

## Obituary

### G NEWBERRY FOX, Esq, OBE

We recently received the following tribute from The Leprosy Mission in London –

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The death occurred today, at his home in Cumbria, of G. Newberry Fox, Esq, OBE, who until 1974 was General Secretary of The Leprosy Mission.

Born in Banbury, Oxfordshire, in 1906 and educated at Ayton School and Colchester Royal Grammar School, he was apprenticed as a millwright in Carlisle, became an assistant works engineer and, on his marriage in 1929, moved South to join his father-in-law's family building business.

His own father and his mother's father had left a business life to undertake Christian service and he believed that God was calling him into full-time Christian work. Coming as he did from a Quaker family, there did not appear to be any channel into which this call could be directed. However, as a young man, he had a great interest in the work of the then 'Mission to Lepers' and acted for a time as Honorary Treasurer of a supporting fellowship. This interest in the Mission's work was recognized when he was elected to the Council of the Mission in 1944 and he also served as Chairman of the England and Wales Council.

In 1958 Mr Fox was appointed Secretary for England and Wales and he believed that this was the fulfilment of the task which God had prepared for him in life. In 1962 a United Consultative Committee of the Mission met to consider future work and Mr Fox was appointed Promotional Secretary. With his active faith, business acumen, and great energy, his activities in this new field of work opened important doors of support in Europe and laid the foundation of the Mission's extensive work in many countries of that Continent. He also helped to foster closer relations between Headquarters staff and the supporting auxiliaries throughout the world.

In 1965 he was appointed as General Secretary of The Leprosy Mission, as it had become known. He and Mrs Fox journeyed far and wide on behalf of the Mission during a period of growth in the extent of the work. Mr Fox's work was recognized nationally when he was awarded the OBE in 1974. He retired in the same year and returned to live in the Lake District. Mrs Fox

pre-deceased her husband and Mr Fox remarried in 1978. He still retained an active interest in the work of The Leprosy Mission and was, at the time of his death, a Vice-President of the Mission.

His evangelical Christian faith, his advice, and his understanding will be sorely missed by former colleagues and the many friends who came into contact with him during his years of Christian service.