

Always open to approach by those who needed counsel and advice he gave to them unsparingly of his time and strength. What he expressed to such as sought him out were his honest and inmost convictions spoken with unquestionable freedom and full sincerity. His views were his own. If this course sometimes made enemies for him, it made enemies who at least respected him. Personally unselfish yet tenacious of purpose, his accomplishments were always for the general good. Few recognized to the extent that he did the strong undercurrents of scientific endeavor that flow through this and all other rightly constituted nations. With unusual insight and unerring fidelity he urged forward those scientific movements that make for real human betterment and the ideals of true learning.

With a life based upon such principles no wonder that the door of opportunity was often open to him! He was early admitted to membership in the American

Philosophical Society and the National Academy of Sciences. He served the American Psychological Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science in many capacities including that of President in both organizations. His membership in other societies was wide and distinguished. Intimacy with him was a delightful experience because of his generous and kindly nature. Ready and brilliant in thought his words were a pleasure to those who gave ear to them. What he said and what he wrote had often a note of shrewdness, but it was shrewdness tempered with the best of wisdom. The achievements of his life are of lasting value. They are not the doings of an hour to pass off as quickly. They are vigorous, far-sighted movements that because of his clear intuitions and energy have gained such an impetus that they are bound to carry far into the future. Such an inheritance Cattell has left us. It is for us to see that it shall not perish.

## HUMANITARIAN—A REMINISCENCE

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I HAD once an opportunity to see an aspect of Dr. Cattell's activity and character which is probably less widely known than his lifelong support of the causes in which he believed, but does him equal honor. It was on an Atlantic liner, bound for England. Two days from port, a woman in the third-class, seriously ill, who was returning with her two young children for a last visit to her parents, suffered a sudden attack and died. The stewards, doing their best to help, went about the ship with one of the weeping children, and "passed the hat," securing a few pounds for them. Dr. Cattell, hearing of this, realized that the situation demanded help—and action—on a larger scale. He drew up a statement telling how the children were left destitute and required substantial aid, and headed a subscription list with a liberal personal contribution. Next—as he told me—"I got the purser to give me a list of all the passengers who had rooms with bath, and interviewed them personally." This brought a number of contributions—some of a hundred dollars. Fortified with this he posted the subscription-list on the companion-way—amounts and all—realizing that

this course would set a scale appropriate to the emergency.

His knowledge of human nature was justified. Subscriptions came in steadily; and before the ship reached Plymouth, a fund of more than a thousand dollars was ready to place in trust with the steamship company—to be applied to the children's education and welfare.

Had this been a matter of private generosity on the part of Dr. Cattell it would not be appropriate to recount it here. But the very fact that he made it a public, and thus a community matter, illustrates his sound knowledge of practical psychology, and his clear perception of the limits of the conventional rules of reticence in such matters.

He alone, of all the long passenger-list, realized the magnitude of the need. With no time for delay, he made sure of a promising start for his campaign before he launched it publicly, and he followed it to a completely successful conclusion. The little episode illustrates so well his knowledge of human nature, and his interest in human welfare, that it deserves to be recorded.

## COURAGEOUS LEADER

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IN the death of Professor J. McKeen Cattell, science has lost a colorful personality who, for a full lifetime, has exerted a profound influence upon American scholarship.

The man who held the world's first chair in psy-

chology did not confine his influence to the field of his specialty, but, using his extraordinary talents and initiative for organization in the field of publication, has done a work which few could do, and this with a whole-hearted devotion to the cause which spared