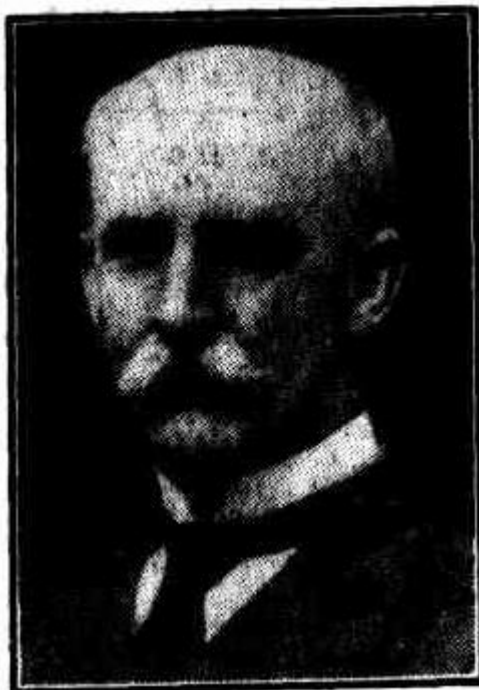


DR. J. B. NASH.

Death Announced.

A FINE CAREER.

Dr. John Brady Nash, M.L.C., died at Sydney Hospital early yesterday morning, aged 68 years. His was a fine record of service to the community—first as doctor and benefactor of hospitals at Newcastle, where he practised for many years, and later as consultant, member of Parliament, and soldier at Sydney.



Dr. Nash was the elder son of the late L.C. Andrew Nash, of Wallsend, who came from County Cork, Ireland, to Victoria in 1857, and later settled in New South Wales. He received his earlier education from his father, and at St. Patrick's College, Melbourne. He matriculated in Sydney in 1877, but, since no Australian school of medicine then existed, he had to proceed to Edinburgh University for his medical training. His career at the University was a distinguished one. He took honours in several subjects of graduation, and carried on post-graduate studies in London, Dublin, and Paris, before returning to New South Wales. At the time of his death he held the degrees of M.D. (Edinburgh) and M.D. (Sydney), to which he was admitted "ad eundem gradum" in 1903, and M.R.C.S.

Dr. Nash began practice in New South Wales at Lambton in 1882. Two years later, on his father's death, he took up the Wallsend practice. He attained early eminence as a surgeon, submitting several papers to the medical congresses of Australia and New Zealand. He was honorary surgeon at the Newcastle Hospital, and, later, at the Wallsend Hospital, for the erection of which he was largely responsible. The Wallsend Hospital, was built from plans arranged by him.

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Dr. Nash took a very keen interest in the work of the Legislative Council. As one of its members he was often an outspoken critic of the administration, but his strictures were always conceived in a kindly spirit, and were never carping. His fellow-members, whatever their shade of political thought, unanimously respected him.

Dr. Nash had a military career of distinction. He was associated with the volunteer movement as it existed in New South Wales before federation, and rose to the rank of major in the Lambton Company of the 4th Irish Regiment. When the war broke out he volunteered, and served in Egypt and on the Peninsula before returning home. At the present time his name is in the Army List as major and honorary lieutenant-colonel, and as the holder of the Victorian Decoration (V.D.) for service.

Dr. Nash's death was the result of a paralytic seizure, which overtook him in the forenoon of Friday last. He had been in indifferent health for some months. He leaves four daughters, Mrs. Bruce McLachlan, Sister Hyacinth (of the Dominican Convent, Maitland), and the Misses Kathleen and Gertrude Nash.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 3 p.m. to-day. At its conclusion, Dr. Nash's remains will be taken by train to Newcastle, where they will be buried in Sandgate Cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

"I knew the late Dr. J. B. Nash intimately for thirty-five years," writes Dr. Richard Arthur, M.L.A. "No one could have wished for a kinder or more loyal friend. No trouble was too great for him to take for any who came to him for sympathy or assistance. His high professional skill was constantly at the disposal of those who sought it, and without fee or reward save the knowledge of benevolent service rendered and good work done. As a surgeon he was in the very front rank."