

OBITUARY.

DR. H. MACNAUGHTON JONES.

WITH the death of Dr. H. MacNaughton Jones a striking and distinguished figure disappears from the medical stage. To the readers of the *JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY* he was best known in connection with the British Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Association. Four years after he graduated he founded the Cork Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, and four years later the Cork Maternity. For ten years he was Demonstrator and Lecturer of Descriptive Anatomy, and subsequently University Professor of Midwifery in Queen's College, Cork, as well as Examiner in Midwifery (Obstetrics and Gynæcology) in the Royal University of Ireland for seven years. His energy was extraordinary, and he was eminently many-sided in his activities. He jocularly claimed that he was a general specialist, and there was certainly very considerable foundation for the claim. His utterances in our special association were always well considered and illustrated from his vast experience. He was certainly greatly blessed beyond many other speakers by the possession of a most mellow and round-toned voice, which, with his handsome physical personality, gave him what others were inclined to think almost an unfair advantage. As a new-comer to London he had, like others, to run the gauntlet of the usual difficulties presented to an outsider, but it is on record that no one ever made a more favourable impression than he did among the officers and members of the British Gynæcological Society when they came to understand his character as expressed in his modes of thought and action. The writer of this notice remembers his first association with Dr. MacNaughton Jones when, in the early eighties, they together attended upon the wife of a general practitioner in the East End of London, and the patience, dexterity, and sympathetic manner of the older man made a lasting impression upon the younger one, who accepted it as the model of what the manner of the good physician ought to be. It is reported by an anæsthetist who once had to administer for one of his operations that the doctor in charge was half an hour late, that a steriliser full of instruments was knocked over, and everything occurred which could ruffle the temper, but Dr. MacNaughton Jones was utterly undisturbed, and preserved an equanimity characteristic of a refined gentleman and a model doctor.

His work on the diseases of the ear and nasopharynx had a character of its own in which it differed from many of the more stereotyped works, and in its later editions he had the collaboration of several colleagues, so that the work became a very complete one. He brought out an atlas with many representations of the tympanic membrane in disease, which in its day was very helpful to students of the subject.

He was seventy-three at the time of his death, and until his late illness retained a most exceptional amount of the freshness and activity of youth.

DR. M. PROSSER JAMES.

The name of Dr. Prosser James has of late years been chiefly familiar to those who passed through Deanery Street, as, owing to his age and infirmity, he had for long retired from active practice. He was a physician of a wide range of interest, and at the London Hospital was for a time Lecturer on Forensic Medicine and then on *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics. He was one of the pioneers in the use of the laryngoscope and rhinoscope, and assisted in the development of Golden Square Throat and Ear Hospital as a training school for specialists.