He preserved a keen interest in two recreations—firstly in Scottish history, and secondly in fly-fishing. He was the author of a biography, *Ian Roy of Skellater*, a Scottish soldier of fortune, and he never visited Scotland without enlarging his knowledge of bygone heroes of his country. One of his chief delights was in graveyard inscriptions.

In those who had the benefit of his acquaintance, he inspired a feeling of respect and affection which will long remain. Though long resident in England, he preserved, both in manner and in mind, the distinctive attributes of the Scot, a fact which served to endear him to both his Scottish and English friends. As a member of a small debating club, consisting of medical men, to which Dr. Neil belonged, the writer preserves a lively recollection of his many speeches; no matter what the subject, Dr. Neil always spoke with a fulness of knowledge and a kindly humour.

He leaves a widow, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt in her loss.

Dr. C. Williams, Acting Medical Superintendent of the Warneford Hospital, writes: "He was an exceptionally good as well as clever man, and as an administrator, business man, and master of method I never met his equal. By his unceasing energy, and untiring devotion to its interests he brought the institution over which he presided to the highest pitch of perfection in every department, and his loss is a most serious one, and, on account of his constant thought for the comfort and happiness of those around him, is deplored by all connected with it. By no one, however, is his death more deeply deplored than the writer of these lines, who was associated with him for many hours daily for the last twelve months of his working life, and who not only learnt much from him, but also to love him for his genial, kindly nature, and especially for his numerous acts of consideration and kindness to him personally."

Dr. Chas. A. Mercier writes: "Permit me to lay upon the grave of my friend Dr. Neil a wreath of respect and affection. He belonged to a nation among whom I am privileged to count many intimate friends, and he had a full measure of the quality—humour, which we southrons pretend they do not possess, besides others that we cannot pretend to deny to them—thoroughness, sound sense, business ability, and professional skill. I have sent many patients to his care, have often visited them at the Warneford, and can speak from personal knowledge of his unwearied kindness to them, often reciprocated by suspicion and abuse, and of the constant solicitude with which he worked and hoped, even in very unpromising cases. His crowning merit was that he never attempted to divert the purpose of the founder of the Warneford, to afford treatment and care on the most moderate terms—in a large proportion of his cases on charitable terms—to patients of the educated classes. He never angled for patients who could pay high fees, nor did he attempt to substitute an impressive but uncomfortable magnificence for the solid homeliness and comfort of the Warneford. When we think of the number of patients that came under his care, of the atmosphere of tranquility and goodwill that he maintained around him, and of the help that so many found in reliance on his strong character and sound judgment, we can form some estimate of the good that can be done in a quiet and unobtrusive life. He found his appropriate field of activity; he laboured in it with unremitting diligence; he won the respect and regard of all around him; his life, if it was unambitious, was useful, fruitful, and happy. Who could wish more to be said of himself?"—(Abstracts from the *British Medical Journal*, June 27th and July 4th.)

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