

IN MEMORIAM

In the summer of 1982 sindonology grievously lost three eminent, dedicated workers.

Quietly, as he slept, the Hon. DANIEL ALLEN-GRIFFITHS slipped away from this life in which repose, for decades, had been forestalled by his labors for the Holy Shroud. The intensity of his willingness is shown by the fact that, from January to April of this year, he gave fifteen lectures in his native England. On May 2 he died, aged 76 years.

In 1955, he mounted the first photographic exhibit of the Shroud in England; and in 1957 founded the Holy Shroud Information Centre of Nottingham, of which he was the Hon. Secretary. Author of numerous articles, his only book, published in 1964, entitled "Whose Image and Likeness?" has gone through three reprints.



The Hon. Daniel Allen-Griffiths displays the Papal medal, Bene Merenti, presented to him by his Bishop earlier this year.

Allen-Griffiths established a Shroud shrine in an ancient Benedictine abbey in Scotland, another in St. Winifrede's Church, the national shrine of Wales, and was completing a shrine in England at Our Lady of Walsingham, place of pilgrimage for one thousand years. Next, he would have planted that last seed in the United Kingdom by establishing a shrine in Ireland.

He prided himself on being a mere working man, but set himself to learn Greek, study exegetics and read all main authorities. His tireless efforts to spread the Shroud message were rewarded, at High Mass this year, by the Papal medal Bene Merenti.

His last day on this earth was typical of his energy and zeal; he was, in fact, in great form, writing, making phone calls and trying to arrange another TV broadcast. A thoroughly good man, he could be said to have worked his heart out, every day, for nearly half a century; an example of what a man can do when his mind is centered in Christ the Master.

Rev. Charles Foley
and Dorothy Crispino

In June, the Baron GIOVANNI DONNA d'OLDENICO was convalescing from surgery and his complete recovery was expected; but his work, too, was done. For many years President of the Royal Confraternity of the Holy Shroud and at one time President of the International Center of Sindonology, Prof. Donna d'Oldenico wrote extensively on the history of the Holy Shroud in Piedmont. He was a Promoter of SINDON, official journal of sindonology, published in Turin, from its very inception in 1959. His leadership will be sorely missed.

Another lifetime of work for the Holy Shroud closed with the passing of Don PIETRO SCOTTI, S.D.B., Professor at the University of Genoa. From 1939 onwards, his articles appeared frequently in *Osservatore Romano* and other prestigious publications. In that year, he gave a report at the National Congress of Shroud Studies in Turin and later edited the Acts of that Congress along with the Acts of the First International Congress, Rome and Turin, of 1950. In 1980, under his supervision, an anastatic reprint was made of this important volume.

In 1940, Don Scotti translated Pierre Barbet's book, *The Five Wounds of Christ* into Italian; 1943 saw his article on the history and science of the Shroud in the *Enciclopedia Cattolica*, and in 1961 he contributed the Shroud entry in the *Grande Dizionario Enciclopedico UTET*.

In 1947, he gave a report at the III International Congress of Medicine, held in Lisbon.

Let it not be forgotten that it was Don Scotti who, in 1940, coined the word "sindonology" and gave us its simple, all-embracing definition: "Sindonology is an interdisciplinary science."

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