

*Medical Journal* of September 11th, and are evidence of the valuable work of the Section.

The Section also passed a resolution commending the Superannuation Bill, and another drawing the attention of the National University and of the Queen's University to the desirability of establishing lectureships in mental diseases.

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*Sir James M. Moody.*

The honour of knighthood conferred on Sir James M. Moody will be appreciated by every member of the specialty as a recognition of its claims to a share in the distinctions so liberally awarded in several of the public services and so parsimoniously allotted to others.

Every member of the Association will concur on personal grounds in congratulating Sir James on his hardly earned and well-deserved distinction, and join in wishing him a long enjoyment of his honour.

The marvel, however, is not that one member of the specialty has received such distinction, but that it has not been extended to many more. The management of great institutions of two thousand patients and upwards certainly demands a degree of ability and capacity for protracted service such as is required of few officials of Government departments in which honours are obtained almost as a matter of course.

In each of the three kingdoms are to be found men who, in the midst of their arduous and successful administrative work, have found energy for literary and scientific activity, not infrequently associated with teaching in universities and medical schools. It is to be wished that some of the honours, often won by mere routine departmental drudgery, might find their way to the encouragement of these splendid workers.

The honour conferred on Sir James Moody may be considered as an omen of a wider recognition of public merit, which has been hitherto too largely limited to those servants of the Crown more directly in touch with the national exchequer.

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