

IN MEMORIAM: THE RT. HON. LORD TWEEDSMUIR, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
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THE British Institute of Philosophy has suffered a great loss in the sudden death of its Honorary Treasurer, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada. We were looking forward to his being with us at home within a few months, but it was not to be. It appears that his health had not been good for some time, but with a fine courage he refused to spare himself and carried on his arduous duties to the limit of his strength until the end.

We have read with pride and admiration of his achievements in a many-sided life. His versatile gifts have found expression in a number of different fields, and they have all contributed to human happiness and well-being. As a great teller of tales, as a historian, and as a writer of biographies of outstanding historical personages, he used his literary gifts to bind more closely together the peoples who speak the English language. As a Member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities he proved himself a constructive and distinguished representative. As Governor-General of Canada, by his deep understanding of the traditions of the Canadian people and his genuine friendship with them, he forged still stronger the link uniting this great Dominion with the homeland.

John Buchan, after having graduated at Glasgow University, proceeded to Brasenose College, Oxford. Here he won the Stanhope Essay Prize in 1897, and the Newdigate in the following year. He took a First in *Literae Humaniores*, and was president of the Union in his last year. Thus (as *The Times* obituary notice said) "to his earlier love of Scotland was added the love of Oxford, and the two influences remained strong in his character for the rest of his life."

Lord Tweedsmuir accepted the office of Honorary Treasurer of the British Institute of Philosophy in 1932. From the first he showed himself genuinely concerned in the work of extending an interest in philosophy to a wider public. Shortly after assuming office he rendered a great service to the Institute, as one of the Trustees of the Pilgrim Trust, by securing a grant from that body to be used in an effort to expand the influence of the Institute's Journal *Philosophy* through an increase in the number of its subscribers. In spite of his exacting duties as Governor-General of Canada during the past five years, he has always been accessible, and in administrative matters generous in advice when it was sought. It may be said of him that he was a lover of men and their ways, and that he spent his powers in ministering to the needs both of their minds and bodies.