

After lunch Dr. Bruce conducted members for an enjoyable walk along the banks of the River Tay, after which tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Bruce, was much appreciated.

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#### OBITUARY.

THOMAS IVOY CONSIDINE, F.R.C.S.I.

Although not widely known to members of the Association outside of Ireland, Dr. Thomas Ivoy Considine had a large circle of friends both in the Irish Free State and in Northern Ireland, with whom his official work had brought him in contact, and who, like many others, readily fell under the influence of his charm of manner, kindly nature and sterling qualities of mind and heart. To all such the unexpected news of his passing has come with a shock of sincere regret.

Dr. Considine came of a stock representing the best class of Irish country society. The youngest of the sons of the late Mr. Heffernan Considine, he was born in 1868 at the family country seat, Derk, Pallas Green, co. Limerick. He received his early education at Clongowes Wood College. He studied medicine at the school of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. He took the qualifications of the Irish Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in 1894, and proceeded in 1900 to the Fellowship of the latter college. In 1894 he was appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Central Criminal Asylum, Dundrum, a post which he held until 1910, when he was appointed to succeed the late Sir George Plunkett O'Farrell as Inspector of Asylums in Ireland. In this latter position he showed the qualities for which he was always distinguished, of straightforward fearlessness in doing what he considered right, combined with kindly consideration towards both patients and officials. When I joined him in 1911, in succession to the late Dr. Edward Maziere Courtenay, I acquired for him feelings of appreciation, liking and respect, which have never changed. When I ceased to be connected with the Dublin department, it fell to my lot to be a good deal in communication with him in connection with the adjustment of certain matters between the services of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland; and here also his attitude was always marked by kindly reasonableness, which greatly facilitated the successful carrying out of the necessary arrangements. On the change of government in 1922, the Irish Free State authorities offered him the post of Resident Physician and Governor of the Central Criminal Asylum, vacant owing to the retirement of his former chief, Dr. George Revington. He held this post until his retirement in 1933 on attaining the age of 65 years. He had married in 1915, and in the following years four children were born to him and his wife, so that a happy family life, combined with congenial work, for which he was particularly well fitted, rendered the period following his return to Dundrum the happiest of his career. As has been said by one who knew him well, "With all his strength of character, he was intensely sympathetic and tender-hearted, so that everyone came to him with their troubles", and he took the keenest interest in his patients, one of whom said that he had made the place a home. A loyal staff ensured the smooth working of the institution in a spirit of happy co-operation. Last, but not least, he had as his capable second-in-command an old friend of similar tastes and experience to his own in the person of Dr. Gervase Scroope, who eventually succeeded him. His professional standing was recognized by his election in 1910 as an Honorary Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

No account of Dr. Considine would be complete without some reference to his great record as a sportsman. A magnificent cricketer, he was the mainstay of the Phoenix Club, Dublin, in its heyday. For many years he represented his country in international cricket, touring the U.S.A. with the Irish team in 1893. He was an almost equally good forward at Association football. He was well known on the croquet grounds at Ranelagh, where he defeated more than one would-be champion. He was a fine shot. He hunted many seasons with the Ward

Union Hunt, and rode his own horse for the Hunt Cup at Fairyhouse. Lastly, he was a fine billiards player and an unquestioned authority on that game. Those who had to do with him in other fields would never have guessed his sporting prowess from anything in his conversation. But he carried the best qualities of a sportsman into the work of his professional career. I am indebted to Dr. Scroope for much of this and of other information.

For a year previous to his retirement Dr. Considine's heart had been giving him trouble and was a cause of constant anxiety to his friends. The end came with unexpected suddenness, and he was spared what might have been a long and painful illness and an incapacity which would have been galling and irksome to one who had led so active a life.

So passed a man of the true knightly breed, whose frank charm of looks and manner was the true index of a brave, straightforward and kindly heart; a man of many varied endowments of mind and body which won him a host of friends; one who endeavoured to do his duty in the sphere in which he was placed. His life was a very happy one, and he has quitted it regretted by all who had known him. Our warmest sympathy goes out to his bereaved wife and family.

W. R. D.

#### CHARLES PLANCK.

On June 18, 1935, there died, *æt.* 78, one who had been a Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association since 1896.

Dr. Charles Planck was the son of the late Surgeon-General Charles Planck. He graduated at the University of Cambridge in 1880, taking honours in mathematics.

After leaving Cambridge, he took up the scholastic profession for some years, before studying for the medical profession. He studied at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he held the post of House-Surgeon. He qualified in 1892.

He joined the staff of the Brighton County Borough Mental Hospital as an Assistant Medical Officer in November, 1894, and was appointed Medical Superintendent in May, 1910, a post which he held until his retirement in September, 1923.

Dr. Planck bequeathed £2000 to St. Thomas's Hospital for the purpose of founding prizes in psychological medicine for senior students.

He was an enthusiastic amateur astronomer, and a well-known chess player, and had a reputation for solving chess problems.

He was a very charming and generous host, and was at his happiest when entertaining friends.

He was very fond of music and had a good bass voice. He was a member of several musical societies, and took a keen and active interest in the Haywards Heath Musical Society.

He had a very kind disposition and a keen sense of humour.

G. H. H.-S.

#### JAMES PRAIN STURROCK, M.D.

When visiting in the north of Scotland in the course of his usual duties, Dr. James Prain Sturrock took suddenly ill at Inverness and, after three days' illness, passed away on April 24.

Dr. Sturrock's death causes a blank in the Board of Control that will not easily be filled. A native of Dundee, he was educated at the High School of that city. He graduated in Arts at St. Andrew's University, and at Edinburgh University he qualified as M.B., C.M. in 1897. In 1907 he was awarded the degree of M.D. with Honours for his thesis. After serving as Assistant Medical Superintendent in the Asylums of Larbert and Midlothian, he became Medical Officer of H.M. Prison and State Inebriate Reformatory at Perth, and in 1914, when the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act came into operation he was the first Deputy Commissioner appointed under that Act.

Dr. Sturrock also served as a member of the Board of Managers of the State