

gratitude for such a token of their esteem. It has come to me without, I fear, my having adequately deserved it; and the sense of that has been deepened by the remarks of the Master of Polwarth, and by the too appreciative things which Sir Thomas Clouston, in presenting the portrait, has so kindly and pleasantly said of me. This act of kindness has made me fully recognise how much I am a debtor all round—all along the road of life down to the present moment. My years, which are now many, have been filled with interesting work, which I thoroughly loved, and which I have done my utmost to perform to the best of my ability. I trust it has had some measure of success. I remember with gratitude how abundantly I have been helped by my colleagues at the General Board, by medical superintendents, and by the official staffs of asylums and other establishments for the insane, by officials of Government departments, and by inspectors of poor throughout the length and breadth of Scotland, all of whom I have looked upon as fellow-workers and personal friends. To my numerous other friends not connected with my official work I tender my sincerest thanks for their associating themselves with this presentation. During the seventeen years I was Deputy Commissioner, and the sixteen years I was Commissioner, I endeavoured to do my duty justly and kindly, and to be sympathetic and helpful to all with whom my work brought me into contact. I have been associated in my lunacy work with very distinguished colleagues; those who have passed away (Sir Arthur Mitchell, Sir John Sibbald, and Dr. Robert Lawson), and those who are still with us (Dr. John Macpherson and Mr. Spence). Their influence and example have done much to shape my life, to stimulate, and to encourage me. I congratulate all my fellow-workers on the improvement which has been effected in the way the insane are now treated, and I venture to affirm that nowhere has the improvement been more marked than in Scotland. In the way the insane are provided for Scotland stands (as she ought to stand) second to none. I have always endeavoured to be a warm and fast friend to the patients, both in and out of asylums, and there are, I think, many who have realised this. To add to their happiness and to improve their well-being has been a duty which I have always kept before me. It was with deep regret that I severed my connection with lunacy administration, and with Scottish administration generally, which I feel the more acutely that I am not, so far as I am aware, mentally or bodily disabled from continuing to carry on such work. My hearty thanks are due to the Committee, and especially to Dr. Campbell, for their efforts on my behalf. I am fully aware of the great amount of labour and trouble involved in such matters. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you most sincerely for your presence here to-day, and for the highly artistic form in which you have enshrined your feelings of esteem. I will for ever keep green in my heart the memory of this day, and feel sure that the feelings I express are shared equally by my wife and family.

Dr. BYROM BRAMWELL, President of the College of Physicians, proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of Polwarth for presiding.

The MASTER OF POLWARTH, replying to the vote of thanks, said: It has been a great pleasure to me to take this little part in the proceedings. I feel we rather owe our thanks to Dr. Fraser for those very beautiful words he has addressed to us in acknowledging the presentation. I am sure we have listened with intense interest to those words from one whose official career has now come to an end, although we hope that his life of usefulness will be spared for many a long day. To hear those words of cheerful gratitude for the past must be an encouragement to those of us who are younger, and who may be sometimes tempted to feel the strain of our work or feel discouraged in doing it. It is good for us to hear those words from one who can look back, as Dr. Fraser can, with satisfaction upon many years of useful work in the public service, work which is not always recognised as it ought to be.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of THE JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE.

DEAR SIRS,—In the Journal for January, 1912, in the review of the annual report of this institution for the year 1910, the suggestion is made that I should attempt to use the verandahs day and night, summer and winter. This has been done for several years. My report reads as follows:

"The verandahs have been in use throughout the whole year for cases of mental disorder requiring treatment by means of rest in bed. These structures have recently been provided with light shutters, which prevent the rain from driving in during stormy weather. It is a remarkable fact that the patients become much attached to sleeping in the verandahs, and when, owing to the severe weather at the beginning of the winter, the removal of the patients indoors was contemplated, a storm of opposition was at once met with."

Had I added that I bowed to the storm and continued to allow the patients to sleep out the meaning would have been less likely to have been misunderstood.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

R. H. STEEN,

City of London Mental Hospital,
March 15th, 1912.

Medical Superintendent.

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The following book has recently been added to the Library:

James.—*Text-book of Psychology.*

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BERNARD HART,

Hon. Secretary, Library Committee.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE STANLEY ELLIOT, M.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S. Edin.,
Late Medical Superintendent, Metropolitan Asylum, Caterham.

After failing health for the past five years and almost continuous confinement to the house since December 12th, 1910, Dr. Elliot breathed his last at his residence, Upper Norwood, on March 2nd, to the grief of his many friends, who had done much to brighten the last fifteen months of his life by their regular visits to him. The immediate causes of death were cystitis and heart failure, supervening upon chronic rheumatic arthritis and cardiac valvular disease. The funeral was at Elmer's End Cemetery on March 6th, and was largely attended, his old friends, Drs. Seward, Ernest White, P. Campbell and Greenlees representing the specialty.

Dr. Elliot was born on April 20th, 1844, at Exeter, where his father was Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital. After completing his medical education at Edinburgh he held in succession the post of House-surgeon to the Salop Infirmary, Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Asylum, Coton Hill Hospital for the Insane, Caterham and Colney Hatch Asylums, and on December 22nd, 1879, was elected Medical Superintendent of Caterham Asylum, which post he ably filled until June, 1901, when he retired upon a well-earned pension. Tall, of soldierly mien and polished manners, a thorough man of the world, a first-class administrator, imbued with the highest sense of rectitude, tactful, sincere, urbane, and sympathetic, Dr. Elliot was held in great affection by all those who knew him intimately, both in connection with his official duties and socially at his clubs and elsewhere. At the request of the Metropolitan Asylums Board he largely planned the asylum at Tooting Bec, for