

Henry Barnes, O.B.E., M.D., LL.D. Contributed by his daughter,
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HENRY BARNES, O.B.E., M.D., LL.D., was the third son of Mr Joseph Barnes, yeoman, and was born at Aikton, Cumberland, on 20th July 1842. He was educated at St Bees Grammar School, and afterwards at Edinburgh University. He graduated M.D. with honours in 1864, and in the same year he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England). He settled in Carlisle in 1866, and in 1873 he was appointed honorary physician to the Cumberland Infirmary, which position he held till 1903. He was then appointed consulting physician, in which office he remained up to the time of his death. From 1904 to 1910 he was chairman of the committee of management. In 1906 he was elected one of the vice-presidents, and in November 1920 he accepted the office of president. It will thus be seen that his labours for the Cumberland Infirmary extended over nearly half a century. Large extensions were made to the institution in 1908. A new Nurses' Home was built, a new ophthalmic and X-ray department were provided, and additional wards added. An inscription over the door of the Nurses' Home states that it was named "the Barnes Wing in recognition of the services rendered by Henry Barnes, M.D., in the enlargement of the Infirmary." It was also mainly due to his efforts that the Infirmary received a grant of £30,000 from the British Red Cross Society at the end of the war.

Dr Barnes was keenly interested in the work of the British Medical Association. It was through him that the Cumberland and Westmorland Branch was formed. Later on the area was extended and the title was changed to the Border Counties Branch, and in 1876 he was elected president. In 1896 the annual meeting of the British Medical Association was held in Carlisle under Dr Barnes' presidency. Two years later, when the annual meeting was held in Canada, the degree of LL.D. from the McGill University was conferred upon him. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1882), a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a Fellow of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh.

In addition to his professional work for the Cumberland Infirmary, Dr Barnes was physician to the Carlisle Dispensary, the Carlisle Fever Hospital, the Border Counties Home for Incurables, and consulting physician to the Silloth Convalescent Institution. In 1907 he helped

to found the Cumberland Branch of the British Red Cross Society, and acted as honorary secretary from the time it was founded to 1918. During the war his work was most strenuous, and in recognition of his services he received from the King the O.B.E.

Dr Barnes was made a Justice in 1887, a county magistrate in 1889, and in 1904 he was appointed chairman of the Cumberland Ward Justices. He was also intensely interested in antiquarian and archæological research, and papers by him have appeared in the *British Medical Journal*, the *Lancet*, the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, and the medical journals of New York, Philadelphia, St Louis, and Toronto. He also contributed papers on the historical side of medicine to the *Transactions* of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society.

Dr Barnes founded and was president of the Carlisle Branch of the Medical Mission Auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society, and was deeply interested in its welfare.

Dr Barnes was able to work, as he would have wished, to the end, passing away on 12th April 1921 after only a week's illness, from heart failure following bronchitis. His kindness of heart, courtesy of manner, social disposition, and well-stored mind endeared him to all classes of the community.