

DR. G. E. RENNIE.

DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Brilliant Scholar.

The death of Dr. George Edward Rennie, of Wolseley-road, Point Piper, which took place in a private hospital yesterday morning, after an illness of about five weeks' duration, removes one of the most prominent physicians of the State, and the first Australian gold medallist M.D. of London. Dr. Rennie was the youngest son of the late Mr. E. A. Rennie, Auditor-General of New South Wales. He was in his 62nd year, and was a native of Sydney.



Dr. Rennie had a distinguished scholastic career, winning many scholarships in Australia and in London. He studied at the Sydney Grammar School, from where he passed to the Sydney University. In 1879 he took the first University scholarship of the year for general proficiency, and the Salting Exhibition. The following year he won the Levy Scholarship for natural science, and in 1881 he obtained the Deas-Thomson and Want Scholarship for physical science and chemistry. In 1882 he was the most successful student of geology and practical chemistry, winning the Belmore gold medal and the Gilchrist Travelling Scholarship, valued at £100 per annum for three years. In the same year he obtained his B.A. degree, with first-class honours in classics and natural science. He then went to London to continue his studies, and was highly successful at the University College, London, and at the University of London, placing a further list of distinctions to his credit. In University College, London, he was first in the Medical Entrance Examination in 1883. Later he won the silver medal (first prize) in the junior classes of anatomy and physiology; gold medals in materia medica, practical chemistry, anatomy (senior classes), physiology (senior classes), medicine, and surgery; silver medal in ophthalmic medicine and surgery, the "Tukey" silver medal in pathological anatomy, the "Filliter" Exhibition (value £30) in pathology, "Bruce" gold medal in pathology and surgery, and "Aitchison" scholarship for general proficiency (valued at £80 for two years). At the University of London he gained first place, with first-class honours, in zoology, and at the M.D. examination in December, 1887, won the gold medal (value £20), thus having the dual honour of passing the highest examination known in the medical world, and being the first Australian M.D. gold medallist of London.

Returning to Sydney early in 1889, Dr. Rennie was shortly afterwards appointed Pathologist to Sydney Hospital, and subsequently assistant physician to that institution. In 1892 he was appointed Pathologist to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, in succession to Professor J. T. Wilson. Two years later he was appointed assistant physician at the latter institution, and, with the exception of a break of about 12 months in 1899, he was actively engaged in the work of the hospital until his retirement from the active staff, on attaining his 60th year. In addition to being on the board of the British Medical Association, Dr. Rennie was honorary physician to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and lecturer in clinical medicine at the Sydney University—a position he had occupied for a number of

years. He was also president of the Camden College Council, having been re-elected to that office about two months ago. For the past 22 years Dr. Rennie had been a very prominent member of the Woollahra Congregational Church, having occupied the office of deacon for 21 years. At the time of his death he was senior deacon. He was looked up to as a leader by members of the Church, and was foremost in initiating many forward movements in the Church life. He had made possible the development of the young people's work in the building of a new school, and, with Mrs. Rennie, initiated the building of the Manse, which has just been completed. As leader of the Bible study circles connected with the Church, it was only on the rarest occasions that he missed the weekly prayer meeting.

Dr. Rennie performed many acts of kindness in an unostentatious way. He was a man of many sterling qualities, and was beloved by all who came in contact with him. Mr. Charles E. Rennie, of Mosman, and Professor E. Rennie, of Adelaide, are brothers.

Dr. Rennie is survived by a widow and four children—Mr. Raymond George Rennie (of the Farmers and Graziers' Association) and Mr. Harry Maynard Rennie, second year medical student at the Sydney University; Mrs. T. K. Stephen, of Point Piper; and Miss Evelyn Rennie, who is training in Prince Alfred Hospital as a nurse. His second and third sons fell in the Great War, Lieutenant Cyril T. Rennie (Leicestershire Regiment) being killed in France in 1916, and Lieutenant E. Clement Rennie (Royal Air Force) losing his life at Salonica in 1918.

