

OBITUARIES

We have with regret to record the death of three Scottish doctors who in the past have been active in anti-leprosy work.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald Smith has recently died in Scotland at the age of 82. As a young man, with very limited educational and other resources, he determined to be a medical missionary and worked hard to that end. He qualified in Edinburgh at the age of 28 and went to India, first under the Presbyterian Church of England and later under the Church of Scotland. He married a woman doctor, became F.R.C.S.(Edin.), and, apart from a period of seven years in England, spent most of his active life as a medical missionary in Bengal. In addition to general medical and surgical work he established a leprosy hospital in Kalimpong, which attracted many patients from long distances in the Himalayan area in which it was situated. He continued to work there until 1939 and then, until 1944, worked in South India. He then retired.

His wife, **Dr. Elizabeth G. Macdonald Smith**, shared his life work and died 18 days later than her husband.

Dr. Donald Dow received his medical training in Glasgow, and from 1933 he was medical superintendent of the Leprosy Hospital, Dichpalli, Hyderabad, Deccan, India, till 1944 when he returned to Scotland for health reasons. He took up a country practice in Angus, and was soon widely known and respected.

He made several contributions to the literature of leprosy; he was a keen student of psychology and theology, and was active as a lay preacher.

He had, it is believed, been considering returning to leprosy work. His death occurred suddenly, while he was travelling, at the age of 49.