

APPRECIATION

Mr. Samuel Turner, J.P.

If Rochdale honours Miss Gracie Fields for distinction in one sphere it finds ample ground for honouring Mr. Samuel Turner, J.P. in another, for he has won a premier place in the commercial and industrial life, not only of Rochdale but of the nation. He comes of stock with a fine tradition in business and in public service. The second and elder surviving son of the late Alderman Robert Turner, J.P., he began his business career at the age of 18 with Turner's Asbestos Co. Ltd. and has for many years been the guiding hand and brain in the vast expansion of that great concern and of the series of amalgamations now controlled by Turner & Newall Ltd., of which he is Chairman. A generous supporter of his Church, and of good causes generally in the town, he has recently made himself responsible for the cost of a series of nursery schools in Rochdale and for the new dental school and hospital which is being provided for Manchester.

A Rochdale magistrate since 1928 and High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1930, he is also an author. In collaboration with Dr. H. B. Gray, the well-known High School Master, he produced the volume, "Eclipse or Empire"; he was himself the author of "From War to Work"; and he has written a good deal on other public questions. He is a member of the Council of the Manchester University and his leading place in the industrial world justifies his inclusion on the Roll of Freemen of his native town.



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