siasm and tireless energy operating in a mind imbued with wholesome philanthropy and patriotism."

Dr. Clarke was always fearless in expressing his convictions, and was responsible more than any other man for raising the level of asylums to the scientific standard of hospitals for the care of the insane. No man in the country gave more evidence on the mental status of murderers. He was called by the Crown in no less than 60 murder trials in Canada. He had a humanizing influence in connection with the administration of justice. His chief concern was the safety of society, but he was anxious to couple with that the treatment of the criminal according to his individual requirements. He held it to be a crime in itself to hold an irresponsible man responsible when he did not inherently possess powers of self-control.

His warning in connection with the case of Leo Rogers of North Bay will be long remembered. His correspondence and material in that case would fill an ordinary drawer. He kept in communication with Rogers for a number of years, and was greatly chagrined at the manner in which the case was dealt with by the authorities.

He had his own way in dealing with lawyers who possessed no understanding of psychiatry, but who attempted to heckle him. On one occasion a counsel asked him many foolish questions and tried to pin him down to a definition of insanity. The doctor at last retorted: "Well, in the absence of a better definition, I would say that insanity is the asking of foolish questions." He had no more trouble with that counsel.

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HONOUR.

JOHN WARNOCK, *C.M.G.*, M.D.Edin.: Order of the Nile, Second Class, by the King of Egypt.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—May 22, 1924, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.

South-Eastern Division.—April 30, 1924, at the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

South-Western Division—April 24, 1924, at the Monmouth County Mental Hospital, Abergavenny.

Northern and Midland Division.—April 24, 1924, at the County Mental Hospital, Prestwich.

Scottish Division.—May 2, 1924, at the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.

Irish Division,—April 24, 1924, at the Central Criminal Asylum, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

APPOINTMENT.

EAST, WILLIAM NORWOOD, M.D.Lond., Medical Inspector of H.M. Prisons, England and Wales.

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