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An Appreciation

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Honorary Treasurer

Since the outbreak of the present war the Fellowship of Medicine has had to bear the loss in quick succession of three of its oldest supporters. Now there has been added a fourth in the person of our late Honorary Treasurer, whose death took place on December 14th, after an illness, borne with characteristic patience and with no thought of repining.

John Swift Joly, though not technically one of our original members, was virtually such, having been associated with the Fellowship for twenty-four years. He served on the Executive Committee for the session 1928-29. At the end of this sessional year he resigned, but was re-elected for 1931-32 and for 1932-33. At the beginning of the 1933-34 session he succeeded Mr. Lockhart-Mummery as Honorary Treasurer, which office he held until his death.

As a specialist in urology he had a wide reputation, to which suitable witness will be found in numerous medical journals. In this brief review we are concerned more especially with the personal character of the man and with all that this has meant to the work of the Fellowship, and to the happiness and joy of those of its staff who were constantly associated with him in that work. To his inimitable Irish humour he added two other outstanding qualities, an unfailing courtesy and a great gentleness of spirit. It was, perhaps, this last trait which endeared him so much to those with whom he came frequently in contact in the office of the Fellowship, especially when, as inevitably happened on some occasions, matters of difficulty arose demanding sympathy of outlook combined with clearness of purpose. The Treasurer was a man to whom one could appeal for help and guidance, and those who worked closely with him did often so appeal, and without hesitation, knowing that he was always their friend and that they were certain of a fair deal.

He will not easily be replaced, for the real value of his work for us lay outside the mere technique of a treasurer's official duties, being bound up with his own personality. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and to his son, Surg.-Lieut. Joly, R.N.V.R. For their irreparable personal loss we hope there may be some measure of consolation in the knowledge that all the affection which John Swift Joly inspired in his associates is the measure of his own personal contribution to his fellow-men. We, who knew and loved him, are grateful for that generous contribution of the grace of life which he possessed so abundantly. *Ave atque vale!*