

DEATH OF DR. AGNES SMITH. - It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. Agnes Bryce SMITH, M.B., B.S., which took place at the County Hospital on Thursday week. Dr. SMITH, who was only 35 years of age, had suffered a long and severe illness, and her passing will be deeply mourned by a large number of the inhabitants who had been brought into contact with her by professional services. Dr. SMITH came of a well known medical family, being the only daughter of the late Dr. Andrew Scott SMITH, M.A., M.D., Ch.B., of Torr House Chagford, Devon. After graduating in London she filled the post of house surgeon at the County Hospital with great distinction for two years, and subsequently commenced private practice in the town, residing with her mother at Ednam House, Melville-street. She was one of the cleverest lady doctors who have been associated with the County Hospital, and both in that institution and outside she was greatly beloved by her patients not only for her very efficient ministrations, but also for the charming and kindly manner in which they were given. She had relinquished practice for some time owing to failing health, and five days before her death she was persuaded to go into the hospital she had so faithfully served. On her passing, the nursing staff under the direction of the matron (Miss WILLIAMSON) decorated the little chapel with flowers, and there the remains were taken a few hours after deceased's passing.

On Saturday afternoon the first part of the funeral service was held there, the hospital chaplain (the Rev. W. N. MARTIN) officiating. Among the chief mourners were Mrs. SMITH (mother) and Dr. Stuart SMITH (brother), Others present included Dr. J. W. PRIDMORE (senior medical officer), Dr. Ellen SUTHERLAND, Dr. R. LAIRD (house surgeon), Mr. W. E. GRIFFIN, the matron (Miss WILLIAMSON), and representatives of the nursing staff, maids, and porters. Mrs. DUNFORD presided at the organ, and the hymns, "Peace, perfect peace" and "For all the saints" were sung. The interment was at the Cemetery, and the large collection of flowers included tributes from the Hospital Committee, the medical staff, the matron and the nursing staff, the domestic staff and porters. Dr. A. A. STRATON, of Newport, and Ald. A. ANDREWS, J.P (chairman of the Hospital Committee) were prevented from attending.
