It was hoped that with the release from the anxieties of responsibility his health would have improved, and that the distraction of the houseboat moored on Hickling Broad, which he had built; of music and carpentry, both of which he loved; could have given him the interests so necessary to one of his vigour, but it was not to be. There were grave warnings of illness in November last, and although he rallied and was able to spend Christmas with his son-in-law at Lingwood Lodge, near Norwich, yet the end came soon after, and he died peacefully on January 4th, leaving a widow, son and daughter to mourn and to honour his memory.

How will Thomson be remembered? He stands in the annals of the Medico-Psychological Association as its President, who held office for the unexampled term of four years. By its older members, as the cheery companion and sage councillor. By the juniors, as one who consistently pressed for the improvement of the conditions of service and the increased opportunities for them of post-graduate study leave. The county of Norfolk will recall him as the man under whose expert advice their asylum was modernised, and truly converted into a Hospital for the Mind. The Division of the British Medical Association will not forget that, though standing somewhat outside their ordinary interests and anxieties, he held high office by their suffrage, and loyally and zealously fought their battles and safeguarded their status.

One need not, however, say more. To those who never knew him it is not possible, at least with this pen, to portray the man, and to those of us who did, it is unnecessary. Near by the writer stands an ancient sun-dial, and inscribed on it one reads, "To-day's work, to-day." That was David George Thomson's rule.

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## NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

### THE PRIZE DISSERTATION.

The Bronze Medal of the Association and Ten Guineas Prize for 1922, have been awarded to W. S. Dawson, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, The Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E., for an essay named "A Study of the Endocrine-Autonomic Disorders of Dementia Præcox" (*vide* p. 182).

A special prize of £5 has been awarded to R. D. Gillespie, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Glasgow Royal Asylum, Gartnavel, for an essay named "Epidemic Encephalitis: Some Psychical Sequelæ."

Essays in competition for this Prize for 1923 should be forwarded to the Registrar not later than June 15th. Each dissertation is to be distinguished by a motto or device, and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing identity and address of the author and marked by the motto or device adopted.

### THE GASKELL PRIZE.

Examinations for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine and the Gaskell Prize will be held in London about fourteen days prior to the annual meeting. The definite date will be circularised shortly.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

*Annual Meeting.*—Commence on July 9, 1923, in London.

*Quarterly Meeting.*—May 24, 1923, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London.

*South-Western Division.*—April 19, 1923, at the Cardiff City Mental Hospital, Whitchurch, Glam.

*Northern and Midland Division.*—April 26, 1923, at the Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Macclesfield.

*Scottish Division.*—November 16, 1923.

*Irish Division.*—April 26, 1923, at St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin.

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