

Obituary

CHARLES V. O'MALLEY, L.D.S.I.

Charles O'Malley, who died at his home in Limerick on the 16th of January, 1968, was President of our Society in 1965. He had been a member of the Committee from 1945 until his death, serving also as a Vice-President in 1963, 1964, 1966 and 1967.

Charlie O'Malley, as he was affectionately known to a large circle of friends, came of a distinguished Limerick family, and carried on a highly successful dental practice in his native city. He attained the very highest honours in his profession—President of the Irish Dental Association, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, Foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, and Member of the Board of the Dublin Dental Hospital. He was keenly interested in dental education and in the general advancement of his chosen profession.

As a citizen of Limerick he will be long remembered for his work on the City Council to which he was elected in 1941. He was particularly active in matters connected with housing, and also in the anti-tuberculosis campaign which was a major issue in public affairs at that time. A brilliant and forceful speaker, he was much respected by his fellow Councillors, and he gave generously of his valuable time in the service of the citizens.

He maintained a keen interest in this Society for many years, attending its meetings and outings whenever he could spare the time from his busy professional life. He could always be relied upon to enliven such proceedings by intelligent questioning of a lecturer or by some anecdote appropriate to the occasion. He was a man who enjoyed a joke or witty repartee, signifying his delight with a characteristic chuckle.

With his great friend, the late Stan Stewart, former Honorary Treasurer of this Society, he met many prominent figures in Irish literature, art and archaeology, such as the late Frank O'Connor, the O'Faolains, the late Professor Seán P. Ó Ríordáin, and many others. A gracious host, he entertained many a visiting lecturer in his elegant home where furniture and paintings bore witness to his good taste. He entered fully into the social life of his native city, and was a well known member of the Limerick Institution, the Limerick Boat Club, and the Adare Golf Club.

Charlie O'Malley was a big man in the best sense of the word, and a generous one, as his kindly attention to his old friend, Stan Stewart, in his last years illustrates so well.

The medical profession, in one or other of its branches, has provided our Society with many distinguished members down through the years; Charlie O'Malley was one of them and one who will not easily be replaced. We mourn his loss and pray for his eternal rest.

A. B. KILLEEN

The Society also tenders its sympathies to the relatives of the following members deceased during the year:

MRS A. DOUGLAS, Cragmoher, Corofin, Co. Clare.

SISTER M. EITHNE, St. Mary's Convent, Limerick.

MRS. M. B. O'MALLEY, "Llandover," North Circular Road, Limerick.

May they rest in peace