



Dr CECIL COPE RETIRES

After 38 years of treating sick patients in Andover and district, Dr. Cecil Cope retired on Friday.

Dr. Cope had earned a popular reputation since he came to the town in 1940. Born in Dublin, he studied medicine at that city's Trinity College, where his other interests included rowing.

He was a member of the senior eight which took part in the Ladies' Plate at Henley Regatta in 1926.

In 1927 he qualified and followed a family tradition, his father being a well-known Dublin doctor, and his brother also being a doctor.

Dr. Cope's nephew is a specialist in London.

He started in Andover on 1 July, 1940, at the London Street surgery, which was to continue in use until shortly before last Christmas when the partnership moved to the new Adelaide Road Health Centre.

He was chairman of the Winchester Division of the British Medical Association in 1954, and chairman of the Hospital Medical Staff Committee at Andover for five years.

Dr. Cope was also on the local Medical Committee and Hampshire Executive Council for a number of years.

Formerly resident at Croye House, he and Mrs. Cope built their own home at Wherwell, to where they moved 18 years ago.

They have two children and four grandchildren.

A retirement party was held at the Medical Centre on Friday when the centre staff presented Dr. Cope with an onyx electric clock and his colleagues gave him a Waterford glass decanter.

Dr. Cope will continue to be on standby should the centre ever need his experience.