

Superintendent of the Gloucester Asylum, and here for twenty-four years he carried on a successful work with an energy and zeal that knew no bounds.

An excellent organiser, he brought about much-needed reforms both in the structure and the management of the asylum. He was a strict disciplinarian but had the heart of a woman, and his kindness to both patients and staff endeared him to one and all.

The committee have lost in Mr. Craddock a most valuable officer, and their appreciation of him and his work may best be told in their own words:

"They desire to place on record their appreciation of the great services rendered by their late Superintendent, Dr. Craddock, whose sudden death on the 14th inst. they deeply deplore. By his able management, combining firmness in maintaining discipline with consideration and great kindness towards his subordinates and the patients under his care, he gained in a marked degree the esteem and affection of all who were brought in contact with him."

Mr. Craddock was more of a reader than a writer and he was keenly interested in the social problems that vex the soul of the present-day physician.

The funeral took place at his native village in Warwickshire, and the large number of friends, professional and otherwise, that attended to escort the body to the station was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Craddock was generally held. A memorial service, attended by members of the committee, the staff, and patients was held in the asylum chapel on the previous day.

JOHN GREIG McDOWALL.

By the death of Dr. J. G. McDowall, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five, the West Riding of Yorkshire has lost a most conscientious, capable, and upright officer, his large family of staff and patients a good and affectionate friend, and his many personal friends a most loyal and lovable man.

After his graduation at Edinburgh in 1873 he had a short experience in Scottish Poor Law work at Craiglockhart, but at an early date devoted himself to the study of insanity, obtaining an appointment as Assistant Medical Officer at the then new South Yorkshire Asylum, at Sheffield, in 1873, at that time under the superintendency of Dr. Samuel Mitchell; here his strong individual characteristics soon showed themselves, and his work was marked by that careful, painstaking conscientiousness which stamped everything that he undertook in later years.

In 1887, after keen competition, he obtained the appointment of Medical Superintendent of the then new West Riding Asylum at Menston, and that institution in its development and administration is practically a reflection of his mind. During the early years, when the work of organisation was a severe strain, no undertaking was too great and no detail was too small for his energies and attention, and from morning to night, and from year's end to year's end, his whole object and aim in life was the welfare, good name, and honour of the institution entrusted to his care.

As a Superintendent he was kind, forbearing, and gentle, and had what Pliny calls the best of all characters, namely, he was ready to pardon the errors of mankind as if he were every day guilty of some himself and, at the same time, as cautious of committing a fault as if he never forgave one. As a man he had a most lovable disposition, was perfectly straightforward, even-tempered, and large-hearted. He leaves behind many to mourn his loss, and not least important among them are those amongst whom he lived so many years, his staff and patients.

ROBERT SLOSS STEWART.

We much regret to have to record the death, from heart disease, of Dr. Robert S. Stewart, on September 28th, at the early age of forty-four years.

Dr. Stewart was a distinguished student of the University of Glasgow, where in 1883 he took the degrees of M.B., C.M. "with high commendation," and three years later that of M.D., also "with commendation." Having completed his curriculum, he acted as Resident Assistant in the Glasgow Western Infirmary, in the wards of Sir William T. Gairdner, the late Dr. Leishman, and Dr. Alexander Paterson. Thereafter turning his attention to the study of psychological medicine, he obtained the appointment of Assistant Medical Officer at the Glamorgan

County Asylum, at which institution he spent the remainder of his life, devoting himself entirely to the study and care of the insane. So thoroughly were his services and excellent qualifications appreciated by the Committee that they immediately appointed him Medical Superintendent on the retirement of Dr. Pringle in 1904.

Dr. Stewart was an able and indefatigable worker, an excellent statistician, and one of our most valued contributors to this *Journal*. For many years he contributed to the *Glasgow Medical Journal* reviews of papers which appeared in the English, American, and Continental journals devoted to the study of nervous and mental affections. Among his contributions to medical literature may be mentioned the following: "Observations on the Spinal Cord in the Insane," "Ataxo-spasmodic Tabes (Ataxic Paraplegia) in Case of Primary Dementia," "The Spastic and Tabetic Types of General Paralysis," "The Increase of General Paralysis in England and Wales, 1896," "The Decrease of General Paralysis of the Insane in England and Wales, 1901," "The Relationship of Wages, Lunacy, and Crime in South Wales," "The Mental and Moral Effects of the South African War, 1899—1902, on the British People."

By Dr. Stewart's untimely death Glamorgan Asylum has lost an able Superintendent and the medical profession a prominent member. Of a retiring, unostentatious, kind, and genial disposition, he was universally respected and esteemed, and his loss is keenly felt by all who knew him.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—The next meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. A. Molyneux Jackson, at the Notts County Asylum, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on February 22nd, 1907.

South-Eastern Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Taylor, at the East Sussex County Asylum, Hellingly, on April 17th, 1907.

South-Western Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held on April 18th, 1907.

Northern and Midland Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Perceval, at Prestwich Asylum, on April 18th, 1907.

Scottish Division.—The next meeting will be held on March 22nd, 1907.

Irish Division.—It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Protrane Asylum on April 11th, 1907.

APPOINTMENTS.

Bayley, Harry, L.S.A., Assistant Medical Officer to the Warneford Hospital for Mental Diseases, Oxford.

Bond, C. Hubert, D.Sc., M.D., Medical Superintendent of the new London County Asylum, at Long Grove, Epsom.

MacIraith, N. MacLaren, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.D.S., R.C.S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer to the Norwich City Asylum, Hellesdon, near Norwich.

MacKenzie, T. C., M.B., M.R.C.P.Edin., Senior Assistant Physician to the Royal Asylum, Aberdeen.

Wood, T. Outterson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.Edin., M.R.C.P.Lond., Consulting Physician to the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Welbeck Street, W.