

House—patients and staff—has been carefully attended to. You have noticed many instances of much patience shown under provocation, of kindly words and actions, of trouble cheerfully taken, of money freely spent for the benefit and comfort of all around; so, when you have opportunity, say a good word for the institution. Kindly mention, may help to correct mistaken opinions held by many persons about asylum ways. Prejudice may be removed, or lessened. The unwillingness of friends to send patients, needing such treatment, to an asylum, may be diminished in some case, through your recommendation, which will have weight, coming from one who speaks from personal experience.

“3. Should you know of any young person in search of employment, who would be likely to become a good attendant, you might confer a benefit both upon herself and others by putting her in the way of applying for service, with particulars about age, health, previous occupation, &c. Moreover, you might give her some friendly advice which would be useful if she became a nurse.

“And now, accept good wishes on leaving for your future life, Whether you are going to be married, or to take service elsewhere, or to return awhile to your old home, may God’s blessing be with you in the years to come, and hereafter.”

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM DR. LOCKHART ROBERTSON.

In looking through the report of the Annual Meeting in the Journal, I note the report of the Hack Tuke Committee. May I, as a subscriber and old friend of Dr. Hack Tuke’s, venture to say that I have a strong impression that we are already overdone with Prize Essays, which are usually rubbish; and may I also suggest that we follow the example of the College of Physicians in the Moxon Medal, which is given by the College at fixed intervals as a gold medal on the recommendation of the Council to the most distinguished psychologist, English or foreign, by or for good work done by juniors. Dr. Tuke’s head would look well on a gold medal. We might, perhaps, be able to give it every fifth year in gold, or in silver yearly, which I think would be better. The Moxon fund is £435, and yields at 2½ per cent. 10 guineas. We should only have five guineas yearly, which would give a gold medal probably every third year, a silver one every year.

RESIGNATION.

Dr. Carlos F. Macdonald.

Many of our members, who know Dr. Carlos F. Macdonald, as President of the New York State Lunacy Commission, will congratulate him on the honourable recognition of his services which has been manifested on his retirement, and wish him equal honour and success in any new field of activity that he may enter on. Dr. Wise, of Ogdensburg, has been appointed as his successor.

OBITUARY.

SIR BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON.

Sir Benjamin Richardson was elected an Honorary Member of the Medico-Psychological Association more than a quarter of a century ago, and repeatedly enriched the pages of this Journal with contributions from his active and powerful pen. In the wide range of his interests and investigations he could not fail to include such subjects as lie nearest to our special work. In 1869 he read a paper at the York Meeting on “Physical Disease from Nervous Strain,” and so lately as

1892 he addressed a meeting held in his own house on "The Cerebro-Spinal Axis as a Thermal Centre and Water Power." Few who heard him on "Cycling" at a recent debate in London will forget the old man eloquent—retaining his enthusiasm, and persevering in his service to Hygeia. We need not enter into details as to his life and the value of his work, for the newspapers, lay and medical, have been generous in recording his worth and services to mankind. We cannot, however, fail to make acknowledgment of his ready and kindly aid to the Association whenever called on, and must join in expressing our deep regret and sense of the loss sustained by the death of Sir Benjamin Richardson

DR. LANGDON-DOWN.

By the death of Dr. John Langdon Haydon Langdon-Down, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond., on October 7th, the profession has lost a distinguished member, and the psychological specialty an expert in the treatment of mentally deficient children. One of Dr Down's characteristics was a determination not to sink the broad views of the general physician while carrying out the special work of the care of the imbecile, and the fact that he acted as Assistant Physician to the London Hospital from 1859 to 1868, whilst responsible for the onerous duties of Resident Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum, was a proof of his energy and of the versatility of his powers. The subsequent establishment of Normansfield as a home for the mentally-afflicted children of the upper classes was a signal evidence of the capacity for organisation displayed by the doctor, and, we may add, Mrs. Langdon-Down. Many of our readers will be familiar with this institution, which has from time to time been the scene of lavish hospitality to the medical profession; and from the experience there gained, as well as from his earlier experience at Earlswood, Dr. Langdon-Down was able to present in 1887 to the Medical Society of London a concise but comprehensive account of the "Mental Affections of Childhood and Youth," which formed the subject of his Lettsomian Lectures. He was the author of several papers relating to imbecility in the *London Hospital Reports*, and of an article on that subject in *Quain's Dictionary of Medicine*, and of numerous contributions to medical journals. His handsome presence and courteous manner rendered him a conspicuous and welcome member of any assembly of his *confrères*, and many of our metropolitan associates will remember his readiness in his capacity of Magistrate to aid them in the difficult duties imposed on them by the new Lunacy Law. Many, indeed, there are who can bear testimony in the case of Dr. Langdon-Down to: "Those best parts of every good man's life, his little nameless, unremembered acts of love and kindness."

