

*The Royal Society.*

*It is a matter of just pride to all engaged in the practice of psychological medicine that the founder and late Editor of this Journal, Dr. Bucknill, Lord Chancellor's Visitor, was elected at the annual meeting on the 7th June into the Royal Society. The highest scientific honour in England thus rewards the labours of past years devoted to the advancement of "Mental Science" in its relations to mental disease. This recognition of our scientific position has in this instance been conferred on, without question, the first English psychologist.*

*Appointments.*

Office of Commissioners in Lunacy, 19, Whitehall Place, S.W. ;  
June 25th.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Davies Cleaton, Esq., M.R.C.S., late Superintendent of the West Riding Asylum, to be Commissioner in Lunacy in the room of Samuel Gaskell, Esq., resigned.

*We most sincerely congratulate Mr. Cleaton on his well-earned honours. A thorough Medical Superintendent in every sense of the word, we hail his access to the Council Board of the Commissioners as a good omen of future progress.*

J. C. Bailey, M.R.C.S., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Three Counties Asylum, Stotfold, Baldock.

E. P. Davies, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, and Pembrokeshire Joint Lunatic Asylum at Carmarthen.

F. W. Gibson, M.B., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, near Wokingham, Berks.

H. L. Kempthorne, M.D. Lond., late House-Physician to King's College Hospital, has been elected Assistant Medical Officer to Bethlehem Hospital.

J. C. Morris, L.F.P. and S. Glas., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum, Denbigh.

W. H. Octavius Sankey, M.D. Lond., has been appointed Lecturer on Mental Diseases in University College, London.

W. Peirce, M.D., has been appointed second Assistant Medical Officer to the Dorset County Lunatic Asylum, Dorchester.

W. H. Reed, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Derby County Asylum.

S. W. D. Williams, M.D. St And., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex County Lunatic Asylum, Hayward's Heath.

*Obituary.*

SIR ALEXANDER MORISON. M.D.

SCARCELY had the grave closed over the remains of Dr. Conolly, than the hand of death fell upon another distinguished physician in the treatment of the insane. Sir Alexander Morison, M.D., died on the 14th March, at the ad-

vanced age of eighty-seven years. He was born at Anchorfield, near Edinburgh, 1st of May, 1779. He was at the High School of Edinburgh, in the same class with Lord Brougham. He took the diploma of Surgeon in 1798, and in the following year the degree of Doctor in Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. He became a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, 1808, but it was not till 1841 that he obtained the rank of Fellow of that College. After his removal to London, he was appointed, in 1816, Physician in Ordinary to the late Princess Charlotte, which office he retained after her marriage with Prince Leopold. In 1832 he was appointed Consulting Physician to the Asylum at Hanwell, and Visiting Physician to the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum. He was afterwards elected Physician to the Royal Hospitals of Bethlehem and Bridewell, and in 1838 received the honour of knighthood. He died in the parish of Currie Balerno, Scotland, retaining his faculties to the last moment of his life.

If Sir Alexander Morison has not left so brilliant a name behind as Dr. John Conolly, he, nevertheless, did good service in the cause of the insane. He gave courses of lectures on insanity, both in Edinburgh and in London, and two years since instituted an annual course of six lectures on mental diseases, under the direction of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the first course of which was given in Physician's Hall last summer by Dr. Seller, appointed by him the first lecturer.

As an author he is chiefly known by his work entitled 'The Physiognomy of Mental Diseases,' a valuable book, in which, along with descriptions of the various forms of deprivation of mind, are illustrative portraits from drawings by eminent artists taken from patients in the several institutions with which he was connected.

In person Sir A. Morison was tall and thin, with features rather expressive of kindness and benevolence than of great mental power. He was greatly beloved by his patients, and respected by his medical brethren.

He has left a widow and several daughters, his sons having died during his lifetime.—*The Lancet*.

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