

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

Institution for Defectives in Perth, and was Honorary Examiner in Lunacy and Mental Deficiency law and practice for the Poor Law Diplomas.

Dr. Sturrock performed the many delicate and arduous duties of a Medical Commissioner with great fidelity and much acceptance. He was much liked by the numerous patients who came under his survey, and his sudden and unexpected death on the eve of retirement has caused universal regret throughout those circles which were intimately associated with his work.

Dr. Sturrock leaves a widow, who is a graduate in medicine, and a daughter who is on the eve of qualifying in medicine. H. M.

JOHN HALL MORTON, M.D.

Dr. John Hall Morton, Governor and Medical Officer of Holloway Prison, died in his fifty-second year at his quarters at the Prison on June 6 after a short illness. He was born in Limerick and received his medical education at Trinity College, Dublin, graduating M.B., B.Ch. and M.D. in 1907. He worked for several months with Conolly Norman at Richmond District Asylum to prepare himself for a career in the Prison Service, and was later appointed Assistant Medical Officer at Warwick County Asylum. He joined the Prison Service in 1909, and was promoted to Holloway Prison in 1921 as Governor and Medical Officer, having acted in a similar capacity at Aylesbury Borstal Institution from 1919. From 1930 he also acted as assistant to the Medical Commissioner of Prisons during the absence of the latter from the Home Office.

He was an able and practical administrator, and his success as a Prison Governor and Medical Officer was largely due to his untiring energy, constant devotion to duty and cheerfulness, which were happily combined with firmness and tact, and a desire to promote the welfare of all under his charge. He never flinched from his responsibilities, and did not allow his sympathies to impair his judgment. He was a loyal, unselfish, and a reliable colleague, and his even temperament was particularly suited to the control of a large institution.

His long experience of women prisoners and the practical manner in which he applied his knowledge of mental diseases to the problems of criminal responsibility made him a valued and trusted witness in the Criminal Courts.

He received the King's Jubilee Medal in May in recognition of his public services.

Dr. Morton's interest in his work was mainly practical, and his annual reports to the Prison Commissioners were marked by sound common sense. He wrote an article, "Alcoholics in Prison", which was published in the *Howard Journal*, 1929. He also carried out a careful investigation into the association of alcohol and serious crime, and last year published a paper on "Female Homicides" in the *Journal of Mental Science*.

He leaves a widow, daughter and son.

W. N. E.

RUBY THORNTON LORD.

Dr. Ruby Lord, widow of the late Dr. J. R. Lord, died in April last, after a prolonged and often painful illness. Her fate was a tragic one, for the recurrence of her illness followed only a short time after her bereavement by the death of her husband after only a few months of married life. Dr. Carr, as she was before her marriage, graduated at Edinburgh in 1918. After being House Surgeon at the Birmingham Women's and Maternity Hospital, she went to India on missionary work. For a time she lectured on surgery at the Agra Medical School. On her return to this country her interest in social problems caused her to take up the study of psychiatry, and she acted as Clinical Assistant at the Maudsley Hospital, and took the D.P.M. in 1929. In the same year she joined the medical staff of Horton Mental Hospital under Dr. Lord. She married Dr. Lord in April, 1931, and shared to the full the many interests and activities for which he is remembered by members of the Association. A happy partnership came to an untimely end with Dr. Lord's death in August of the same year. Mrs. Lord, after an interval, became a member