

LORD HEADLEY

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

Lord Headley, who died on Saturday in a London nursing home at the age of 80, had had a long career as an engineer, a large part of which was spent in India. He became a Mohamedan 22 years ago. He was the first peer of that faith to make the pilgrimage to Mecca, and was entitled to the prefix of Hadji.

The only son of the Hon. R. Allanson-Winn, nephew of the third peer, Rowland George Allanson-Winn was born in London on January 19, 1855. After a short period at Westminster School he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1874, and won the middle and heavy weights in the university boxing competition. He contributed the volumes on boxing to the All-England series, 1888, and the Isthmian series, 1897, and was also the author of "Self-Defence," 1893. He took his degree in 1878, and at first engaged in educational work, and was then for two years editor of the *Salisbury Journal* and for seven years secretary to the late Sir F. Seager Hunt, M.P. He contested South Kerry in 1892 as a Conservative, but only received 86 votes.

In 1892 he began practice as a civil engineer, was engaged on works in Kashmir and Ireland, and completed the Baramula-Srinagar road in 1896. In Ireland he was appointed engineer to the Arklow Harbour Commissioners, and was concerned in problems of foreshore protection in both Ireland and England, on which he wrote a number of technical papers. He was awarded on two occasions the Bessemer premium of the Society of Engineers, of which he was Fellow and past president, the silver medal of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, and the silver medals of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland in 1902 and 1903.

In January, 1913, he succeeded his cousin as fourth Lord Headley, Baron Allanson and Winn of Aghadoe, in the peerage of Ireland, that being the form of the original creation in 1797; he also succeeded as eleventh baronet of Nostell, Yorkshire (1660), and fifth baronet of Little Warley, Essex (1796). In the same year he was converted to the Mohamedan faith, and 10 years later made the pilgrimage to Mecca. He was president of the British Muslim Society, and had been occupied with the scheme for building a large new mosque in London. He was invested with the first class of the Order of the Nahda of Arabia by King Hussein of the Hejaz. In January, 1925, he informed an interviewer that he had been three times offered the throne of Albania, but had refused, observing that "there is no salary attached to it; the only thing that goes with it is trouble and the almost certainty of assassination." Lord Headley was three times married, and had four sons by his first wife. He is succeeded by his son, the Hon. Rowland Patrick John George Allanson-Winn, born in 1901. In addition to boxing, he was fond of other sports—fishing, rowing, skating, swimming, fencing, shooting and golf.

The funeral will take place at Brookwood Cemetery to-morrow at 12.30 p.m.