

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.

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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