

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.

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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.

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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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