

A Great Lion Has Passed On

ANOTHER Past International President, the beloved Charles H. Hatton, of Wichita, Kan., has been called to his reward. He passed away suddenly, of a heart attack, Sunday evening, August 23.

His going was such as he would have wished—one clear call while he was going about his daily tasks. He had but recently returned from the great International Convention, where his wise counsel helped in making the gathering the success it was. He had been in precarious health for a few years, but his sudden taking was unexpected.

The tremendous influence for good exercised by Charlie Hatton is not yet realized by the world. It was by his leadership that the Code of Ethics was made an activity of International. It was through his efforts, aided by Howard Schroeder, that the three-volume book, "Studies In Conduct"—later issued in six volumes—was prepared and published. That alone would have been a great life work for any man. To him it was one of the ordinary chores of a Lion.

He was elected International President at a time when the Association most needed a strong, steady, capable hand and a sober, level head. He took the helm in 1932-33, when the full effects of the depression were being felt. His experience as a financier, and his strong common sense, helped to bring the Association through unscathed.

Charlie Hatton was a lovable man, a humble man, but one who sat in high places. He was Past Master of his Lodge, and a member of the higher orders; trustee of his church; member of several bankers' associations; a leader among Lions from the early days of his Wichita club.

He was educated in the schools of Kansas where he was born; at the University of Colorado; and at the University of Sorbonne, Paris.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Fode Hatton, known to all Lions who have attended the International Conventions. And he leaves tens of thousands of sorrowing friends throughout Lionism.

