of stocks and shares. Chief among his characteristics was his great love of the beautiful, which found expression in his gardening and landscape painting, and probably too in an ever-ready faculty to draw out into prominence, into the view of others, the good that he saw in his fellow-men.

At the Memorial Service and funeral at Knebworth Parish Church the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund was represented by Major Rigg, O.B.E., and the Honorary Secretary. Miss Alice Cattell attended to represent the Royal British Nurses' Association.



MR. MONTAGUE PRICE, D.L.
Chairman, Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—I have wondered, ever since the Party, that recognition was not made in a speech from some old Member of the kindly thought of the new ones in providing and arranging such an interesting and pleasurable meeting, where all must have felt the magic of the human touch which has the power of bridging over years of silence, and renewing many old links with the past—besides introducing one to another. We must all have appreciated, too, having unfolded, as from some ancient scroll, the origin and history of the R.B.N.A.

The mention of this subject in the current B.J.N. somewhat removes the reproach in which I felt I had a share.

With best New Year wishes, dear Miss Macdonald,

Yours sincerely,

JESSIE APPELYARD.

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Hoddesdon, Herts.

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