OBITUARY

We regret to record that Dr. A. R. Neligan died, after two days' illness, on December 8, 1946, at the age of sixty-eight.

Born in Tralee, County Kerry, Anthony Richard Neligan was the son of Dr. J. W. Neligan, who was in practice in Tralee. He received his medical education at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, to which he remained all his life very loyal, and where he had a first-class record as an undergraduate, securing, among many other prizes, the Brackenbury Scholarship and the Matthews Duncan Gold Medal. He qualified M.B. in 1903, taking his M.D. in 1905. Between 1903 and 1906 he held several House appointments at Bart’s.

After 1906 his professional work was divided into two distinct parts. The first period was administrative, and began with his appointment in 1906 as physician to the British Legation in Teheran; during the twenty years of his tenure he was one of the British representatives on the Persian Sanitary Council, for which body he did much valuable work. In 1926 he published a review of the work of the Persian health services, in which he drew attention to the establishment of a Pasteur Institute and a Public Vaccination Service, and to the great progress being made in sanitation.

On retiring from his appointment in Teheran, he concentrated on rheumatic diseases. He spent eighteen months in visiting spas, rheumatic clinics, and hospitals in America and Europe, and was then appointed Superintendent of the Red Cross Clinic for Rheumatism in London. In 1931 he settled in Droitwich Spa as a consultant in rheumatic conditions, a branch of the profession for which his special training, and his experience while in charge of the Red Cross Clinic at Peto Place, had so well qualified him.

Dr. Neligan belonged to many societies devoted to the study of the causes and treatment of rheumatism. He always made an effort to attend rheumatism conferences at home or abroad, and he made many contributions to the discussions at such meetings. For example, he contributed an interesting paper on sulphur metabolism in rheumatoid arthritis to the International Conference on Rheumatoid Arthritis held in Aix-les-Bains in 1934. An article on diagnosis and treatment of fibrositis and neuritis appeared in the Practitioner in 1939; and in 1945 he contributed to the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine a paper on osteo-

Dr. Neligan’s chief recreation was fishing, but he was also a great walker and lover of nature, and a keen gardener. He took an interest in architecture, chiefly ecclesiastical. After settling in Droitwich he called on every Bart’s man resident in Worcestershire, and on several occasions brought them together socially. He will be missed by many friends and colleagues.