required a physician to attend them on their continental travels. Through their close ties with the hamlet of Dalton, and their subsequent medical careers, the two medical men must have built up a close friendship, in spite of their ten-year age difference.

Annandale is but a part of a small county of Dumfriesshire but it has produced a number of well-known physicians amongst whom are Benjamin Bell, James Mounsey, John Hutton and John Rogerson. In London, Halliday and Beattie were acquainted with Thomas Telford, the eminent civil engineer, also from Dumfriesshire.

Outside Dalton Parish Church stands a memorial to the fallen in the First World War. Amongst the 23 names inscribed on it is that of Brigadier Richard Linton of the Australian Expeditionary Force who was killed at Gallipoli, another far-travelled son of Dalton.