

so well endowed with these qualities would have given in. It was indeed sad that he did not live longer to enjoy his well-earned rest.

Dr. Hopkins was the third son of the late Canon W. B. Hopkins, Vicar of Littleport. He was educated at Haileybury, Caius College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital. He had a distinguished career at the university, and shortly after taking his degree he was appointed fourth Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist at the Kent County Hospital, Maidstone, where he rapidly gained promotion, becoming Senior Assistant in 1902. When in 1905 the York Corporation selected him as Medical Superintendent of their recently built mental hospital they made a wise choice, and his vigilance, his business acumen and foresight gained for him the reputation of being a first-rate administrator. He also earned the respect of all those who had the privilege of working with him. One could not go through the Hospital wards with Dr. Hopkins without realizing the esteem in which he was held by patients and staff alike. He had a sound knowledge of clinical medicine and psychiatry, and he would carefully examine any case which presented difficulty or doubt as to diagnosis or treatment, and, in the discussion which would follow, his skill and insight were readily revealed. He did not agree with the modern schools of psychology—he believed that far too many put their ideas into print long before they had stood the test of experience. Apart from his work in the hospital, he was keenly interested in the farms, and was a good judge of stock. In his younger days he was an all-round sportsman—he rowed for his college, he was a useful cricketer, and he spent many of his vacations climbing in Switzerland. He was, for a time, secretary of the Fulford Golf Club, and had the distinction of being the first member to do one of the holes in a single stroke. He was an ardent Freemason, and in 1917 was Worshipful Master of the Albert Victor Lodge.

In 1910 Dr. Hopkins married Miss Hilda Wilberforce, of York, who cheered him in his work and was a constant solace to him in his illness. His widow and one daughter mourn his loss.

R. A. HOOPER.

EDWARD SWAN SIMPSON, *M.C.*, *M.D.*, *Ch.B.Edin.*,

Medical Superintendent, East Riding Mental Hospital, and Ordinary
Member since 1905.

We regret to record the death of Dr. E. S. Simpson, Medical Superintendent of the East Riding Mental Hospital, which occurred at Beverley, after a short illness, on February 2, 1927.

He was born in Edinburgh in 1882, and was educated at George Watson's College. He received his medical education at the University of Edinburgh; he graduated *M.B.*, *Ch.B.* in 1905, and proceeded to *M.D.* in 1910. He held also the Certificate in Tropical Medicine of that University. In 1905 he was appointed an assistant medical officer at the East Riding Mental Hospital, and in 1919 succeeded Dr. Archdale as Superintendent. He served the hospital for twenty-two years—exactly half his life.

He was a representative member of the Northern and Midland Division of the Council of the Association for some years. He was an able psychologist, a sound general physician, a man of considerable mental culture and a good administrator.

During the war he served overseas with the 1st/3rd Northumbrian Field Ambulance, and was then posted, at his own request, to the 4th Green Howards as regimental medical officer. He was a gallant and efficient officer, and was awarded the Military Cross for his service during the great retreat in the spring of 1918.

His was a very full life. He was at once a scholar and a sportsman; for many years he was secretary to the Beverley and East Riding Golf Club, and was captain in 1926; he was a keen fisherman, a noted raconteur, a hospitable host, and a welcome guest wherever he went. He was an ardent Freemason, and three weeks before his death was installed Worshipful Master of the Constitution Lodge of Beverley. Simpson was beloved by all who came in contact with him; his geniality endeared him to his friends, and his unflinching kindness and consideration for staff and patients will not be soon forgotten. His loss is deplored, and great sympathy is felt for his widow at his early death.

A service was held in the hospital chapel on February 5, which was largely attended by his friends and colleagues, and his remains were interred at Edinburgh on February 6.

F. G. DOBSON.

WALTER RICHARD HUGH SMITH, B.A., M.D.Dubl.,

Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Salop Mental Hospital, and Ordinary Member since 1914.

We regret to record that Dr. Walter R. H. Smith, Shrewsbury, passed away on September 19, 1926, after a long and painful illness, which he bore patiently and uncomplainingly, while attending to his duties up to a fortnight before his death.

Born at Antwerp, of Irish parentage, on April 25, 1876, he spent his early days in Belfast and later in Dublin. He went to school at Haileybury, and received his medical education in Dublin, where he took his M.D. degree in 1902. He entered on public mental hospital work as an Assistant Medical Officer at the Lancashire Mental Hospital, Whittingham, on March 2, 1903, remaining there until he went to the Salop Mental Hospital, Shrewsbury, as Senior Assistant Medical Officer on February 27, 1914. He remained there until the time of his death, except for 3½ years' war service, most of which was spent in India, where his health was considerably undermined by attacks of dysentery and influenzal pneumonia.

Dr. Smith was essentially an outdoor man. A prominent athlete in his youth, he later became an enthusiastic and successful gardener, and was keen on golf, shooting, and fishing. He was a reliable and well-informed observer of nature, and he frequently sent original and interesting contributions to the Press, particularly to the *Shooting Times* under the *nom de plume* of "John Snipe."

He was of a generous, bright and cheerful disposition, and he retained these qualities even during months of suffering from considerable pain and insomnia. His readiness to sing or make a humorous after-dinner speech made him a welcome guest at any social gathering, especially in Masonic circles, which he had entered since his return from the war, and at the time of his death he was the Junior Warden of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262.

He was a loyal and conscientious medical officer, who spared neither his health nor his time in attending to his duties. He was popular with everybody, and especially with his patients, by whom and by all others at the Salop Mental Hospital he will be greatly missed. A tablet to his memory, which is to be placed in the Hospital Chapel, is in course of preparation.

W. STANLEY HUGHES.

The Right Hon. MICHAEL FRANCIS COX, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.Irel.,

Ordinary Member since 1918.

On February 20, 1926, there passed away a distinguished physician who had made his mark as a medical consultant in Ireland.

Michael Francis Cox had been an invalid for at least two years, which fact partially concealed a gap that would otherwise have loomed large at his demise. The quietude of his passing also accounts for the somewhat overdue notice by this Journal.

Born in the West of Ireland in the year 1852, he was educated at the Catholic University School of Medicine, and he obtained the medical qualifications of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians of Ireland some fifty years ago.

At first he chose to practise in the country, but soon he transferred to Dublin, where he was appointed one of the physicians to St. Vincent's Hospital.

He proceeded to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in 1892, and in 1922 he became its President, upon which occasion his old students assembled in large numbers, and, at a public luncheon, presented him with a loving-cup in the form of a copy of the Ardagh Chalice.

Among many other distinctions conferred upon him were those of Senator and Chairman of Convocation in the National University, the M.D. and LL.D. degrees of which had been granted to him *honoris causa*.

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