

OBITUARY

GEORGE E. SHANAHAN

(Died 11th February, 1944)

George Edmund Shanahan was born in Newry, County Down, on 9th September, 1856. He started his career about the year 1872 in the Newry and Armagh Railway, which was purchased by the Great Northern Railway Company (I) in 1879. In 1893 he was appointed Assistant to the General Manager. In 1896 he became Assistant Secretary to the Board of Works, which position he held until he retired in 1921. In 1906 he acted as Secretary to the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways, which reported in 1910.

He was elected a Member of the Society on 20th December, 1910, and was elected to the Council for the first time for the Session 1912-13, so that for nearly 32 years he was intimately concerned with the government of the Society. He became Honorary Treasurer on 7th May, 1925.

The healthy condition of the Society's finances is a monument to George Shanahan's competence, the kind of monument he would have desired. In a letter to him during his last illness the President wrote: "We are mindful of the great service which you have so unselfishly and for so many years rendered the Society, the strong financial position of which is due largely to your fine work".

ROBERT J. ROWLETTE

(Died 13th October, 1944)

Robert James Rowlette was born in Carncash, Sligo, in the year 1873. He received his early education at Sligo School and later went to Trinity College, Dublin. He took his M.D. Degree in 1899 and in 1913 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Amongst the many appointments which he held at various times were the Presidencies of both the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy of Medicine. He was King's Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in Dublin University and Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacology at the Royal College of Surgeons. He was the author of many papers on medical subjects and editor of the Journal of the Medical Association of Éire

He was elected to Dáil Éireann in 1933 and to the Seanad in March and August, 1938, as one of the representatives of Dublin University.

He was elected a Member of the Society on 28th February, 1919, and joined the Council for the first time in 1926-27. His frequent contributions to the discussions were characterized by reasonableness and tolerance, qualities which were particularly valuable in the counsels of the Society. These qualities were also much in evidence in his Society paper on "The Relation of the Medical Profession to the Public", a subject with which he was pre-eminently well equipped to deal.