

## Wilfred Hall

Wilfred Hall, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.A.S., J.P., died at his home at Tynemouth on May 1st at the age of 78. He was the son of James Hall, Shipowner and philanthropist who, with his brother John Hall founded the firm of Hall Brothers, Newcastle upon Tyne. Wilfred Hall was a graduate of Cambridge (Christ's College) and became an Electrical Engineer, being responsible for the formation of the Hexham Electric Supply Co., Later he became Chairman of his Father's firm, Hall Brothers, and director of several Tyneside firms. He carried on his father's good work as Chairman of the Wellesley Training Ship Management, now the "Wellesley" Nautical School, and as Chairman of the Northumberland Village Homes, both of which institutions were founded by James Hall. These

were only two of his many philanthropic activities. . He was Vice-Chairman of King's College Council in the University of Durham and a member of the Senate of the University, who conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science in 1930, for valuable scientific work accomplished and for his untiring interest in the work of King's College.

As an amateur astronomer he did valuable photographic work with the 15-inch refracting telescope in his observatory in the Cheviot Hills at Hepple; and much work also on solar and Laboratory Spectra with his 21-ft. diffraction grating.

In the early thirties he set to work to form a Municipal Museum of Science and Industry in Newcastle, and with this object he enlisted the co-operation of Sir Charles Parsons and Professor Granville Poole and others with the result that Newcastle now owns one of the finest Science and Engineering Museums in the country. A man of wide sympathy his many good and generous works were performed without ostentation and, on occasion, anonymously. The late Dr. Hall joined the B.A.A. on 1913 June 25.—H.W.D.