

Death of Dr. A. T. Wilson

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Well-Known Bridge Practitioner

We regret to record the death of Dr. Arthur Thomas Wilson, at his home in Bridge, on Friday.

Dr. Wilson, who was 67 years of age, was born in Dublin, was Irish, and came to Bridge to practice medicine in 1906. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin University, and held the following degrees, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., B.A. Dr. Wilson, who was devoted to his work, had lived with his brother, Mr. J. B. E. Wilson for 33 years. His father, Mr. James Wilson, was a well-known Irish Barrister.

The doctor had been M.O. at Bridge Institution since he first came to the village, and held the same position at the old Isolation Hospital, Bishopsbourne. Dr. Wilson was extremely well liked and respected in the village and the surrounding district. He leaves two brothers, Mr. J. B. E. Wilson and Brig.-Gen. Sir Samuel Wilson, late permanent Under Secretary for State for the Colonies.

The funeral took place in Ireland on Tuesday, Dr. Wilson's ashes being buried in the family vault.

A Personal Appreciation

For years he resided in Bridge, near Canterbury. A small man with a big heart, an Irishman's sense of humour and a characteristic laugh. A doctor, no, more than a doctor, a friend in need. How many, for miles around, will mourn for him in silence. In the large mansion and in the small cottage, aye, even the tramp on the road will, if he pass through Bridge again,

learn of this death with a tightness in his throat. Nothing was too small for this man to see and understand, no one was too poor for him to sympathise with and comfort. For years he knew the trials and troubles of multitudes, yet never have I heard him say one word to the detriment of any. Unconscious of self, he gave his whole time to his people, and would often spend hours in sympathising rather than take the rest he sorely needed. Described in my hearing once by a Bishop as "A Christian" no man could deserve that appellation more than he. Yet his Christianity was not artificial, it was lived. Rarely have I discussed religion with him, but what he thought could be known by how he lived. So passes from sight a doctor, a man and an example, for if only one person can say "that man was a comfort and strength to me," then surely he has not lived in vain.