DR. W. Z. MYLES.

We regret to record the death of Dr. William Zachary Myles, of Kilkenny, an old member of our Association. Dr. Myles belonged to a well-known Limerick family. He took Scottish diplomas. He was on the medical staff of the Richmond Asylum, Dublin, for more than eleven years, being senior A.M.O. for eight. Owing to his lack of the interest usually required in Ireland, his promotion was not rapid, though he was much esteemed. In May, 1888, he was appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to be Medical Superintendent of the District Asylum at Kilkenny, an office which he held up to his death. He died on December the 13th, at the early age of 45. Dr. Myles had long been in delicate health. He contracted phthisis while an assistant in the Dublin Asylum. This affection, however, assumed a very chronic type, and he became apparently fairly strong after he went to Kilkenny. He worked under exceptional difficulties, the habitual contests between the Board of Control and the Board of Governors assuming occasionally at his asylum the most acute forms—a circumstance which must

necessarily have hampered and obstructed all reform. Thus a few years ago, after a difference with the Board of Control, the Board of Governors, with, we understand, one or two dissentients, resigned office *en masse*, and were with difficulty induced to resume their functions. Nevertheless, Dr. Myles succeeded in effecting many improvements, and earned for himself the character of an advancing worker and kindly physician.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing.

At the November Examination for this Certificate 168 candidates presented themselves for examination. Of this number 136 were successful, 14 failed to satisfy the Examiners, and two withdrew from the examination, while the result of the examination of 16 candidates has not yet come to hand.

The following is a list of the successful candidates:—

Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield.—*Males*: Thomas Ainsworth, James Carter, David Gilliespie, William Hancock, Ernest Keeble, Tom Frank Murray, Hugh Matthews, James McGrath, William Noble, William Nield, William Peden, Frederick Sherriff, Samuel Scragg, Joseph Timmis, Frederick William Tite, James Whelan. *Females*: Jane Bryne, Ellen Clancy, Harriet Caroline Ferguson, Emma Horton, Amelia Johnson, Jane Johnson, Elizabeth Jane Kemp, Annie Priddey, Elizabeth Ann McGrath, Jane Mottershead, Mary Lupton, Lily Sullivan, Margaret Stubbs, Rose Annie Wood.

Kent County Asylum, Chartham.—*Male*: Herbert Royall.

Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath.—*Males*: Thomas Henry Catt, Henry Cole, Alfred L. Dunkin, Thomas W. Gibson, William Geo. Hewitt, Charles Amos King, William Hy. Wheeler. *Females*: Annie Bruce, Sarah Ann Hulse, Alma Elizabeth Larkin, Fanny Robinson.

Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth.—*Females*: Agnes Badley, Sarah Annie Hall, Annie Rochester, Fanny Runcieman.

Norfolk County Asylum, Norwich.—*Males*: Moses S. Crabbe, Charles Edward Fox, George Powell. *Females*: Jessie Elizabeth Back, Margaret Kemp, Alice Curtis, Annie Jordan, Annie Missen, Charlotte Simpson.

Stafford County Asylum, Stafford.—*Females*: Mary Lewis, Clara Jones, Lucy Wild.

Plymouth Borough Asylum.—*Males*: Frederic Neve, Thomas Henry Oliver, James Fox.

Sunderland Borough Asylum.—*Males*: James Anderson, Lewis Calder Alexander Malcolm Stewart, Thomas William Watson.

The Holloway Sanatorium.—*Males*: Sherrif Blades, William H. Elton, Charles Ives Fisher, John Pike, George Tappin. *Females*: Frances A. Chester, Romana D. C. I. A. de Lazen, Helena E. Golding, Alice M. Mactaggart, Amelia Lucy Russell, Jane Elsie Sellens, Minna Worts.

Bethnal House Asylum, London.—*Males*: George Durham, William Minns, Frederick Spratt. *Females*: Elizabeth Collins, Ada Jewell.

The Royal Asylum, Edinburgh.—*Females*: Sarah A. Durling Appa, Mary Buchanan Darney, Edith A. Elkins, Margaret I. Forsyth, Sarah Pyper, Katherina Spence.

The Royal Asylum, Dundee.—*Male*: James Joss. *Females*: Ann Margaret Aitkin, Christina Fraser, Caroline Gavine, Maggie Mann, Frances M. Mitchell, Bella Sheppard.

Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie.—*Males*: Norman Campbell, William Wood. *Females*: Janet Campbell, Janet Dick, Annie Munro, Margaret Wilson.

Inverness District Asylum.—*Males*: William Carr, Donald Macdonald George Mackenzie. *Females*: Mary P. Ballantyne, Margaret G. Thomson.