

SIR ARTHUR ROSE.

THE Association has lost a universally respected Honorary Member in the death, on the 14th of August, 1937, of Sir Arthur Rose.

As Chairman of the General Board of Control for Scotland since 1922, his unfailing interest, tact and goodwill towards the medical staffs of the Scottish mental institutions were befittingly appreciated by the members of the Scottish Division when they presented him with the appropriate robes on his receiving the Honorary degree of LL.D. of Edinburgh University in 1933.

On account of wide experience and outstanding administrative ability combined with a genial and sympathetic understanding he held many important public appointments. At the time of his retirement on account of ill-health he was Commissioner for the Special Areas in Scotland, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Trust for the Scottish Universities and Chairman of the General Board of Control.

Among many other activities he was Chairman of the Edinburgh School Board from 1915-19, and from 1920-24 Chairman of the Advisory Council to the Scottish Education Department, Director of Land Settlement in Scotland from 1920-22, and his business interests included directorships of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company and of the Union Bank of Scotland.

As the result of his unremitting labours in devising successful schemes for the reconditioning of derelict areas in Scotland he received the honour of a baronetcy in June, 1935, having previously been awarded the D.S.O. and later knighted in 1919 for his services while in command of a territorial battalion of the Royal Scots during the war.

While the Press alluded to him as the Special Areas " Dictator ", it was the experience of all, including mental hospitals medical staffs, that he had rendered great public service in a manner that made it a pleasure to meet his suggestions.

His many amusing anecdotes in after-dinner speeches were a wholesome leaven to his official pronouncements.

He took a prominent part and was a liberal host at the Annual General Meetings of the Association held in Edinburgh in 1922 under the Presidency of the late Prof. G. M. Robertson, and again in 1927 under that of his colleague on the General Board, the late Dr. Hamilton Marr.

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