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Industrial medicine has lost one of its most distinguished pioneers with the passing of Dr. W. D. Jenkins, chief medical officer to the South Metropolitan Gas Company. He was a student of the Middlesex Hospital, and before studying medicine took a B.A. degree with honours in the University of Wales. At the outbreak of the war of 1914-18 he volunteered as a combatant and was commissioned in the Royal Artillery, and saw active service until he was invalided home in December, 1917. He then returned to his medical studies and qualified as M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1921. Subsequent to this he practised in South Wales and was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in the County of Glamorgan.

Dr. Jenkins was one of the founder members of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers, and gave good service as a member of the executive committee. He joined the South Metropolitan Gas Company in 1932, and with the company's close support introduced a medical service of the highest order. He studied the occupational hazards of the gas industry with an enthusiasm which was most infectious, and became a leading authority on the causation, prevention and treatment of pitch and tar cancer. His contributions to medical knowledge were made more by the spoken than by the written word. A few weeks before his death he arranged with the collaboration of his company a practical demonstration of the industrial problems in this field for the advisory panel on dermatological problems in industry to the Minister of Labour and National Service. He was a Freeman of the City of London, and was intimately connected with the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in London. At the time of his death he was surgeon to the Brigade in the County of London. He was a prominent member of the Savage Club. Dr. Jenkins was a man of outstanding personality, of great courage and charm, and possessed an aptitude for the clear expression of his opinions. With all this, and his specialized knowledge in the field of industrial health, he will be remembered by all who worked with him, whether as a worker, employer or as a medical colleague, until they too pass on, as a man of great humanity, honesty and unselfishness, and we his friends for many years will feel the loss of his impartial counsel and courageous presence.

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