

John Francis Hall-Edwards, L.R.C.P.(Edin.), Hon.F.R.P.S.

WE regret to record the death of Dr Hall-Edwards. He was born in Mosely, in 1858, and was educated first at King Edward VI Grammar School, where Dr George Gore, F.R.S., gave him his initial teaching, and from there he passed on to Queen's College.

He held the position of Senior Medical Officer to the X-ray Department of the Birmingham General Hospital for twenty years, and was also radiographer to the Royal Orthopædic and Spinal Hospital, Dudley. He acted in an advisory capacity in the construction of many X-ray departments, including the Noble Hospital, Douglas; the Birmingham Infirmary; the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, etc.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1911), and an Hon. Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, and an Hon. Member of the American Röntgen Ray Society.

He was, for a time, editor of the Archives of the Röntgen Ray, now the British Journal of Radiology. Dr Hall-Edwards was awarded a pension on the Civil List by King Edward VII, for services rendered to the nation by his researches in the application of X-rays to medicine and surgery. During the Great War he had charge of four large radiographic departments in the Military Hospital in the City of Birmingham. He was recently awarded the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust Medallion, together with an annuity. This was acknowledged as an event of unique occurrence, as he was the first medical man in civil practice to receive such an award.

Dr Hall-Edwards suffered the penalty paid by many others who were the pioneers in the use of X-rays in medicine. For something like twenty years he was a damaged man, and yet an indomitable will kept him in the forefront of radiological work. Sir Gilbert Barling, in the current number of the *British Journal of Radiology*, reminds us that Dr Hall-Edwards did not die of malignant disease. The surgical aid that he had in 1908 at least warded that off and gave a strenuous and courageous man many active years that otherwise would not have been his.

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