

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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### OBITUARIES

#### DR. ISABEL KERR

Dr. Isabel Kerr died recently at the Dichpali Leper Hospital, in the Nizam's Dominions, Southern India, after many years of work with the lepers in that region.

Born at Fochaberson-Spey, Scotland, in 1875, she graduated in medicine at Aberdeen in 1903, married the Rev. George M. Kerr, and went with him to India, where he was the superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission station at Nizamabad.

For twelve years Dr. Kerr had charge of the mission hospital at that place. During that time the sympathies of the couple were drawn especially to the lepers of the region, and ultimately they were enabled to establish a leprosy hospital at Dichpali, to which they afterward gave their entire attention. With Dr. Kerr as physician and her husband as administrator, an institution was developed that became well known because of the quality of work done in it and the advanced policy they followed. Unlike most mission leprosy institutions, it was run as a hospital for treatable cases rather than as an asylum for hopeless chronics. In 1923 Dr. Kerr was awarded the Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal in recognition for her services.

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