

stopped, and he ultimately became so impressed with the glaring defects of the asylum system, or want of system, of the colony of New South Wales, that it scarcely needed the urging of a friend that he should represent to its Government the defects and abuses which his inspections had disclosed. His representations were fortunately taken in good part, and the seriousness of his facts admitted.

He was invited to enter the temporary service of the colony as a special commissioner, and authorised to visit the asylums of other countries in that capacity, with a view to suggestions as to the improvement of its own asylum organisation. The result appeared in an excellent report upon lunatic asylums, which was printed by the Government in 1868, and in Dr. Manning's appointment as superintendent of the Tarban Creek or Gladesville Asylum, and Inspector of the Insane for the colony.

He entered upon this new sphere of work with the ability, good judgment, and infective enthusiasm which have marked his whole career, and by the aid of which he has secured results of the highest importance in the interests of the insane of the colony.

At a complimentary dinner recently given to him by members of the medical profession of the colony, and numerous attended, he summed up the changes which have been brought about during his administration in the following words:—"When I took charge of Gladesville the place itself was a prison; and Paramatta, all the buildings at which had been used as prisons in the very early days of this colony, was much worse. There were no gardens, no flowers, no amusements, none of the amenities of life, and the officers and staff were almost as badly housed as the patients. Few took any interest in the condition of the insane, and if hospitals are in some sort the measure of the civilisation of a people, then at that time New South Wales was not altogether a civilised community. At the same time the overcrowding was alarming, and on my first night in office, when I picked my way, armed with a big bunch of some twenty heavy keys and a lantern, among the patients spread out upon the floor of every room without bedsteads, and as thick as they could lie, I confess that my heart sank within me. I had, however, put my hand to the plough, and was not going to turn back. It was ten years, however, before even the medical superintendent of Gladesville had a house to live in at the hospital. It was sixteen or seventeen years before the awful old cells occupied by women at Paramatta were swept away. We commenced with 1000 patients in two hospitals. At this moment we have 4000 in five large institutions, the youngest and most beautiful of which, at Kenmore, near Goulburn, will have accommodation for 500 patients. The old buildings have been remodelled, demolished, and rebuilt. I hope we can now show in each and all of the hospitals for the insane in this colony pleasant grounds, airy and cleanly wards, many comforts, and wise and kindly supervision. Work in connection with the insane is admittedly trying and anxious. I think I may now with fairness, and even with advantage to the public service, step on one side and leave the continuance of a great work to younger, to more efficient, but not more willing hands."

Dr. Manning was then presented with a handsomely illuminated and bound menu of the dinner, containing the names of all the gentlemen present.

#### THE LATE DR. WALLIS.

The following letter from the General Secretary elicited from Dr. Merson, on behalf of Dr. Wallis' relatives, a reply expressing their deep appreciation of the sympathy expressed by the members of the Association:

11, CHANDOS STREET,  
CAVENDISH SQUARE;

March 2nd.

DEAR SIR,—At the General Meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, held on February 16th at the West Riding Asylum, Wadsley, near Sheffield, Dr.

T. W. McDowall in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence and sympathy be tendered through you to the sons of the late John A. Wallis, M.D., one of Her Majesty's Commissioners in Lunacy, and a member of the Association, in their recent sudden and sad bereavement by the death of their father.

The Medico-Psychological Association also desired to place on record the great loss it had sustained by the decease of one of its most valued and distinguished members.

Believe me to remain,

Dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

ROBERT JONES,

*Honorary General Secretary.*

John Merson, Esq., M.D.

#### NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

##### EXAMINATION FOR THE NURSING CERTIFICATE.

Six hundred candidates applied for admission to the May examination for this certificate. Of this number 102 failed to satisfy the Examiners, 27 withdrew, and the following were successful.

#### ENGLAND.

##### WARWICK COUNTY ASYLUM, HATTON.

*Females.*—Margaret Baldock, Mary Jane Baldock, Lillian Cindery, Lucy Coles, Lily Mary Cross, Annie Holtham, Agnes Hadden, Maria Heffernan, Rose Knight, Elizabeth Moore, Alice M. Oldham, Ophelia F. Prout, Lillian Vale, Alice Watts, Ellen Jane Warth, Clara Kendle.

##### SUFFOLK COUNTY ASYLUM, MELTON.

*Males.*—Edward Bradbury, James Davis, Frederick S. French, James McCallum, John Payne, Arthur F. Philpott, Walter George Sharp, John Shill, David Turner.

*Females.*—Ethel Alexandra Dove, Lizzie Woolnough.

##### STAFFORD COUNTY ASYLUM, STAFFORD.

*Females.*—Rose Draper, Winifred Hall, Harriet Ratty, Alice M. Tavernor, Mary E. Weaver.

##### KENT COUNTY ASYLUM, CHARTHAM.

*Males.*—Aaron Message, John Walker.

*Females.*—Maria Brannan, Isabel Crawford, Mary Dunn, Ellen Leaney, Matilda Newey, Annie Williams.

##### OXFORD COUNTY ASYLUM, LITTLEMORE.

*Male.*—Henry Nutt.

*Females.*—Gertrude Hickman, Annie Money.

##### DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM, MICKLEOVER.

*Males.*—George E. Bowins, Thomas Frankton, Bernard J. Green, Walter G. Hopper, William Henry Hartley, Herbert A. Hines, James William Swann, William Henry Sharpe.

*Females.*—Charlotte Barnett, Harriet Griffin, Lizzie Ann Hubbard, Louisa Stanley.

##### NOTTINGHAM COUNTY ASYLUM, SHENTON.

*Males.*—Thomas Chambers, Joseph William Caddick, Joseph Crosby, Robert Clarke Lord, William Wilkinson.

*Female.*—Emily Johnson.