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DR. J. N. MARSHALL.

John Nairn Marshall, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., a Past President of the Society, died at his home, Stewarthall, Bute, on 15th March, 1945. The following tribute was paid to his memory by Dr. J. V. Thomson, Vice-President, at a meeting held in the Museum on 27th March:

"It falls to me to-night to make reference to our sad and serious loss through the death of Dr. Marshall, and to give honour where honour is due.

"Eloquent tribute was paid to Dr. Marshall as a doctor and a man at his public funeral service, and his medical career and work will be the subject of a column in the "British Medical Journal." My remarks will relate to his activities in the realm of Natural History.

"He was born at Pollokshields, Glasgow, in 1860. Even in his youth he took a great interest in natural history, exploring the resources provided by the Old Monkland Canal and the Possil Marshes. It was this interest that took him into medicine, and, now a doctor, he came to Bute in 1892. Whether by choice or chance we do not know, but he had lighted on a land rich in its flora, from that of the mountain tarn to that of the seashore, rich in its fauna, from its roe deer to its humble caddis worms, and abounding in archaeological interest. His was not a coming to a land "where it was always afternoon," but to a life of strenuous and prolonged activity.

"It was largely through his enthusiasm and energy that the present Society was instigated in 1905, and he continued to support it through all its vicissitudes and changes of home right up till the time of his death. That is a wonderful record of continuity of purpose.

"While he was especially well up in zoology, being for some years an examiner in that subject for the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, he had a considerable knowledge of botany, geology, and archaeology, and did some original work in the last named.

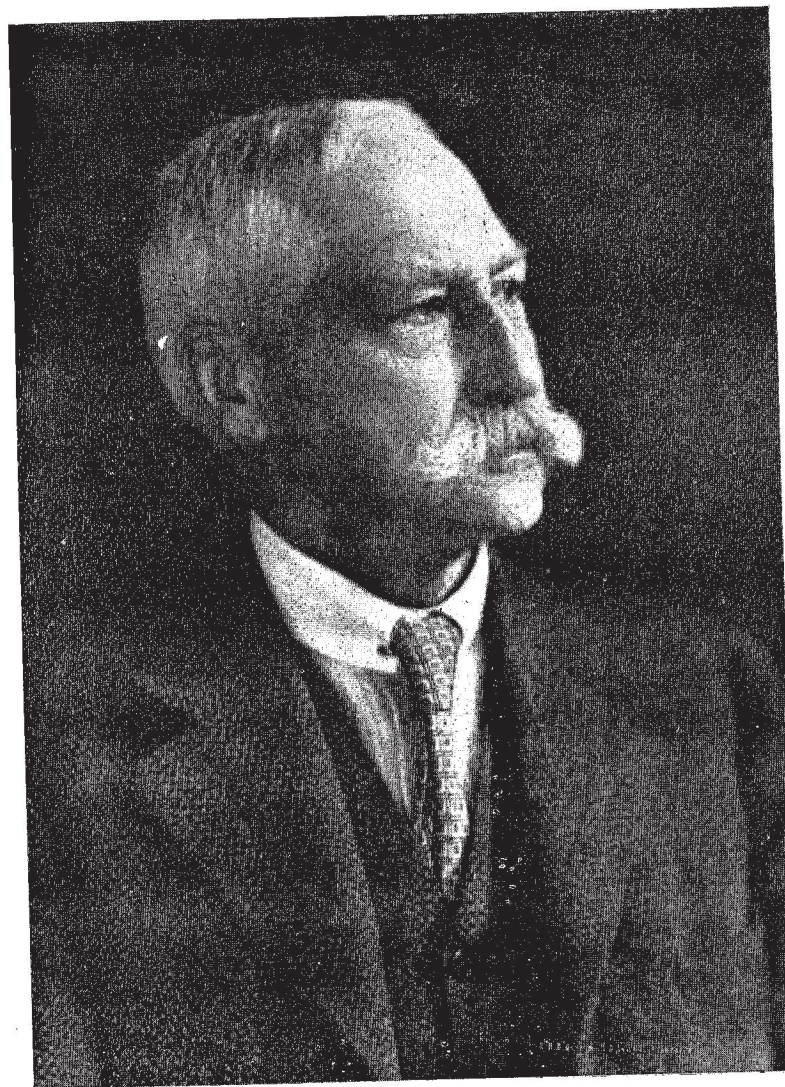
"This Society is indebted to him for his good offices in securing for us many good lecturers, and also for providing them with hospitality on their visits to Bute.

"He had a great kindness and charm of manner, traits which, combined with his wide reading and retentive memory, made him a delightful host in a home where guests were the rule. We are also indebted to him for the large amount of work he did to bring the Museum to its present high standard. Nevertheless, while he did much for the Society, this Society did something for him, for he enjoyed these meetings and the contacts he made here, as well as all the benefits that accrue from having a hobby of absorbing interest.

"I have two proposals to make—

- (1) That our Council be instructed to consider the matter of commemorating Doctor Marshall.
- (2) That our deep sense of loss through his death, and our appreciation of his many and great services to this Society and Museum be minuted, and an excerpt of this minute with our expressions of sympathy be sent to his wife and family."

[The Society is indebted to Dr. Barclay Ness for the portrait of Dr. Marshall.]



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