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OBITUARY

ARCHIBALD MASON JONES, M.D. Edin., F.R.C.S.E., Surgeon to the Ear and Throat Department, Royal Infirmary, Cardiff.

WE regret to record the death of Dr Archibald Mason Jones, which took place at his home in Cardiff on 11th June. Dr Jones had been recently promoted to the position of Surgeon to the Ear and Throat Department of the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, in succession to Dr D. R. Paterson with whom he had been associated, since 1923, as assistant surgeon. Dr Jones had also been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Section of Laryngology and Otology at the recent meeting of the British Medical Association in Cardiff, and had anticipated with great pleasure the visit of his confrères to the Department under his charge.

Born in 1883, a native of Glamorgan, he proceeded to Edinburgh to study medicine, graduating M.B., Ch.B., at the University in 1909, and, in 1911, taking his doctor's degree. After qualifying he engaged in general practice in South Wales until the outbreak of the War, when he applied for a commission in the R.A.M.C., to which he was appointed as temporary Captain. The disability from which he suffered, and to which he eventually succumbed, precluded his acceptance of service overseas, but he was able to do very useful and valuable work for the army in his own country.

After the Armistice he returned to Edinburgh with the object of training himself in laryngology and otology, and in the winter of 1919-20 he acted as clinical assistant to Dr Logan Turner, and later passed the examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. On his return to Cardiff he became clinical assistant to Dr D. R. Paterson and in due course was appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Ear and Throat Department at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff. His promotion to full surgeoncy took place at the commencement of the present year. Amongst other appointments he held that of Aural Specialist to the Cardiff Education Authority and of Honorary Laryngologist to King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial Association.

Dr Jones took a very practical interest in the work of the British Medical Association, having acted for four years as the joint secretary of the Cardiff Division. He was also representative of the Division at the Annual Representative Meetings.

Much sympathy was felt with the members of the staff of the Royal Infirmary and with his fellow office-bearers of the Section of Laryngology and Otology in the loss sustained by the death of one of their number on the eve of the Meeting of the Association in Cardiff.

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Dr Mason Jones was a loyal colleague, greatly respected by all with whom he was brought in contact. Of a genial and cheerful disposition, he was popular alike with his friends and his patients. His work was characterised by thoroughness and by devotion to duty. The specialty has been deprived of an efficient and earnest member at the very commencement of an active hospital service. His widow and two young children survive him.

A. LOGAN TURNER.

JOHN WILLIAM MACKENZIE, O.B.E., M.D. Edin.

By the death of John Mackenzie, laryngology in this country loses its most northern representative. He had settled in his native town of Inverness in general practice and at the same time devoted himself largely to laryngology and otology. During the course of his work he contracted pneumonia, from which he succumbed after a few days' illness on 29th April in his 52nd year.

He was educated at the Inverness Royal Academy and the University of Edinburgh and after graduating, in 1898, held resident hospital appointments in various parts of the country and spent a good deal of time doing ear and throat work. On starting practice in 1906 he became attached to the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, to which at the time of his death he was physician and also had charge of the ear, nose and throat cases. He was one of the original members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology and a regular attendant at its meetings; he was occasionally seen at the Sections of Laryngology and Otology of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The outbreak of war found him in command of the Highland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance with which he saw service in Gallipoli and Egypt; he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel. From 1917 until demobilisation in 1919 he commanded the 44th Stationary Hospital at Kantara; he was twice mentioned in despatches and received the O.B.E.

The demands of a large practice did not prevent him devoting much time and energy to secretarial and other work in connection with the profession. Warm-hearted, sympathetic and tactful, he rendered services which were gratefully appreciated by his brethren.

John Mackenzie was a true son of his native Highlands, imbued with its traditions and inspired by its deep sympathies. He was a man of real worth, free from self-seeking. His funeral, which was attended by the surviving members of the Field Ambulance he mobilised in 1914, was an impressive manifestation of esteem from all sections of the community and a striking tribute to the life-work of a member of our profession,

D. R. PATERSON,