SIR DAVID DRUMMOND, C.B.E., M.D., D.C.L.

SIR DAVID DRUMMOND, who had been an Honorary Member of the Association since 1925, died on April 28 last. He was born in 1852, and graduated M.B., M.Ch. at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1874; he took his M.D. in 1876. He spent the greater part of his life in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at the Royal Infirmary of that city he was elected Pathologist and Assistant Physician in 1878. Later he became Physician, and on his retirement in 1912 he was made Consulting Physician. His name was a household word in the greater part of Northumberland and Durham, in which counties he had a very large consulting practice in general medicine, always paying more attention to organic nervous disorders and to conditions arising as a sequel to syphilis. Although he never worked in a mental hospital, he was always drawn towards abnormal mental states, more especially if there was some organic basis for the mental breakdown.

The Durham University College of Medicine owes a great deal to Sir David Drummond. For many years he was lecturer there, first in Physiology, later in Pathology, which probably was his favourite subject, and lastly for twelve years he was Professor of Medicine. He will be remembered by very many students, more especially for his bedside demonstrations. He had an old-world courtesy, and was sympathetic, kindly and patient to all, even though the dull student might find him at times a little critical or sarcastic. As one might expect in an Irishman, he had a great sense of humour. He followed up all his cases very thoroughly. In the *post-mortem* room he was always welcome, and in the more difficult and obscure conditions his help was sought by all.

In July, 1924, Sir David Drummond was appointed a Member of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder then being set up, and no more suitable person could have been selected to take part in such an inquiry. He had an opportunity here to use his knowledge of the world and of men, and his questions, which are recorded in the minutes of evidence, show great shrewdness and a keen desire to brush away all that was not really material, and to get down to the real facts.

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