

## ARTHUR RHYS BARRAND

THE death on 3 August 1941 of Arthur Rhys Barrand deprived the Institute of one of its most scholarly members, who will long be remembered, even by those not of his intimate acquaintance, for his courtesy, simplicity of manner, distinguished appearance and astonishing memory.

Barrand was born in London on 28 October 1861, and commenced his business career as a junior clerk in a solicitor's office. At the age of 15 he entered the service of the Prudential Assurance Company, and after a brilliant career with that Company retired in 1923 with the rank of Deputy General Manager. Nine years later he was elected a Director, relinquishing this position only in March 1941.

In the negotiations connected with the introduction of the scheme of National Health Insurance he took a prominent part and was in turn Secretary, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Prudential Approved Societies.

His professional attainments were equally remarkable. As a young man he qualified as an electrical engineer, passing his examinations with distinction. Turning his attention to actuarial studies, he became a Fellow of the Institute in 1895 and rendered valuable service as a member of the Council from 1910 to 1913 and again from 1920 to 1924. He also acted as an examiner for five years.

It was soon apparent, however, that it was the study of the legal aspects of life assurance which especially attracted Barrand and he read for the Bar, being 'called' by the Middle Temple in 1906 after gaining a Certificate of Honour and the Barstow Law Scholarship.

Barrand's legal erudition was readily placed at the disposal of the actuarial profession in a series of papers submitted at sessional meetings of the Institute. Among these may be mentioned:

On some legal points arising in life assurance practice, *J.I.A.* Vol. XXXIII, p. 205.

Debentures of trading companies as investments for life assurance funds, considered in their legal and financial aspects, *J.I.A.* Vol. XXXIV, p. 421.

Further notes on some legal aspects of life assurance practice, *J.I.A.* Vol. XLI, p. 109.

The Assurance Companies Act, 1909. Some explanatory notes on such portions of the Act as relate to the business of Life Assurance, *J.I.A.* Vol. XLV, p. 257.

He was joint editor of the 5th edition of *Bunyon's Law of Life Assurance* as well as contributing to the *Journal* over a period of years Legal

Notes on cases of interest to the insurance world. He also attended the International Congresses in London, Paris, New York, Berlin, Vienna and Amsterdam, contributing papers dealing with legal and actuarial subjects.

Barrand always took a keen interest in politics and in 1918 became Coalition Liberal Member of Parliament for the newly created constituency of Pudsey and Otley, holding this seat until the election of 1922 when he was defeated in a three-cornered contest.

That a man of so versatile a nature should have still another major interest in his life will cause no surprise to those with whom he came in contact. Religious and social work appealed to him strongly, and whether acting in connexion with such bodies as the Ragged School Union or the Band of Hope, as a local preacher or a councillor, he gave unstintingly of his best.

A long life, sincerely devoted to high ideals, has ended, leaving a record of service as an inspiration to those who follow after.

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