

"Whatever the work to be done, or the end to be gained, Dr. Clouston puts out his full strength to accomplish it."

The onerous and responsible duties of the Asylum, and the multiplicity of his other engagements began gradually to tell on his health, and in 1908 he wisely resigned the post he had filled so long and so well. With greater leisure his health materially improved, and he by no means sought retirement. He continued his consultation work and his lectures, and his pen was as facile and busy as ever.

To one of his active habits and eager mind a long illness would have been specially trying, and he had often expressed the hope that this might not be his case. He had his wish—suddenly becoming unconscious, and passing painlessly away.

Thus ended a vivid, laborious, and useful life, crowned with success and honour.
DAVID YELLOWLEES.

As one of the oldest of Clouston's friends, I feel that I should like to contribute a few lines to his memory.

I had known him for forty years, and there seemed to me very little difference in the Clouston of the 'seventies and of the new century. Always earnest, always eloquent, ever ready to combat any unsupported statement.

Full to overflowing of facts and experience, hard perhaps to persuade, but, convinced, he was ready to accept the new position. A ready writer, his tendency was perhaps to too frequent appeals to the public, but he was so fully persuaded that he had a very important message to deliver that he was bound to write.

He was too late to be able personally to conduct original pathological work, but he encouraged it in all those under him.

His forte undoubtedly was clinical. In the wards and in the lecture theatre he was a master, and Morningside became a Mecca for the student of psychiatry.

He did not read foreign medical literature, and his writings represent the result of his own enormous experience.

I wish I had known him in his Orkney home, for I should like to have a memory of him with a gun or fishing-rod, as well as with a pen and case books.

Earnest, strong, and practical, he will leave a name on our Roll of Honour.

GEO. H. SAVAGE.

The life of a man with the energy, capacity, and opportunity such as the late Sir Thomas Clouston had must needs provide much material for study and record. No doubt the editors will receive many accounts of that life, especially in its central and later periods; I venture to offer a few remarks concerning the earlier portion, when, as his assistant, I had the best of opportunities for noting his characteristics. The success which attended his administration of Morningside in itself predicates the existence of a fixed plan, and of a vigorous determination to carry out that plan. Of these there was plentiful evidence. On his taking up the position of Physician-Superintendent a quiet change at once came over the office-work, the case-books, note-taking, etc. So too with the re-grouping of his patients, the tightening up of discipline, and so forth. All this was brought about almost before the greatness of the change was recognised. Dr. Clouston was then indeed a young man for such a responsible post, which was made the more onerous by reason of the necessity for radical changes. Nevertheless, it was recognised early that on young shoulders there was an old head. Dr. Clouston's personal enthusiasm in improvement carried all with him. The thing that struck one most was his enormous capacity for work. Even then there was a considerable number of private patients of the higher classes, involving much correspondence, as well as personal attention. Beyond these the whole of the rate-paid department was visited each day, and with such care that a thorough knowledge of each case, private or pauper, was acquired with astonishing rapidity. The daily round with him was, of course, most instructive, as he had a masterly way of quietly pointing out similarity of points in various cases, which was the first step towards the classification of his patients. Indeed, classification in those days was so simple as to be nearly non-existent. He was a warm supporter of Dr. Skae's ætiological grouping. Though this