for the journal were in the form of meticulously detailed and handwritten reports whose characteristic style frustrated any attempt at anonymity if they were passed on to authors. He was a founder member of the Association of European Paediatric Cardiologists. As a schoolboy and young adult he had spent a considerable time in Germany and France and was a sound linguist and these and his other talents ensured that he played a major role in the shaping of European paediatric cardiology in the 1960s and early 1970s. But everyone who knew him will recognise that no account of his professional and other achievements can convey the impact of his extraordinary personality. All who met him were instantly enveloped in and usually enchanted by his endless enthusiasm. He had strong colourful ideas about individuals and a style that was very much his

own. He delighted in and admired those who were unusually gifted and talented; but though he respected intelligence he had no time for cleverness for its own sake. He was generous in support of friends but regarded it as a duty of friendship to criticise. He drew out unlikely people. He had a particularly high regard for what he defined as “character”, and above all for those who showed character in adversity. He had vast generosity of spirit to those less fortunate and less endowed than he. Those who worked with and for him and those who shared his friendship will always regard it as a privilege to have known him.

I thank Dr A R Gilchrist, now in his 91st year, for helpful suggestions. Many of the descriptions of Bobby Marquis’s predecessors and contemporaries have been drawn directly from his own published account “*Cardiology in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh*”.

VIEWS FROM THE PAST *Ernest Henry Starling*

The physiologist in the laboratory (see also pages 4 and 22). Starling died in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1927 at the age of 61 while on a cruise intended to benefit his health, and is buried there (Lewis collection).

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