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.

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X37244289 Published online by Cambridge University Press

The Council would be grateful to receive all available material from institutions and individuals, furnishing well-authenticated data on the transmission of human traits whatever these may be. Pedigrees are particularly desired; twin studies and statistical researches are also relevant. As research-workers and others who send in material may in some cases wish to retain the sole right of publication (or opyright), those who so desire are asked to accompany their material with a statement to that effect.

Material should be given with all available details in regard to source, diagnostic symptoms, and the name and address of the person or persons who vouch for accuracy. All such details will be regarded as strictly confidential.

Reprints of published work would be most acceptable. Further, many authors when publishing material may also have collected a number of pedigrees which they have been unable to reproduce in detail. It is the object of the Council that such records, by being included in the clearing house, should not be lost.

Those wishing for a copy of the Standard International Pedigree Symbols may obtain one from the office.

Announcements in regard to the services undertaken by the Bureau will be published from time to time.

Chairman: R. RUGGLES GATES.

Executive Committee: R. A. FISHER, J. B. S. HALDANE, E. A. COCKAYNE, J. A. FRASER ROBERTS, L. E. HALSEY (*Hon. Treasurer*), C. B. S. HODSON (*Hon. Gen. Secretary*).

Address: 115, Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

NOTICES BY THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The Library is open to members between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Books are issued to borrowers between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.; Saturdays, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Hon. Librarian will endeavour to obtain, as far as possible, any books on psychiatry and allied subjects required by members.

Library Lending Department Regulations.

1. Books shall be lent only to members within the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State who are not in arrears with their subscriptions.

2. No member may borrow from the Library more than three volumes at one time.

3. Books and journals are sent carriage paid from the Library, but members are responsible for the books from the time they leave the Library until they are received back.

4. Books damaged or lost while in possession of a member will be repaired at his expense or must be replaced by him.

5. A member borrowing a book or periodical from the Library shall be required to sign and return to the Librarian a form of receipt for the same, which will be regarded as an acceptance of these Regulations.

6. A member shall be entitled to retain a book or periodical borrowed from the Library for a period of twenty-eight days, unless the book is required by another member, in which case it can be recalled by the Librarian at the expiration of fourteen days.

7. In the event of a member failing to return any book or periodical within seven days after receiving notice from the Librarian (on the expiration of the period referred to in Rule 6), the Library Committee shall be at liberty to purchase another

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X37244289 Published online by Cambridge University Press