

W. J. GARDNER, M.B.E.

Billy Gardner died on the 7th July 1966. He had been ill since January

He was the genius at the heart of artisan golf for more than 30 years and his connections with the movement were older still. That example will inspire his Association for many years to come.

He was a true friend of greenkeepers, understood their problems, encouraged them in their golf and their work. Those who met him year by year at the Artisan Tournament will not forget his special welcome.

The next issue of the *Artisan Golfer*, the magazine which he edited until last year, will be devoted to his memory. The tributes of his countless friends will be a measure of his achievements.

Punctilious in discharging his official duties, he used them equally to fashion bonds drawing 10,000 golfers together into a unity which reflects his virtues, above all his desire to serve his fellow men.

