

man. That he was conscientious to a degree, and considered any matters brought to his notice without any personal bias, is well known to all those who had dealings with him. That he never believed ill of anyone I can testify from long association with him; that those who opposed him were mistaken in their views was only a natural conclusion from the belief that he had in his own, but that any other motive influenced them in opposing him did not enter into his calculations. Above all, he was full of sympathy for suffering humanity. He spent an enormous amount of time in his hospital work, not only in making his observations and in watching the progress of the wounds under different methods of treatment, but also in relieving the suffering of the patients. He was often remonstrated with by the committees of the hospital to which he was attached for keeping patients in the hospital for a very long time, but he looked on the hospital as an institution for curing the patients, and would not let anyone leave so long as he was likely to obtain further benefit from remaining in it. When he came to London, there were several patients in his wards in Edinburgh, chiefly cases of spinal disease with abscess, who would naturally have been sent home after he left. Rather than allow them to run the risks consequent on that procedure, Lord Lister had several of them transported to London and placed in nursing homes at his own expense, and they were kept there for months, and in one case years, until the disease was cured.

W. WATSON CHEYNE.

FUNERAL SERVICE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Upon the news of Lord Lister's death, the Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) at once offered the signal honour of burial in Westminster Abbey. This, however, was rendered impossible by the circumstance that it was Lord Lister's wish that he should be laid to rest at West Hampstead Cemetery, where his wife had been interred in 1893. Accordingly, the decision was taken to hold a funeral service, and to accord the full ceremonial which would have attended an actual burial within the Abbey had that been practicable.

The body was taken to the Abbey on the evening of Thursday last, in the charge of the near relatives, being received by the Dean and clergy. It was then deposited in the Chapel of St. Faith, where an offering of prayer was held.

Impressive indeed was the funeral service next day. The King was represented by Sir Frederick Treves, Queen Alexandra by Sir Francis Laking, and Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) by Mr. Oswald Balfour. The Prime Minister, Lord Lansdowne, the Lord Mayor of London, and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh attended. A gathering representative of the Corps Diplomatique, Government departments, British universities, scientific and medical societies, and many private individuals, all drawn by the same desire to pay a final tribute of respect, filled the Abbey in every available part.

The foreign delegates who attended were :—

M. Gabriel Lippmann, For.Mem.R.S., president, Paris Academy of Sciences, with Profs. Chaveau, For.Mem.R.S., Dastre, and Roux; Prof. Pozzi, Academy of Medicine, Paris; Prof. E. Roux, Pasteur Institute; Prof. Garré, president, German Congress of Surgeons; Prof. H. Treub, Dutch Medical Society, Amsterdam, and University of Amsterdam.

Many foreign learned societies were also represented, in addition to the foregoing, through the nomination of men of science in this country.

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On the part of the Royal Society there were present :—

Sir Archibald Geikie (president, who took part as a pall bearer); Sir Alfred Kempe (treasurer); Sir Joseph Larmor and Sir John Bradford (secretaries); Sir William Crookes, O.M. (foreign secretary); Dr. Lazarus Fletcher; and Sir John Kirk.

The pall-bearers and chief mourners were as subjoined :—

Pall Bearers.

Lord Rayleigh, O.M. (past president of the Royal Society, and Order of Merit); Lord Rosebery (Chancellor of the University of London); Lord Iveagh (Lister Institute); Sir Archibald Geikie (president of the Royal Society); Principal Sir Donald MacAlister (University of Glasgow); Sir Watson Cheyne (King's College, London); Mr. R. J. Godlee (president of the Royal College of Surgeons); Prof. Francis M. Caird (University of Edinburgh).

Sir Hector Cameron (University of Glasgow), who was to have been a pall bearer, was prevented by illness from fulfilling the duty.

Chief Mourners.

Mr. J. J. Lister, F.R.S., Dr. Arthur Lister, Miss Lister, Mr. R. G. Godlee, Mr. J. Lister Godlee, Mr. Lister Harrison, Mrs. Phear, Colonel and Mrs. Montagu Broun, Mr. P. Godlee, and Miss Christina Godlee.

