

FRANCIS JOHN ALLAN, M.D., C.M. (Edin.), D.P.H. (Camb.), was a Scotsman by birth. Graduating at the University of Edinburgh, he became an authority on questions of Public Health, his first appointment as Medical Officer of Health being at Harrow-on-the-Hill. He served on the Councils of the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the Royal Sanitary Institute, and was President of the former in 1915-16. In 1900 the City of Westminster was formed, and Dr Allan was appointed Medical Officer of Health. Here he did great service in respect to tuberculosis, the provision of sanatorium treatment, and in maternity and child welfare. He took a great interest in Freemasonry, and held at various times important masonic offices.

He was the author of *Aids to Sanitary Science*, 2nd Ed., 1903 (with C. E. Allan, LL.B.); *Housing of Working Classes Acts*, 4th Ed., 1916; and *Practical Guide to Disinfection*, 1903.

Dr Allan was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1894, and died on 28th July 1932.

WALTER LEONARD BELL, M.D. (Edin.), F.S.A.Scot., late Surgeon, Lowestoft Hospital; Assistant Physician, District Asylum, Larbert; and House Surgeon, Cancer Hospital, Brompton, was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1915, and died on 24th July 1932.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR DAVID BRUCE, K.C.B., M.B., C.M. (Edin.), LL.D., F.R.S., Chairman, Governing Body of the Lister Institute, was born in Melbourne on 29th May 1855, and educated at Stirling High School and the University of Edinburgh. He joined the Army Medical Service in 1883. He was a pioneer in the study of Tropical Medicine, acting as Director of the Royal Society Commissions: Uganda, 1903; Malta, 1904-1906; Uganda, 1908-10; and Nyasaland, 1911-14. Bruce was President of the Toronto Meeting of the British Association in 1924.

He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society in 1927, and died on 27th November 1931. (For details of his life and work see Notices in *Obituary Notices of Fellows of Roy. Soc. Lond.*, No. I, 1932, pp. 79-85; *Nature*, vol. 129, 1932, pp. 84-88; *Times*, 28th November 1931, etc.)

JAMES ROBERTON CHRISTIE, O.B.E., K.C., M.A. (Glas.), LL.B. (Glas. and Edin.), Advocate at the Scottish Bar, and Clerk of Justiciary in

Scotland from 1918, was born in 1866. He was educated at Albany Academy and Hutchisons' Grammar School, Glasgow, and Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities. He was a member of the University Court, Edinburgh. Mr Christie was one of the Counsel for the Free Church of Scotland in its successful litigation with the United Free Church of Scotland. His publications include *Parochial Ecclesiastical Law of Scotland* (with Wm. George Black, LL.D.), and contributions to the *Encyclopædia of Scots Law*.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in March 1932, and died on 21st August of that year.

THOMAS WILLIAM DEWAR, M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.P.E., Member of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, held the following appointments: Physician, Hospital for Consumption, Dunblane; late District Medical Officer, Provident Department, Metropolitan Hospital, London; Physician, Royal Public Dispensary, Edinburgh; and Lecturer in Anatomy, Extra-mural School of Medicine, Edinburgh. He was the author of papers in the *Brit. Med. Journal*, 1905; *Trans. Edin. Med.-Chir. Soc.*, 1905, 1909; *Trans. Int. Cong. Tuberculosis*, Paris, 1905; and *Glas. Med. Journal*, 1911.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1906, and died on 24th November 1931.

ANDREW FREELAND FERGUS, M.D., LL.D. (Glas.), F.R.F.P.S.G., was born in Glasgow in 1858, and educated in his native city. After graduating he continued his studies at Paris and Utrecht, and returned to Glasgow to build up an extensive practice as an ophthalmic surgeon. He held the following appointments: Hon. Surgeon, Glasgow Eye Infirmary; Lecturer in Physics in Anderson's Medical College, Glasgow (in 1909 he returned to the College as Lecturer on Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery); Ophthalmic Surgeon for the Corporation of Glasgow. In 1915 he was appointed Major in the 4th Scottish General Hospital, and was specially mentioned for his services. From 1918 to 1921 he was President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and was also a Past President of the Greenock Faculty of Medicine, the Royal Chirurgical Society, and the Royal Philosophical Society of Glasgow. Among the subjects dealt with in his numerous publications were miners' nystagmus and seamen's eyesight.

Dr Fergus was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1899, and died on 24th October 1932.