The funeral will take place this afternoon from the Congregational Church, Jersey-road, Woollahra, for the Waverley Cemetery at a quarter to 3 o'clock, and will be preceded by a service in the church, which will be conducted by the Rev. A. C. Nelson, assisted by the Rev. Steele Craik (chairman of the Congregational Union), the Rev. Principal Thatcher (Warden at Camden College), and the Rev. R. B. Reynolds.

LATE DR. RENNIE.

REPRESENTATIVE FUNERAL.

The representative gatherings both at the Jersey-road Congregational Church and at the Waverley Cemetery on Saturday afternoon were eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the late Dr. George Edward Rennie was held in Sydney. The coffin containing the remains was removed to the church on Saturday morning, and many wreaths surrounded it as it lay there. The church was crowded with friends who had come to pay their last respects, the medical profession and the clergy being strongly represented.

The principal mourners were:—Mrs. Rennie (widow), Messrs. Raymond George Rennie and Harry Maynard Rennie (sons), Mrs. T. K. Stephen and Miss Evelyn Rennie (daughters), Professor E. Rennie, of Adelaide, and Mr. Charles E. Rennie, of Mosman (brothers), Mr. T. K. Stephen (son-in-law), and Captain R. B. Davis (brother-in-law). At the church the service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Nelson (minister in charge of the Jersey-road Congregational Church), who was assisted by the Rev. Steele Craik (chairman of the Congregational Union), the Rev. Principal Thatcher (warden of Camden College), the Rev. N. J. Cocks, and the Rev. R. B. Reynolds. At the graveside the service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Nelson, assisted by the Rev. Principal Thatcher and the Rev. N. J. Cocks.

In an eloquent address in the church, the Rev. A. C. Nelson said that Dr. George Edward Rennie was a man of high ideals, and had the respect of the whole community. Dr. Rennie regarded his own profession as a means both for service to God and his fellow-man. Many of our public institutions had received his untiring care and attention. He possessed the true spirit of charity, and gave of his very best to those who needed it without thought or desire for reward. Dr. Rennie was a man who was true to his God, and he placed his Church in the foremost place in all things in life. He had known the late Dr. Rennie frequently to attend church meetings direct from a patient's bedside, so that he could have a few hours' peace with God. Dr. Rennie was a man of simple faith and simple tastes. He had never known a man more consecrated to God in body, soul, and spirit than their departed friend. His great aim was to do good to those who required help. Up and down the length of this great continent there were men, women, and children who breathed his name with reverence. Dr. Rennie made Camden College, which was for the framing of young men for the ministry, his special care. For 22 years he had been a member of the Jersey-road Congregational

Church. It was not only his own family who would be concerned by the loss they had sustained, but in the hearts of the members of the medical profession there would be a consecrated place in which the memory of the life and work of George Edward Rennie would, for ever, be enshrined.

The medical profession attended the service in the church in large numbers, whilst there was a large concourse at the cemetery, and they included:—Sir Alexander MacCormick, Sir Jarvie Hood, Dr. Lawes (president of the B.M.A.), Dr. R. H. Todd (secretary of the B.M.A.), Dr. F. Antill Pockley, Dr. Holmes A'Court, Dr. Storie Dixon, Dr. A. L. Dawson, Dr. Evans, Dr. Lightoller, Dr. A. N. Burkitt, Dr. Rutherford, Dr. Edgar Stephen, Dr. Norman Paul, Dr. Armit, Dr. Norman Gibson, Dr. A. Palmer, Dr. M'Creddie (superintendent Royal Prince Alfred Hospital), Dr. Cameron, Dr. J. Barling, Dr. Wade, Dr. R. B. North, Dr. Clubbe, Dr. A. J. Collins, Dr. Herbert Schlink, Dr. E. W. Fairfax, Dr. J. Adam Dick, Dr. G. H. Abbott, Dr. W. H. Crago, Dr. W. T. Chenhall, Dr. H. S. Stacy, Dr. Blackburn, Dr. John MacPherson, Dr. M'Donald Gill, Dr. R. Noble, Dr. Dansey, Dr. Sinclair Gillies, Dr. Oscar Paul, Dr. George Bell (Sydney Hospital), Dr. Goodwin Hill, Dr. Menzies, Dr. J. C. Windeyer, Dr. H. Poate, Dr. T. Schenk, Dr. Sear, Dr. J. C. Halliday, Dr. Ibbister, Dr. Doak, Dr. W. B. Studdy, Dr. M'Donnell Kelly, Dr. Rowland, Dr. Yorke Pitta, Dr. J. G. Hunter, Dr. Herbert Marks, Dr. Lipscombe, Dr. R. W. Young, Dr. R. Green, Dr. M'Clelland (South Sydney Medical Association), Dr. C. G. M'Donald, Dr. Ramsay Sharp, Dr. A. J. Gibson, Dr. P. Fiaschi, Dr. F. A. Maguire, Dr. William Chisholm, Dr. McCullagh, Dr. H. A. Ryan, Dr. Edge, Dr. Humphries, Dr. Walton Smith, Dr. Alfred Gibson, Dr. Cosh, Dr. H. Baret (Coast Hospital), Professor A. E. Mills (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine), Professor J. I. Hunter.

