may require much closer links between coro-
nary care units and cardiac x ray suites but it is
difficult to separate such admissions to coro-
nary care units from general medical
admissions and to send them direct to off site
regional cardiac centres. Currently I think
that coronary angioplasty with off site surgical
back up makes the best use of the facilities we
have.

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VIEWS FROM THE PAST  Ernest Henry Starling

To cardiologists, Starling is best known for his
law of the heart, which indicated that cardiac
output is determined by diastolic fibre length.
Here we see him as a young man at the
threshold of his career. In 1899, at the age of 33,
he succeeded Sharpey-Schafer as Jodrell
professor of physiology at University College,
London (Lewis collection).

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