

is also widely in use in different countries. An indefatigable worker, he tried all the methods announced that gave promise of practical value in connection with the application of bacteriology to hygiene and medico-legal work, or to the diagnosis of disease. Having studied these methods, they were either immediately discarded or utilized in his work, and almost invariably improved upon or simplified. Instance after instance occurs to the writer where his inventive genius has made practical and useful many laboratory methods in bacteriology and pathology, and so to a great degree simplified the method of instruction or economized the time of both student and demonstrator.

Dr. Johnston's habit of mind, his rapidity of thought and quickness in seizing upon what was of immediate importance, makes his published writings a very poor index of the amount of work he accomplished, and only to those who knew him do they give anything but an imperfect idea of the soundness and extent of his knowledge. His mental habit of concentration and going to the root of the matter, neglecting all side issues, which made him so valuable and trustworthy as a medico-legal expert and a coroner's physician, showed itself in all his research. A given problem presented itself to him, and he worked at it until he had satisfied himself with regard to that problem only, and being satisfied with results, was extremely careless in placing them upon record. His papers are characterized by directness; they are unaccompanied by any full or orderly history of the development of his subject up to the point at which he took it in hand, and he was content, as a rule, to refer incidentally to the work of others which he was able either to confirm or refute. These references, however, were always adequate for those familiar with the matter, but not always so for the ordinary professional reader. The difficulties which he encountered in attacking the problem, the side issues which sprang up in the course of his investigations, were rarely more than hinted at; the part of the subject which interested him and which impressed him with its importance was recorded red-hot. Thus his published papers, an incomplete list of the more important of which follows this notice, are apt to strike the reader as being short and hurried, and certainly do not do him justice. But one has only to glance over the list to appreciate his remarkable versatility.

His mastery of many allied branches of medicine, gross and microscopic pathology, both human and comparative, bacteriology in a