Included in the clergy present, other than those assisting in the service, were:—Canon Bellingham, Canon Langley, the Rev. W. W. Hynes (secretary of the Methodist Conference), the Rev. Gordon Robertson (secretary of Camden College), the Rev. S. G. Fielding, the Rev. W. Patison, the Rev. A. P. Doran (Petersham), the Rev. C. J. Leese (Marrickville), the Rev. W. H. Lewis, the Rev. F. T. Binns, the Rev. Dr. Harper, the Rev. J. L. Cope, the Rev. W. Mathison, the Rev. C. Hughesdon (St. James' Church, Croydon), the Rev. A. E. West, the Rev. W. Morley (London Missionary Society), the Rev. D. P. M'Donald (Mosman). Mr. E. Bowes Thistlethwayte represented the Congregational Union of New South Wales, and the following represented the Jersey-road Congregational Church:—Messrs. H. J. Renwick (secretary), F. Rathgen (treasurer), J. Davis, A. Perlam, J. Clay, A. Bent, W. Mason, and F. J. Badkober (deacons), and W. J. Stewart (organist). Mr. T. Mercer represented the City Mission, and Messrs. B. Griffith and T. W. Clark the Sudan Mission in New South Wales.

Among others present either at the church or graveside were:—Mr. Justice Rich (High Court of Australia), Mr. Justice Street, Mr. Justice Gordon, General Finn, Mr. H. E. Barff (Warden of the Sydney University), Mr. R. A. Dallen (accountant of the Sydney University), Mr. E. K. Satchell (president of the Dental Hospital), Mr. Donald Smith (president of the Dental Board), Mr. P. J. L. Kenny (general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.), Messrs. F. A. Corner, W. R. Dovey, A. V. Foy, and F. H. Searle (Assurance and Thrift Association), Lady Fairfax, Miss Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ewan, Mrs. W. B. Studdy, Messrs. C. Brunsdon Fletcher, Richard Teece, J. Llewellyn, H. R. Searle, W. F. Latimer, M.L.C., Alderman Hugh Latimer, Messrs. Septimus Smith, J. M'Intyre, W. M'Donald Sutherland, John Davies, A. G. Thompson, J. C. Halliday, H. C. Kent, A. W. Green, W. H. Pratt, Reginald Dean, G. Lewis, H. C. L. Anderson, J. Brabant, A. Burnett, G. A. Smith, W. G. Acocks, A. L. Mullens, Eric Smith, Q. B. Rabett (representing Mr. P. A. Rabett), F. B. Wilkinson (representing the Old Sydneians' Union), J. B. Palmer, E. A. Wright, J. B. Lachlan, O. W. Cowley, W. H. Moffitt, F. D. Moffitt, W. I. B. Moate, J. Fletcher, John Pepper, Captain John Dart, Messrs. H. L. Tress, A. H. North, and others.

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Professor Wood-Jones left Adelaide with his wife and two daughters, and Mr. T. D. Campbell, by the East-West express on Thursday. The party are going on a scientific excursion to the Stuart Range in search of marsupial specimens. The professor has abandoned his projected departure for England, and now definitely intends to remain in South Australia.