

It has been the privilege of the writer to listen to masterly addresses by him on the works of Boccaccio, Dante and Shakespeare and many other authors, marvelling at the exquisite diction and the range of erudition displayed, and regretting the while that they were delivered to a limited provincial audience.

Punctilious in all things, extremely courteous, Dr. Johnstone was a perfect host and the best of company.

He was a most patient instructor, and ever ready to help with his wisdom and experience.

A keen devotee of every form of sport, he was in turn cricketer, hockey player, golfer and curler, while for long his Friday tennis parties were the weekly rendezvous of many of the best players in the South of Scotland; but his true sportsmanship is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that, whereas for years he had rarely missed an important Border rugby match, he ungrudgingly confined himself to hospital for the Saturdays of three winters in order that an Assistant Medical Officer might help Melrose to secure the Border championship—a guerdon which that team had not won for over twenty years, and has not since achieved again in nearly twenty subsequent years.

It may be fitly said of Carlyle Johnstone that he never courted attention or applause, that he never played to the gallery, but always put his head down and showed his weight whole-heartedly in the thick of the scrum.

Though ill-health had led him to demit office and withdraw almost completely from the arena of professional activities, he was able, with his diverse gifts and many hobbies and lively interests, to derive much enjoyment in other directions during his years of retirement, and seemed so well and fit that his end came as a startling shock to all his friends. He passed away, as perhaps he might have asked to do, suddenly and peacefully while spending an evening of quiet enjoyment in the society of a much cherished friend.

To his Scottish colleagues in particular his name will ever bring grateful and affectionate remembrances. Take him all in all, as chief, as colleague, as friend, in all the finest qualities of head and heart, there never trod a better man.

Dr. Johnstone is survived by his widow, a daughter and a son, Dr. F. J. C. Johnstone. To these our deepest sympathies are offered.

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JOSEPH WILLIAM STIRLING CHRISTIE, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin.,

Once Medical Superintendent of the County Mental Hospital, Stafford. Ordinary Member since 1880.

Dr. J. W. STIRLING CHRISTIE died on October 17, 1927, at the age of 74, after several years of failing health. He was appointed Assistant Medical Officer to Dr. Pater at the Stafford Asylum in October, 1881, prior to which he was Assistant Medical Officer at Coton Hill Mental Hospital. He succeeded Dr. Pater as Medical Superintendent in May, 1887, and retired in May, 1919, after 37½ years' service with the Stafford Asylum—32 years as Medical Superintendent. He was of a reserved disposition, and devoted the whole of his energies throughout his term of office to the welfare of the Institution under his care with unflinching tact and judgment. He was unmarried.

B. H. SHAW.

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HENRY ALBERT LAYTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Edin.,

Once Medical Superintendent, Cornwall Mental Hospital, Bodmin. Ordinary Member since 1883.

Dr. HENRY ALBERT LAYTON was born in 1854. In due course he became a student at University College Hospital, qualifying in 1879. He was for a short time at Broadmoor with Dr. Nicolson, prior to being appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cornwall Asylum in February, 1883, Dr. Richard Adams being then the Medical Superintendent.

Dr. Adams retired in August, 1897, having held the post of Medical Superintendent since early in 1857, and Dr. Layton was appointed his successor.

In 1913 Dr. Layton had a severe attack of diphtheria, and his heart was so

affected that in June, 1914, he resigned, and was granted the full rate of pension then in force. He retired to Bedford, and, his health improving, he was able to undertake a little work with the local Neurological Board. He died at Paignton, Devon, after a short illness, on December 8, 1927.

He was a shy man, of a retiring disposition, but filled his office with exceptional dignity, and was greatly respected by many.

His wife predeceased him a few years ago. His only child, a son, is now an official in the Bank of England. F. DUDLEY.

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LANDEL ROSE OSWALD, M.B., C.M.Glasg., M.P.C.,

Once Physician-Superintendent, Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital. Ordinary Member 1890-1926.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Dr. L. R. Oswald, which took place in Glasgow on March 24, 1928.

Born at Blinkbonny, in Fifeshire, in 1861, Dr. Oswald studied at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated M.B., C.M. with Honours in 1888. He gained the Brunton Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to the most distinguished graduate of the year, and the Foulis Scholarship.

After a year as house physician to Sir W. T. Gairdner at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, he was appointed, in 1889, Assistant Physician to the Glasgow Royal Asylum, and became a Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association in 1890.

In 1891 he was awarded a travelling scholarship and studied for some time on the Continent and in the United States, returning to Gartnavel.

In 1895 he was appointed Physician Superintendent to the Glasgow District Asylum at Gartloch, at that time in course of construction, and carried out most of its organization.

In 1901 he succeeded his former chief, Dr. David Yellowlees, as Physician Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum, and held that post for twenty-one years, till ill-health compelled him in 1921 to relinquish all work.

In 1904 he was appointed Lecturer in Mental Diseases at the University of Glasgow. Soon afterwards he succeeded in establishing and organizing a regular out-patient clinique for mental and nervous diseases at the Western Infirmary—the first of its kind, we believe, in Scotland. These clinical consultations were greatly appreciated by many.

Dr. Oswald was also actively concerned in the establishment of the West of Scotland Research Laboratory, which has proved such a valuable adjunct to the work of the mental hospitals in that area.

His high intellectual attainments, alertness, great force of character and untiring energies combined to make him a most capable administrator.

His services to psychiatry were very widely recognized and earned him the highest esteem. He was an enthusiastic pioneer of the open-air treatment of mental disorders, even before the days of verandah accommodation.

He took an active part in the Scottish Division of our Association, and was a President of the Section of Neurology and Psychiatry of the British Medical Association. He was a fluent speaker, keen and shrewd in debate.

A bachelor, Dr. Oswald lived almost entirely for his work and in the interests of the patients and the institution under his charge.

It was the privilege of the writer to be for a time his senior assistant, and who benefited very greatly from the force of his example and teaching.

Though a strict disciplinarian, no man went to greater lengths to help any member of his staff; indeed, to some of us he will be best remembered for his consideration and his kindness to his juniors. He was a most staunch friend and wise counsellor.

His later years were marked by a long and painful illness in which he endured much acute suffering. D. R.

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