

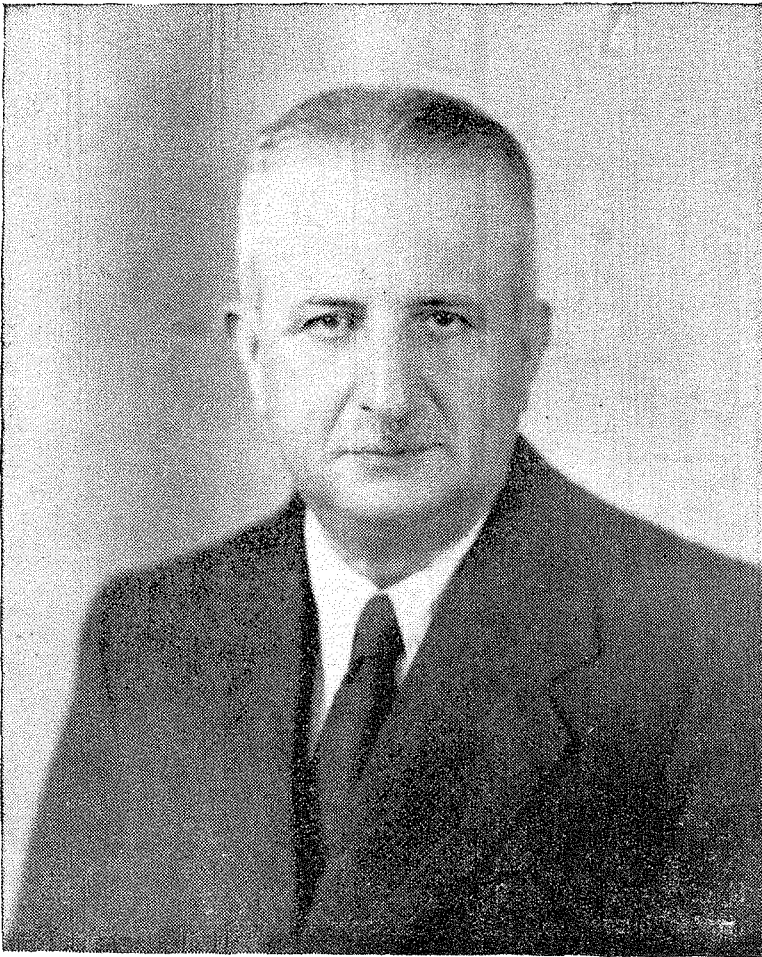
Prof. J. Hyzler

Dr. J. Paris writes:

Dr. Jos. Hyzler B.Sc., M.D., emeritus professor Royal University of Malta, aged 67, died at Valletta on the 24th. October 1953 after a short, inexorable illness. A leading and highly esteemed member of the Maltese Medical Community, Prof. Hyzler was not less

heart and intellect were impressive. In 1909, he secured the B. Sc.; and in August 1913, he graduated M.D. at the Royal University.

He started his professional career as resident medical officer attached to the surgical wards at the Central Civil Hospital, Floriana. From 1917 to 1923 he held the billet of clinical assistant to the



honourably known for his political and patriotic activities. Since the days of his studentship, his superior qualities of

The Hon. Dr. J. Paris, Minister of Education, was a colleague of Prof. J. Hyzler and one of his closest friends.

Professor of Surgery. In the meantime he proceeded to Italy where he followed postgraduate courses at Naples and at Rome, specialising in Otorhinolaryngology, a branch of science practically unknown in Malta at that time. In 1926 he was appointed Professor of Forensic

Medicine at the Royal University of Malta, an office which he had to relinquish in 1946 on reaching the age limit of 60. That Chair he honoured by his deep learning and his exceptionally high qualities as a master. His clear, practical and illuminating lectures will for many years to come remain vivid in the minds of his students, who will also remember him as a fatherly examiner in Anatomy, Surgery, Semiotics and Mental Diseases. In 1927, Prof. Hyzler represented the Island at the International Congress of Forensic Medicine at Florence. His exceptional ability in Forensic Medicine was proved by his authoritative opinions in medico-legal disputes of high responsibility occurring in both the Civil and Criminal Halls of the Law Courts. In fact he was the officially recognised expert in such cases. The Legal Profession has missed in him an able upright and most conscientious referee.

His uncommon professional qualities were recognised by the Government by appointing him a member on such varied Boards as the Medical Board, the Leprosy Board, the Council of Health and the Mental Board. Prof. Hyzler has also served as Prison Visitor and as Commissioner of Charity.

Parallel with his professional success, goes his career as a politician. In this field his activity started as early as 1919-1920 when the First National Assembly leading to the 1921 constitu-

tion was formed. At that time he had joined the ranks of the "Unione Politica Maltese". In 1932, he was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly in the interests of the Nationalist Party.

In 1945, Prof. Hyzler was nominated a member of the Executive Government Council.

Prof. Hyzler worked hard in the various sub-committees on which he was appointed by the National Assembly which was formed for the purpose of drafting the New Constitution of 1947. In that Assembly, he represented the Camera Medica, the historic institution so dear to his heart and of which he was the President until his death.

In the Electoral campaign which followed in 1947, Prof. Hyzler was returned to the Legislative Assembly as leader of the Group of the Democratic Action Party. In the Assembly, he was chosen member in various select committees of the House. His contributions to the Press on parliamentary procedure carried weight and were most instructive.

Both as a professional and as a politician, Prof. Hyzler was held in high esteem by the whole Maltese population as was shown by the highly representative cortege of friends and admirers from all walks of life, who gathered at the Addolorata Cemetery on the 26th. October 1953, the day of his funeral to pay their last tribute to so much respected and beloved fellow citizen.