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DR. A. C. RAYNER, of Fulwood, Preston, who died on November 25th, at the age of 74, had been in practice in Preston for fifty years. He was a student at Charing Cross Hospital and took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.S.A. in 1864, and graduated M.D.Durh. in 1882. He devoted himself to his work to a degree remarkable even in a medical practitioner; regularly, day after day, he began at 8 a.m. and rarely finished till 9 p.m. He never allowed himself to miss a day or part of a day- through sickness during, the whole of the fifty years in Preston till within two weeks of his death. His favourite recreations -were walking, cycling, and reading. He spent many of his short summer holidays in the Lake District, and at 58 thought nothing of ascending Scawfell Pike by the Piers Ghyll route. He had a wide knowledge of English literature, and was especially fond of poetry, and history. He was a very old member of the British Medical Association and had been president of the local Branch. He was a man of quiet, unassuming, and reserved manner, but none the less had great determination and strength of mind. He had a large practice and was much respected in his town, especially by the poorer classes, amongst whom he did a great deal of charitable work in his characteristic, unostentatious manner.

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