make one feel more hopeless than dealing with these cases if one felt there was no one who could be appealed to for assistance. Women and girls who were leaving the asylums felt it was a turning-point in their lives; and it was distressing to think they might be returning to the conditions which had been answerable for their breakdown, but which might be prevented by such advice and help as the Association could give. She could not speak too highly of the sympathy and human understanding which was given to the work by the Secretary, Miss Vickers.

Dr. NICOLSON, C.B., supported the resolution and commended the fine work of the officials. Now that many families in the country were earning considerably more money, some of the relatives of mental patients could perhaps afford an enhanced sum if the claims of the Association were brought home to them. The Rev. J. C. MEAD ALLEN also spoke, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his kindness in presiding. This was seconded by Dr. G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH, and carried with enthusiasm.

The LORD MAYOR, in acknowledging the compliment, said he took it as a tribute to his office rather than to himself. He would be pleased at any time to place the Mansion House at the disposal of this and any kindred Society. He referred to the fact that his personal acquaintanceship with Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones commenced forty years ago, and it was a great personal pleasure to him to see that he had been honoured by His Majesty.

Thanks having been also tendered to Sir Robert and Lady Armstrong-Jones, the meeting terminated.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR DR. ARMSTRONG-JONES.

IT is with sincere pleasure that we offer our congratulations to Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones on his having had recently conferred upon him the honour of knighthood, an honour which has been bestowed on him on account of his life-long labours in the interests of the insane, of psychiatric science, and, indirectly, of the public generally, who are at last beginning, as it were at the eleventh hour, to recognise the vast importance of this branch of medicine.

Dr. Robert Jones, as we knew him for the greater part of his life (he recently took the additional surname of his wife's family) is the eldest of five sons of the Rev. Thomas Jones, Eisteddfa, Tremadoc, who at the time of his death was the oldest Congregational minister in North Wales. He was educated at a private Grammar School at Portmadoc, and at Wrexham, and finally in the University College of Wales at Aberystwith. From there he entered St. Bartholomew's, on which occasion there was a record number of entrants, over 150, and while there was pro-sector to the Anatomy Lecturer. Among his fellow students who have achieved distinction were Sir Wilmot Herringham, Sir Anthony Bowlby, now Chief Surgeon to the Military Forces in France, and Sir William Collins, M.P. for Derby, to whom asylum workers are so greatly indebted for his labours on their behalf, and between whom and Sir Robert since their student days there has always existed a close mutual friendship and regard.

At "Bart.'s" Dr. Jones was a diligent student, and not merely of medical lore, as in his second year he took the Hichen's Prize for an examination in Butler's Analogy, also the Wix Prize Essay for the Life and Works of Sydenham. He completed his medical course by taking the degrees of M.B., M.D., of the London University, and, later, of F.R.C.S. and F.R.C.P.E. His first appointment was that of Junior Medical Officer of the Earlswood Asylum, of which subsequently he was made Superintendent. Finally, he was appointed Superintendent of the L.C.C. Asylum at Claybury, which office he filled with honour and distinction for nearly twenty-four years. His retirement from active asylum work was the subject of a notice in the October issue of the Journal.

Dr. Jones' medical work was not limited to his duties within the walls of an institution. He became Lecturer on Mental Diseases to Westminster Hospital, and later to St. Bartholomew's, and also to the West London Post-Graduate College. He has been examiner in Psychology and Mental Diseases for the University of London, on which subjects he contributed articles to Clifford

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Allbutt's *System of Medicine*, Quain's *Dictionary*, and to several Encyclopædias. He has also written many reviews and articles for English and American journals, and published a small text-book on *Mental and Sick Nursing*, which was dedicated by permission to H.R.H. the Princess Christian, and is now out of print. He is now Consulting Physician in Mental Diseases to the London Military Command, with the honorary rank of Major in the R.A.M.C. For helping to raise the standard of nursing in asylums he was elected a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and a Magistrate for the County of Essex in which he lived whilst at Claybury. For ten years he was Hon. General Secretary of the Medico-Psychological Association of which he was elected President in the year 1906. He was also President of the Psychological Section of Medicine at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association held in Swansea. He married the eldest daughter of Sir Owen Roberts, D.L., M.A., D.C.L., B.D., the pioneer of technical education in London, and who was High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire in 1908. On this interesting occasion Sir William Collins acted as best man to Sir Robert. His wife has been his greatest and most sympathetic helper in all his social and public work. We wish Sir Robert and Lady Armstrong-Jones every happiness, and continued opportunities for usefulness in that sphere of work to which they have for so long devoted themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,
66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.
February 16th, 1917.

DEAR COLONEL LORD,—I have recently received from Dr. F. Sano, the late President of the "Société de Médécine Mentale de Belgique," and Physician-in-Chief of the asylum for acute cases at Antwerp, who has been for some time past engaged at the Maudsley Hospital, the accompanying letter of appreciation of the way in which he and many of his fellow-countrymen and confrères have been received in asylums in this country, and also of the way in which persons of Belgian nationality have been treated in English and Welsh institutions since the outbreak of war.

The Board of Control are desirous that medical superintendents and assistant medical officers of the various institutions in the country should be made acquainted with the sentiments expressed in the letter, and accordingly would esteem it a favour if you could arrange for this letter, and Dr. Sano's communication, to appear in the next issue of the *Journal of Mental Science*.

Yours very truly,
E. MARRIOTT COOKE, *Chairman*.

Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, R.A.M.C.,
Horton (County of London) War Hospital.

LONDON, *February 1st*, 1917.

MR. CHAIRMAN,—At this moment, when large numbers of Belgian patients leave England for France, the chief object of our visit is to tender our thanks to the Board of Control and to the asylums, from whence these patients have obtained such unstinted hospitality.

Undoubtedly the Belgian Government will prove its gratitude to Great Britain in many official and consequently more public capacities, but, in the name of the Belgian doctors who were appointed to British asylums with the permission of the Board of Control, I beg leave to state how grateful we are for all that has been done for the Belgian patients, and how much we appreciate the kindness with which they have been received, the healthy conditions under which they were tended, and the constant attention paid to them by medical superintendents and their staffs.

Our Doctors Deroitte, Maertens, Boulenger, Van de Maele, De Gheldere, Deckx, and myself will still remember the time we passed in the British asylums and the excellent experiences we have had therein. Dr. Deckx has returned to

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