At the Chapter House a procession was formed, comprising the chief mourners and immediate friends, together with representatives specially designated from civic, learned, and other institutions. Preceded by the choir and officiating clergy, the coffin was borne through the Cloisters from the Chapel of St. Faith, the while the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was sung. From the nave to the choir the opening sentences of the Burial Service were sung, in procession, to the setting by Dr. Croft. The coffin was deposited temporarily on a high catafalque at the steps of the altar. On the pall lay the insignia of the Order of Merit, Knight of the Prussian Order "pour le Mérite," and Knight Grand Cross of the Order Dannebrog.

A wreath of orchids and lilies, sent by the German Emperor, and brought to the Abbey by his Excellency the German Ambassador, was carried before the bier on its way to the choir. Floral tributes came also from the Pasteur Institute, Paris, the German Society of Surgery, and Dutch Medical Society.

After the lesson, an anthem by Handel was sung. Composed for the funeral of Queen Caroline in 1737, it was chosen for the special appropriateness of the words. These are appended :— "When the ear heard him, then it blessed him: and when the eye saw him, it gave witness of him. He delivered the poor that cried: the fatherless and him that had none to help him. Kindness, meekness, and comfort were in his tongue. If there was any virtue, and if there was any praise, he thought on those things. His body is buried in peace, but his name liveth evermore." Goss's anthem, "I heard a voice," followed.

At the conclusion of the service, and whilst the coffin was being borne from the Abbey, the "Dead March" in *Saul* was played by Sir Frederick Bridge.

The following acted as stewards in the choir, transepts, and Chapter House :—

King's College Hospital: Dr. Gillett, Major Lyne, A. C. McAllister, G. Matthews, H. P. Morton, V. E. Negus, H. A. Richards.

University College Hospital: Dr. Chubb, Dr. Cowell, A. Courts, H. Waller, G. E. O. Williams.

Royal Society: T. E. James, F. A. Towle, A. H. White.

Simultaneously with the rites in the Abbey, a memorial service was held in St. Giles's Cathedral, Edin-

burgh, attended by representatives of the Corporation, the University, the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Edinburgh and Leith Medical Practitioners' Association.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY AND RESPECT.

Expressions of sympathy and resolutions embodying appreciation for the work accomplished by Lord Lister have been received by his family and by the Royal Society from all parts of the civilised world. Last week we referred to messages from the King, Queen Alexandra, and other members of the Royal Family, and to the telegram from the Institut Pasteur. We print below a selection, based chiefly upon reports in *The Times*, of the tributes which have been paid by foreign rulers and Governments and by learned societies everywhere, to the character and work of Lord Lister.

So large a number of messages of condolence and tributes to the memory of Lord Lister have been received by his family that some delay in sending individual replies is inevitable, and it is therefore desired to convey through the medium of the Press their grateful acknowledgment of the sympathy which has been so generally expressed.

The King's message, already referred to, stated that his Majesty shares in the feeling that the loss suffered is a universal one, for the world at large owes a debt of gratitude to Lord Lister's memory for all that he achieved to save life and to mitigate human suffering.

The following letter was received from the German Ambassador :—

By order of his Imperial Majesty the German Emperor, who knew the late Lord Lister personally, I will have the honour to lay a wreath on the resting-place of the great savant.

Will you further kindly inform the late Lord Lister's relatives that, acting under instructions from my Government, I have conveyed, through the Foreign Office, to the societies of which Lord Lister was president, the sorrow of the Imperial Chancellor and the Royal Prussian Government?

A telegram was received by Sir Archibald Geikie, K.C.B., president of the Royal Society, from the Marquis di San Giuliano, the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, as follows :—

I beg you to express to the Royal Society the condolences of his Majesty's Government on the death of Lord Lister, whose name will live in perpetual veneration in the grateful memory of mankind. I associate myself personally with the Royal Society's mourning, being attached to that illustrious body by many touching recollections, both of my own references to Italy at more than one of their annual reunions and of eloquent tributes paid by their most eminent speakers to the scientific glories of our country.

