He was a devoted husband and father, and was rewarded by his family's devotion to him. He shared their friends and tastes, while they in turn inherited the interests of their parents. His daughters are most accomplished musicians, and both his sons adopted his own profession.

A cultivated man of the world who happened to be a doctor, and incidentally a medical superintendent, he would probably have been equally distinguished at the head of any organization demanding initiative and his balance of gifts. His C.B.E. was no doubt a gesture of appreciation for his work and influence on behalf of men serving in the war; while his academic distinctions attest the width of his professional interests and attainments.

At Edinburgh he obtained the F.R.C.S.E. and D.Sc. (in public health). Before this he had taken the M.D. of Toronto and was an LL.D. of the same university.

His outlook was philosophic; he carried his years lightly, and always retained that prestige which so subtly attends a high intelligence and distinguished presence.

A great asylum administrator, self-contained, self-reliant, " justum et tenacem propositi virum ".

D. BLAIR.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND ANCILLARY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE Board of Control, with the approval of the Minister of Health, have appointed the following to be a Committee to advise upon questions arising in connection with scientific and ancillary mental health services:

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Radnor (Chairman), Sir Laurence Brock, Sir Hubert Bond, Alderman J. W. Black, Alderman W. E. Lovsey, Dr. A. A. W. Petrie, Dr. Adeline Roberts, Alderman J. C. Grime, Dr. C. J. Thomas, Dr. George Somerville, with Mr. H. J. Clarke as Secretary.

A Committee was appointed in 1931, but owing to the financial crisis which occurred in that year, its work remained in abeyance.

The Mental Treatment Act, 1930, empowered local authorities to provide for out-patient treatment and for the after-care of mental patients, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to undertake, or contribute towards the expenses of research in relation to mental illness.

The primary function of the Advisory Committee will be to advise the Board of Control regarding organization and encouragement of research, and other ancillary services will be within its purview. On technical questions relating to research, the Committee will have the expert assistance of members of the Committee on Mental Disorders of the Medical Research Council.

BUREAU OF HUMAN HEREDITY.

WE have received the following communication regarding the work of this institution:

The object of this Bureau is collection on as wide a scale as possible of material dealing with human genetics. Later, the tasks of analysis of material and distribution of the information available will be added.

The Bureau is directed by a Council representing medical and scientific bodies in Great Britain. It is affiliated to the International Human Heredity Committee, which ensures co-operation in all areas where research is proceeding.

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