

WILLIAM ELDER, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., was educated at the Knox Institute, Haddington, and Edinburgh University. He became a Resident Physician in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and in 1893, after assisting in general practice in Kirkcaldy, Manchester, and Leith, he was appointed Assistant Physician to Leith Hospital. From 1894 until 1909 he was Physician with full charge of wards, and from 1909 was Consulting Physician to the Hospital. He was the author of several important medical works and a frequent contributor to medical journals.

Dr Elder was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1904, and died in Edinburgh on 2nd July 1931, aged 66.

JOHN EDWARD GEMMELL, M.B., C.M. (Edin.), became House Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and Demonstrator in Pathology and Holt Scholar in Pathology and Physiology at University College. Later he held the appointments of Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for Women, and to the Maternity Hospital, Liverpool. Dr Gemmell was a past President of the Liverpool Medical Institute, and was twice President of the North of England Obstetrical and Gynæcological Society. He was the author of papers in the *Brit. Journ. of Obstetrics and Gynæcology*, 1905, 1908, with A. L. Robinson in the *Lancet*, 1921, and in the *Med. Pres. Circ.*, 1926, etc.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1914, and died on 24th January 1931, aged 68.

CHARLES ROBERT GIBSON, LL.D. (Glas.), who was born in 1870, was a well-known writer of popular science books. From 1922 until 1925 he was President of the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. Dr Gibson did most of his literary work whilst actively engaged in business as head of the firm of Gibson Bros., curtain manufacturers, Pollokshaws.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1910, and died on 6th January 1931. (See also notice in *Proc. Roy. Phil. Soc. Glas.*, vol. lix, 1930-31, p. 59.)

JOHN ANGUS MACDONALD, M.A., B.Sc., lately Science Master, King Edward VII College, Johannesburg, died in Edinburgh on 28th June 1931.