At the meeting of the Royal Society on Thursday last, February 15, the President (Sir Archibald Geikie) referred to the signal loss sustained by the society and by the scientific world at home and abroad by the decease of Lord Lister, in whom the society had a special interest as a past president. It was moved from the chair, and resolved by the fellows present rising in their places, that the condolence of the society be sent to the family of Lord Lister, and that the society do adjourn without transacting the business of the meeting, as a mark of respect to his memory.

The Royal Society has received the following telegrams of sympathy from foreign academies and departments of State :—

Germany.

The Prussian Department of Public Instruction mourns in sincerest sympathy with the Royal Society the grievous

loss which science has experienced by the decease of their former president, the great master of surgery, Lord Lister. —VON TROTT ZU SOLZ, Prussian Minister of Instruction.

The Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences send to the Royal Society their heartfelt sympathy in the heavy loss which the society has sustained by the death of their former president. We condole sincerely with you on the decease of Lord Lister as a true benefactor of mankind, whose memory will remain in imperishable honour among all nations.—PRESIDING SECRETARY, AUWERS.

Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, Leipzig, deeply moved by Lister's death, sends warmest sympathy. (No delegates.) (Unsigned.)

Medical Society, Leipzig, sincerely laments their distinguished honorary and foreign member. Personal representation unfortunately impossible.—MARCHAND.

On the occasion of the severe loss which medical science has suffered by the decease of Lord Lister, the League of German Clinics herewith gives expression to their most sincere sympathy.—WESSEL, President, Leipzig.

The Medical Faculty of the University of Munich mourns with you at the bier of Lord Lister, one of the greatest benefactors of mankind. It will always be a glory of Great Britain that she has brought forth this son.—M. GRUBER, Dean.

The Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences regrets that during the University term none of its members is able to take part in the obsequies of England's great son, Lord Lister, but it is at one with the whole civilised world in its grief at the demise of one of the greatest benefactors of mankind whose benevolent life-work can never be lost.—HEIFEL, President.

Russia.

Imperial Academy of Medicine, St. Petersburg, sends its sincerest condolences to the Royal Society on the death of Lord Lister, whose loss has saddened not only England, but the whole medical world.—MOISSEFF, Secretary of the Academy.

Imperial Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, begs Sir Archibald Geikie as honorary member to represent the academy at the funeral of Lord Lister.—OLDENBURG, Perpetual Secretary.

Austria-Hungary.

Imperial Academy of Sciences, Vienna, profoundly deplores the death of the great surgeon and benefactor of the sick, Lord Lister, whom they were proud to count among their honorary and foreign members, and express their sincere sympathy with the Royal Society in their loss.—PRESIDENT BOEHMBAWERK, Becke.

The Hungarian Academy, Budapest.—The Hungarian Academy of Sciences sends its deepest condolence to the funeral of its great member, Lord Lister.—BERZEVUZY, President.

Other Countries.

Academy of Sciences, Paris.—Academy will send to the obsequies of Lister, Lippmann (president), Chauveau, Dastre, Roux. At meeting of the Academy on February 12, M. Lippmann made fitting reference to Lord Lister's life and work.

(A telegram from the Pasteur Institute was published in NATURE last week.)

I join your illustrious society on behalf of the University of the Italian Scientific Institute and with my own personal condolences at the irreparable loss of Lord Lister, to whom science and humanity owes so much.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Accademia dei Lincei, Rome.—The Accademia dei Lincei deplores the loss of their illustrious member, Lord Lister, and begs to be allowed to be represented at the funeral by their member, Sir Joseph Larmor.—BLASERNA, President.

Christiania University.—The Medical Faculty of Christiania University expresses sympathy to the Royal Society in the great loss sustained by the British medical profession and the whole science of medicine by the death of the father of modern surgery, Lord Lister.—DECANIS HARBITZ.

Christiania Scientific Society thanks for kind telegram regarding Lord Lister, and regrets sincerely with the Royal