

ALBERT QUIQUET

By the death, on 22nd August, 1934, of M. Albert Quiquet the Institute of Actuaries has been deprived of a corresponding member of many years' standing and France of one of its most eminent actuaries.

Born in 1862, Quiquet became a full member of the French Institute of Actuaries in 1893 and later Actuary of *La Nationale Vie* (one of the most important French companies), a position which he held for nearly thirty years. In that capacity he played his part in the preparation of the Centenary Volume presented to the Institute by that company (*J.I.A.* Vol. LXII, p. 353) to which reference should be made as it contains a well-deserved tribute to his activities.

Apart from his official duties, the deceased was the author of many papers in the *Journal* of the French Institute of Actuaries and in other mathematical journals on the Continent, although he is probably best known to British actuaries by reason of his contributions to each International Congress from the first onwards. These dealt with such varied subjects as "History of the Actuarial Profession in France" and "Four Bastard Laws of Mortality"—the last a neat example of intricate mathematical analysis applied to a practical commercial purpose. On the whole, however, Quiquet's tastes and contributions to actuarial science tended towards mathematical by-ways which are better known and appreciated on the Continent than in this country. Probably, therefore, few members were intimately acquainted with his work and fewer still with his personality, but those who had that privilege will long remember the unfailing courtesy and personal charm of this great actuary.

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CHARLES WILLIAM KENCHINGTON

By the death of Mr Charles William Kenchington, which occurred on 30th October, 1934, a grievous loss was sustained not only by the Life Office he had served with such distinction but by the actuarial profession.

Trained in a hard school, he had from an early age devoted his untiring energies first to the acquisition of a far-reaching knowledge of his profession, secondly to the task of preparing students for the examinations of the Institute of Actuaries and thirdly to the practical application of his technical knowledge to the solution of the many and varied problems associated with the great and rapidly expanding business of Industrial Assurance to which he devoted his life.

Born in London in 1879, and educated at Owen's School, he entered the Head Office of the Prudential Assurance Company in 1894 at the early age of fifteen. He became a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries

by examination in 1902 before reaching the age of twenty-three. He did a considerable amount of coaching, and for a time undertook the herculean task of coaching for all four examinations of the Institute simultaneously. That he was successful in this work is proved by the fact that quite a number of well-known Actuaries of to-day are indebted to Kenchington for their success at the examinations.

In 1914, following the death of Mr H. W. Manly (Consulting Actuary), he was offered, and accepted, the position of Actuary to the "Wesleyan and General" in Birmingham, thus severing a connection of twenty years with the "Prudential." In his new capacity Kenchington was able to take an important part in the deliberations of the Association of Industrial Assurance Companies and Collecting Societies, where his experience and knowledge were always helpful on all matters affecting Industrial Assurance.

Mr Kenchington was first elected to the Council of the Institute in 1916, and was a Member of it at the time of his death—his total periods of service being fourteen years. He was a Member of the Board of Examiners from 1920 to 1923. He contributed several papers to the Institute, and frequently took part in discussions. He took an active interest in the Students' Society, and undertook the editorial duties connected with the first two publications of the Consolidation of Reading Series.

Always ready to give a helping hand to the younger men in the business, he was one of the founders of the classes commenced in Birmingham after the War for Life Students for the Examinations of the Chartered Insurance Institute, and he acted as a tutor himself for some time. He was President of the Birmingham Insurance Institute 1928–29, and served on its Council for many years. He was also a founder of the Birmingham Actuarial Society, being its President from 1924 to 1927. He took a particularly active interest in this Society, and his versatility was well shown by the ready manner in which he was able to take part in the discussions which took place whatever the subject might be. He retained in an unusual degree his knowledge of those subjects which are of peculiar interest to students.

Mr Kenchington attended a number of International Actuarial Congresses, and took part in the proceedings—including that held in Rome this year when he was much in evidence both in the Quirino Theatre and at the social events connected with the Congress. The hospitality of Mr and Mrs Kenchington on these occasions was enjoyed by many friends of different nationalities, but it throws an interesting light on the kindness which always characterised them to mention a singularly thoughtful little episode of which the writer was a witness at Rome. It was customary for Actuaries and their wives to exchange invitations to dine one with another, but it was Mr and Mrs Kenchington who gave a little dinner party one evening to all the actuarial representatives attend-

ing the Congress from Japan, and a very happy party they were in the genial company of their host and hostess.

Added to Kenchington's high qualities as an Actuary and Administrator was a charm of manner which endeared him to all who knew him. He was a genial and staunch friend—sympathetic and kind to a degree, and was a popular Member of the Actuaries' Club, the Gallio Club, and the Denarius Club. Truly may it be said of Kenchington that he left the world a better place than he found it, and his many friends and colleagues who mourn his loss are rich in treasured memories.

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