OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COL. ALFRED STOWELL JONES, V.C., M.I.C.E., J.P. (Berks).

Col. Jones, who died at Finchampstead on May 29th, 1920, at the age of 88½ years, was the last surviving member of the first Council appointed by the Sanitary Institute in 1877. At that time he had just retired from a brilliant military career in India during which he had been awarded the V.C., and had also received severe wounds, which resulted in the loss of one eye and other disablement. Whilst in the Army in India he continued his studies, and passed an examination in civil engineering and surveying, and on his retirement from the Army in 1872 he became the tenant of Wrexham Sewage Farm and consulting sanitary engineer to the Wrexham Urban authority, being at that time 40 years of age. Here he set himself the task of putting things in order and of proving that with proper skill in management the sewage of a town could be efficiently purified by land treatment. He became a well-known exponent on this method of treatment, and obtained the award to Wrexham of one of the only two prizes ever offered for competition for the best-managed sewage farm by the Royal Agricultural Society.

In 1878, after six years' working of the farm, he wrote his well-known pamphlet, "Will a Sewage Farm pay?" In 1884 he gave evidence before Lord Bramwell's Commission on Metropolitan Sewage Discharge, and his suggestions attracted a good deal of attention and commendation.

His connection with the Wrexham Sewage Farm ended in 1891, and in 1895 he was asked by the War Office to report on the Aldershot Camp Farm, and was eventually appointed manager at the age of 63, and held office for 17 years, retiring in 1912 at the age of 80, after a very active life full of many interesting incidents.

Col. Jones married in 1863 Emily, daughter of the late John Back, of Aldershot Place, Surrey, who died in 1918, having some years previously celebrated their golden wedding. He leaves one son and one daughter, four very promising sons having pre-deceased him, the last one, Percy, having fallen in Mesopotamia during the war.

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