

## OBITUARY

DR. J. W. BOND

THE Section of Laryngology of the Royal Society of Medicine has lost yet another former President by the death of Dr. J. W. Bond. Dr. Bond combined specialism with general practice at a time when specialism was developing rapidly, and served for many years on the Staff of the Throat Hospital in Golden Square. He was the last to hold the appointment of Physician to the Throat Hospital. Now the Staff consists of surgeons and assistant surgeons only and the physician is a consultant for problems in General Medicine, but this appointment which Dr. Bond held dates the period of his activity. His title of Physician, however, did not prevent him from taking the most active interest in the surgical development of the work at the Throat Hospital. He was one of the first to advocate preliminary laryngotomy for the greater operations on the tongue and pharynx, and he would not shrink from the most formidable operation if he believed it was for the benefit of the patient. He was a man of much wisdom, and his sound judgment was the product of long experience combined with a natural shrewdness. This earned for him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and other laryngologists, but he never gained the reputation with the profession and the public that his ability might have commanded. This may have been due to his adherence to general practice, which he never abandoned. Those who pass by New Cross on the way into Kent may have observed that at a small circus where several roads meet, Pepys Road joins the road from the South. It was there he lived to a ripe old age and continued to practice so long as his activities lasted, but the work he did at Golden Square gives him a genuine title to the rank of a pioneer in Laryngology.

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