

JOHN KINNEAR, *O.B.E.*, *T.D.*, *D.L.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.C.P.(Ed.)*.

After a long illness, cheerfully and stoically borne, Dr. John Kinnear died on the 27 May 1962, having been in hospital for several months. Of an old and well-known Dundee family, he graduated *M.B.*, *Ch.B.* at St. Andrews in 1917, and served in the 1914-18 war. In 1922 he took the degree of *M.D.* and in 1924 was admitted a Member of the College of Physicians of Edinburgh, being elected Fellow in 1952.



After post-graduate study in dermatology in Paris and other cities he was appointed to the consultant staff of Dundee Royal Infirmary and became Lecturer in Dermatology, Queen's College. In 1933 he became a member of the British Association of Dermatology and he was a founder member of the North British Dermatological Society, of which he was secretary for some years. He was the author of many papers on cutaneous disease, became the writer of *A Handbook of Skin Diseases* after the death of Frederick Gardiner and for many years faithfully contributed abstracts of both the American and Belgian *Archives* to this Journal.

An ardent Territorial Officer, he was awarded the *O.B.E.* and the *T.D.* for his excellent work in the 1939-45 war. After serving with a Commando unit, he became *A.D.M.S.* to the 56th Division, and *D.D.M.S.* of XIII and VI Corps with the rank of

Brigadier in Italy. His strenuous war service seemed to have precipitated his pulmonary disease, for it was during the latter years of the war that he gradually and progressively became thinner and more delicate.

In 1948 with the advent of the Health Service he became the full-time Consultant Dermatologist to the Eastern Regional Board in Scotland, filling this position with distinction, although to his distress he was often absent owing to illness. He retired from this post last year. The great services he rendered to his native city, shire and country were recognized by his appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant, a rare honour for one of the medical profession.

John Kinnear was a delightful man—modest, quiet but determined, with a fine sense of humour. In discussions on medical problems he always gave wise advice from his deep store of knowledge and he had the faculty of creating a happy unit whether in peace or war. To his wife Doris and to his son and daughter go our commiseration in their loss.

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### ANNUAL MEETING, 1963.

Members who wish to read short papers at the Annual Meeting of the Association in July 1963 are invited to send resumés of their papers to the editor by 18 April 1963 for consideration by the selection committee. As it is anticipated that a large number of people may want to speak, papers should be not longer than ten minutes.

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