

Sir William Hale-White, K.B.E.

The Fellowship of Post Graduate Medicine has to record with great regret the passing of yet another of its original friends and supporters. As we write we have before us a copy of the POST GRADUATE MEDICAL JOURNAL, Vol. I, No. 1, of October, 1925, with the Foreword written by its founder, who subsequently held office as President of the Fellowship. 'In Great Britain' said Sir William 'the best way to deal with the matter would be to build, in London and other large towns, medical schools for post graduates only. Each such school should contain beds for medical and surgical patients, as well as ample accommodation for every speciality. There should be lecture halls, laboratories and a hostel where post graduates could lodge. The staff should consist of able men, keeping themselves abreast of the times, who could teach and who recognize that their first duty is to the post graduates . . . This Journal has been founded to give to all an account of what post graduate work is being done in this country and to enable everyone to keep in touch with it so that when the opportunity of doing such work arises, he will know to whom he should apply.'

Since the writing of the above words much water has passed under the bridges and today sees the fulfilment of much of what

our first Editor had in mind. Although the organization of the various post graduate centres has been taken in hand mainly under the auspices of the Government and in association with a system which few of the medical profession anticipated, it is no less than the truth to say that the example set by the Fellowship of Post Graduate Medicine has been as it were a mainspring to the whole movement. We desire to pay this tribute to Sir William Hale-White to whose vision and energy this Journal owes its very existence. Although much of the Fellowship's activity has inevitably undergone alteration in detail, its main objectives remain the same and its Journal still provides for the post graduate an inclusive source of information of the work that is being arranged for his benefit all over the country in the various centres of medical activity.

In all probability there are few of our readers who will remember our first Editor who died, after a long and distinguished career, at the age of 91. Those of us on the staff of the Fellowship, and there are yet one or two who have that privilege, have special reason to mourn his passing. He belonged to that great school of physicians who were born not made, and to whose scholarship, judgment, and integrity British medicine owes a debt which can never be discharged.

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CORRECTION

In the obituary notice of Sir William Hale-White, published in our issue of April last, it was stated that Sir William was the first Editor of the *Post Graduate Medical Journal*. This was an error, for which we apologize to our readers. Sir William was, as we said, the Founder of the *Journal*, but was never its Editor, the first to discharge this office being Dr. Adolphe Abrahams (now Sir Adolphe Abrahams), who was appointed in December, 1924.