

**MR ROBERT  
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DAWSON,  
O.B.E., M.Sc.**



It is with deep regret that we have to announce that Mr R. B. Dawson of 32 Oak Avenue, Bingley, passed away peacefully in the Keighley Victoria Hospital on Wednesday, 12th February.

He will always be remembered as the first Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute from its foundation in 1929 until he retired at the end of 1963. The success and reputation which the Institute enjoys today is due in large measure to the careful foundation which he laid and to his own resourceful character. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1956 in recognition of his life's work and the Board of Management made him an Honorary Vice-President on his retirement.

Mr Dawson is survived by his widow (Mrs M. K. Dawson), his son and three married daughters.

The funeral was held at the Nab Wood Crematorium, Bingley, on Tuesday, 18 February at 11 a.m. The B.G.G.A. and the Northern Section were represented by Mr G. Herrington (Chairman B.G.G.A.), Mr A. Robertshaw (Chairman Northern Section), Mr H. Herrington, Mr F. G. Smith and Mr J. Parker.

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**“ PRACTICAL LAWCRAFT ”**

The sixth edition of *Practical Lawncraft* was published in February by Crosby Lockwood only a few days before the death of its author, R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., M.Sc.

In some sense this book must epitomise his life's work and since that work encompassed the whole field of preparing and maintaining turf for sport and pleasure, it has become a standard work for guidance and reference. It is precise where precision is possible, it is reticent where to generalise would be imprudent. The thoughtful greenkeeper will learn as much from its broad approach to the problems discussed as from the specific advice given to counter and solve them.

There is probably no other volume which can be recommended to the practical man without some reservation. This alone is a tribute not only to the author's knowledge of his subject but of the people who would most benefit from it.

The price is 35s.