

Institution for Defectives in Perth, and was Honorary Examiner in Lunacy and Mental Deficiency law and practice for the Poor Law Diplomas.

Dr. Sturrock performed the many delicate and arduous duties of a Medical Commissioner with great fidelity and much acceptance. He was much liked by the numerous patients who came under his survey, and his sudden and unexpected death on the eve of retirement has caused universal regret throughout those circles which were intimately associated with his work.

Dr. Sturrock leaves a widow, who is a graduate in medicine, and a daughter who is on the eve of qualifying in medicine. H. M.

#### JOHN HALL MORTON, M.D.

Dr. John Hall Morton, Governor and Medical Officer of Holloway Prison, died in his fifty-second year at his quarters at the Prison on June 6 after a short illness. He was born in Limerick and received his medical education at Trinity College, Dublin, graduating M.B., B.Ch. and M.D. in 1907. He worked for several months with Conolly Norman at Richmond District Asylum to prepare himself for a career in the Prison Service, and was later appointed Assistant Medical Officer at Warwick County Asylum. He joined the Prison Service in 1909, and was promoted to Holloway Prison in 1921 as Governor and Medical Officer, having acted in a similar capacity at Aylesbury Borstal Institution from 1919. From 1930 he also acted as assistant to the Medical Commissioner of Prisons during the absence of the latter from the Home Office.

He was an able and practical administrator, and his success as a Prison Governor and Medical Officer was largely due to his untiring energy, constant devotion to duty and cheerfulness, which were happily combined with firmness and tact, and a desire to promote the welfare of all under his charge. He never flinched from his responsibilities, and did not allow his sympathies to impair his judgment. He was a loyal, unselfish, and a reliable colleague, and his even temperament was particularly suited to the control of a large institution.

His long experience of women prisoners and the practical manner in which he applied his knowledge of mental diseases to the problems of criminal responsibility made him a valued and trusted witness in the Criminal Courts.

He received the King's Jubilee Medal in May in recognition of his public services.

Dr. Morton's interest in his work was mainly practical, and his annual reports to the Prison Commissioners were marked by sound common sense. He wrote an article, "Alcoholics in Prison", which was published in the *Howard Journal*, 1929. He also carried out a careful investigation into the association of alcohol and serious crime, and last year published a paper on "Female Homicides" in the *Journal of Mental Science*.

He leaves a widow, daughter and son.

W. N. E.

#### RUBY THORNTON LORD.

Dr. Ruby Lord, widow of the late Dr. J. R. Lord, died in April last, after a prolonged and often painful illness. Her fate was a tragic one, for the recurrence of her illness followed only a short time after her bereavement by the death of her husband after only a few months of married life. Dr. Carr, as she was before her marriage, graduated at Edinburgh in 1918. After being House Surgeon at the Birmingham Women's and Maternity Hospital, she went to India on missionary work. For a time she lectured on surgery at the Agra Medical School. On her return to this country her interest in social problems caused her to take up the study of psychiatry, and she acted as Clinical Assistant at the Maudsley Hospital, and took the D.P.M. in 1929. In the same year she joined the medical staff of Horton Mental Hospital under Dr. Lord. She married Dr. Lord in April, 1931, and shared to the full the many interests and activities for which he is remembered by members of the Association. A happy partnership came to an untimely end with Dr. Lord's death in August of the same year. Mrs. Lord, after an interval, became a member

of the staff of the Oxford Mental Hospital at Littlemore. Soon after this, however, she was obliged to give up her work owing to the recurrence of a malignant growth which had previously been removed. She was in hospital more or less continuously for over a year.

Dr. T. Saxty Good writes: "I feel that the death of Mrs. Lord, the widow of Dr. Lord, who did so much for the Association, cannot be passed over without some notice. She was devoted to her husband, and was of great assistance to him. After his death she had again to take up work. She was at the hospital of which I am the head, and showed great promise, but unfortunately, she became ill soon after taking up her duties. She did not mention anything of the severe pain she must have suffered, until forced to give up owing to a secondary growth. During the whole of her long illness she showed great fortitude, hardly ever complaining. I am sure that we all had sympathy and admiration for her."

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Morgagni (Jo. Bapt.). *De sedibus et causis morborum.* (Lovan.) 1766.