

"Whatever the work to be done, or the end to be gained, Dr. Clouston puts out his full strength to accomplish it."

The onerous and responsible duties of the Asylum, and the multiplicity of his other engagements began gradually to tell on his health, and in 1908 he wisely resigned the post he had filled so long and so well. With greater leisure his health materially improved, and he by no means sought retirement. He continued his consultation work and his lectures, and his pen was as facile and busy as ever.

To one of his active habits and eager mind a long illness would have been specially trying, and he had often expressed the hope that this might not be his case. He had his wish—suddenly becoming unconscious, and passing painlessly away.

Thus ended a vivid, laborious, and useful life, crowned with success and honour.

DAVID YELLOWLEES.

As one of the oldest of Clouston's friends, I feel that I should like to contribute a few lines to his memory.

I had known him for forty years, and there seemed to me very little difference in the Clouston of the 'seventies and of the new century. Always earnest, always eloquent, ever ready to combat any unsupported statement.

Full to overflowing of facts and experience, hard perhaps to persuade, but, convinced, he was ready to accept the new position. A ready writer, his tendency was perhaps to too frequent appeals to the public, but he was so fully persuaded that he had a very important message to deliver that he was bound to write.

He was too late to be able personally to conduct original pathological work, but he encouraged it in all those under him.

His forte undoubtedly was clinical. In the wards and in the lecture theatre he was a master, and Morningside became a Mecca for the student of psychiatry.

He did not read foreign medical literature, and his writings represent the result of his own enormous experience.

I wish I had known him in his Orkney home, for I should like to have a memory of him with a gun or fishing-rod, as well as with a pen and case books.

Earnest, strong, and practical, he will leave a name on our Roll of Honour.

GEO. H. SAVAGE.

The life of a man with the energy, capacity, and opportunity such as the late Sir Thomas Clouston had must needs provide much material for study and record. No doubt the editors will receive many accounts of that life, especially in its central and later periods; I venture to offer a few remarks concerning the earlier portion, when, as his assistant, I had the best of opportunities for noting his characteristics. The success which attended his administration of Morningside in itself predicates the existence of a fixed plan, and of a vigorous determination to carry out that plan. Of these there was plentiful evidence. On his taking up the position of Physician-Superintendent a quiet change at once came over the office-work, the case-books, note-taking, etc. So too with the regrouping of his patients, the tightening up of discipline, and so forth. All this was brought about almost before the greatness of the change was recognised. Dr. Clouston was then indeed a young man for such a responsible post, which was made the more onerous by reason of the necessity for radical changes. Nevertheless, it was recognised early that on young shoulders there was an old head. Dr. Clouston's personal enthusiasm in improvement carried all with him. The thing that struck one most was his enormous capacity for work. Even then there was a considerable number of private patients of the higher classes, involving much correspondence, as well as personal attention. Beyond these the whole of the rate-paid department was visited each day, and with such care that a thorough knowledge of each case, private or pauper, was acquired with astonishing rapidity. The daily round with him was, of course, most instructive, as he had a masterly way of quietly pointing out similarity of points in various cases, which was the first step towards the classification of his patients. Indeed, classification in those days was so simple as to be nearly non-existent. He was a warm supporter of Dr. Skae's aetiological grouping. Though this

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scheme cannot be defended in these more scientific days, I feel bound to confess that from a broad clinical point of view I have found it myself to be quite useful. Dr. Clouston was at that time very ardent in the study and exploitation of drugs, having recently obtained the Fothergill Prize for his work thereon. He was liberal in giving one his views, and thus one got a better idea of the power of drugs, as well as their limitations of usefulness. *Cannabis indica* was then being experimentally used to a great extent. Morningside had not then undertaken section-cutting, or any form of special research, and the work, extensive as it was, was almost entirely clinical. This may be considered to have been fortunate, in so far that nothing interfered with the clinical work that laid the foundation of that great concept of developmental insanity, which will always be regarded as the greatest gift that Sir Thomas Clouston has bequeathed to psychiatry. His doctrine has been settled on sure scientific foundations, but it was his early clinical work which enabled him to draw his scientific deductions with a sure hand.

It is ill work to criticise the points of character in one's former chief. I am spared all temptation to indulge in such criticism, as I have nothing to criticise. He was eminently a just man, and that in itself covers everything. I, and probably all others who had a similar advantage, have always felt that the time passed under his guidance was time well spent, and led to a sensible strengthening by example of those characteristics which are required for the right care of the insane.

H. HAYES NEWINGTON.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, July 22nd.

The Divisional Meetings are proposed as follows:

*South-Eastern Division*.—October 6th, 1915; April , 1916.

*South-Western Division*.—October 22nd, 1915; April 21st, 1916.

*Northern and Midland Division*.—October 7th, 1915; April 27th, 1916.

*Scottish Division*.—November 19th, 1915; March 17th, 1916.

*Irish Division*.—November 4th, 1915, Royal College Physicians, Dublin; April 6th, 1916; July 6th, 1916.

## APPOINTMENTS.

Burke, J. D. G., M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Superintendent, Exeter Asylum.

Ogilvie, W. M., M.B., C.M., Aberdeen, Medical Superintendent of the Ipswich Borough Mental Hospital.

Rowan, Marriott Logan, M.D., R.U.I., Medical Superintendent of the Derby County Asylum, vice Dr. Legge, retired.

## ASYLUMS ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following particulars have been kindly supplied to the Editors through the medical superintendents of the county, borough, and district asylums of Great Britain and Ireland.

## ASYLUMS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO WAR HOSPITALS IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

Birmingham Borough, Rubery Hill, now "Birmingham War Hospital."

Bristol Borough, Fishponds, now "The Beaufort War Hospital."

Cardiff Borough, now "The Welsh Metropolitan War Hospital."

Lancaster County, Winwick, now "The Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington."