OBITUARY DR WALTER MALDEN

Valuable Work as Pathologist at 1st Eastern General Hospital.

As briefly announced in yesterday's issue, the death of Dr Walter Malden took place at his residence, Bateman House, Bateman-street, on Monday. Dr Malden was taken ill with an internal complaint during June, and an operation performed at St Thomas's Hospital in July gave only temporary relief. He is survived by a widow, two sons—one serving in the RAMC and one a civilian prisoner of war in Germany—and three daughters.

Dr Malden, who was born at Datchet on August 11th, 1858, was the second son of the late Rev Clifford Malden, for many years Rector of St Laurence, Isle of Wight. He was educated at Windlesham House, Brighton, and at Repton College. Coming up to Trinity College, Cambridge, Dr Malden took his BA degree in 1881 and his MA in 1885. From Cambridge he went to Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and obtained the degree of MB and MD. He practised for a number of years at Pembury, Kent, and Tunbridge Wells, but returned to Cambridge in 1903 and took up research work. He was one of the gentlemen who advised Mrs Bonnett to erect the Bonnett Pathological Laboratory at Addenbrooke's Hospital, in memory of her son, and Dr Malden was the first to be in charge of the Laboratory.

When the war broke out Dr Malden joined the staff of the 1st Eastern General Hospital as a pathologist, taking the rank of Captain in the RAMC. At the 1st Eastern he did very valuable work until his illness.

Dr Malden was a keen Freemason, being a member of the Alma Mater Lodge, No 1492, of which he was WM in 1913 and Provincial Grand Deacon in the following year. He held office in the Euclid Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and was also a member of the Old Reptonian Lodge. Friendly Societies came in for much of his interest. He performed a useful part in helping to smooth the differences which arose between members of the approved societies and the medical profession on the passing of the National Insurance Act and the creation of medical panels.

Dr Malden had a decided leaning towards literary work, and was a prolific writer on medical subjects. He was one of the founders of the "Medical World" some years ago, and occupied the editorial chair until recently. Since 1915 he had been chairman of the Directors of the "Cambridge Chronicle" Ltd, and during the two years or so that the "First Eastern General Hospital Gazette" was published he proved a highly successful acting editor.

He was a progressive Conservative in politics.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday), the first part of the service being held at St Bene't's Church, and the interment took place at Mill-road Cemetery.

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