

over lactation, &c. I think Dr. Robertson himself would place this form of insanity in that group.

The CHAIRMAN—Did you use the ophthalmoscope?

Dr. ROBERTSON—No, the man was too ill.

The CHAIRMAN—I have found, and so also has Dr. Begbie, whose attention to this subject is well known to the Association, that there is a marked difference in the effect of iodine in the exophthalmic form of goitre and in the ordinary form. In the latter, as is well known, iodine is curative; whereas in the exophthalmic goitre, it seems to be positively injurious. There must be an important distinction between insanity associated with this form of goitre and that associated with the Cretin form.

Dr. ROBERTSON, in reply, said the late Professor Trousseau, who had much experience of the disease, did not regard anæmia to be at the foundation of it, and he had not found the preparations of iron to be of material value in its treatment. More particularly with respect to its pathology, there was a dilated condition of the blood vessels of the thyroid gland and of those within the orbit, pointing to an affection of the cervical sympathetic, and when insanity occurred, by analogy it might be inferred that a similar condition existed within the skull.

The following papers were held as read:—"Hydrophobic Melancholia," by Dr. Thomas Anderson, and Clinical Notes by Dr. P. Maury Deas.

On the motion of Dr. DEAS, a vote of thanks was awarded to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons for the use of their Hall. A similar compliment to the Chairman, on the motion of Dr. ROBERTSON, concluded the proceedings.

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### Obituary.

THOMAS PEACH, M.D., J.P.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of an Honorary Member of our Association—Dr. Peach, of Langley Hall, Derbyshire—for some years the able and courteous Chairman of the Committee of the Derbyshire County Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Peach had long retired from the active duties of his profession, but he, at all times, felt a deep and lively interest in whatever related to the well-being of the insane, and the advance of mental science. He belonged to a class of physicians distinguished for their classical attainments, and the graces of scholarship; and was, moreover, indefatigable in the discharge of magisterial duties. For the following sketch of Dr. Peach's character as a magistrate, and of the position he held in his native county, we are indebted to the columns of the "Derbyshire Advertiser":—

"Full of years and full of honour, a Derbyshire worthy has departed this week from amongst us, and the place of Dr. Peach, of Langley Hall, knows him no more. This venerable and much esteemed gentleman died at his residence on Thursday, April the 9th, on his 89th birthday, to the great regret of all who value Christian worth, and a useful, honourable life.

"The late Thomas Peach, Esq., M.D., was a Magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for the county of Derby, and was one of the oldest Justices upon the Bench, having been placed upon the Commission of the Peace in June, 1836. For many years he had been Chairman of Petty Sessions at Derby, in which office he especially distinguished himself by punctual attendance to his duties, and by the moderation, judgment, and tact which he brought to bear in discharging them. His professional education and cultivated experience in the ways of the world rendered him pre-eminently the right man in the right place as presiding magistrate, and we are sure his great personal influence was never brought to bear unduly or for any other ends than those of strict justice. Some time ago, the advancing feebleness of old age caused him to resign his post to Col. Mosley, who had long seconded him in the business of the court, and since that time his attendance has been limited to occasional visits. The deceased gentleman

was formerly a leading physician in this town, and was the senior physician to the Derbyshire General Infirmary for some years.

"In private life Dr. Peach was greatly esteemed, his kind and genial disposition attracting many friends. His politics were Liberal, in the best sense of the term, and we have good reason to believe that he viewed with much disfavour the tendency of some of his party to degenerate into Radicalism. He leaves a family of sons and daughters to lament the loss of a kind and good parent, and their regrets will be shared by all who enjoyed the pleasure of the deceased gentleman's friendship.

"On taking his seat at the County Petty Sessions on Friday, Col. Mosley said—'The Bench cannot proceed to the business of the day without recording with deep regret the loss the county has sustained in the death of Dr. Peach, who for many years presided at this Bench, and who was an ornament whenever he so presided. He had ever an anxious desire to do justice, and temper it with mercy. He had great perspicuity of intellect, and he was ever anxious to do good to those who came within his influence. He lived highly respected, and dies regretted, but his memory will long live in the recollection of those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.'

"At a subsequent period of the proceedings, Mr. Hextall, addressing the Bench, also alluded to the sense which he believed all practising in that Court had of the courtesy and efficiency of Dr. Peach in the administration of justice. He was sorry there were not any others of his profession present—some one who had known more of the late gentleman than himself—but still he thought the occasion ought not to be passed by without an expression of regret on his part, speaking only for himself, at the loss which they had sustained.

"Colonel Mosley thanked Mr. Hextall for his remarks, and said it was very satisfactory to them to hear their late colleague spoken of in the terms which had been used by Mr. Hextall."

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#### *Appointments.*

ANDERSON, T., M.B. (Assistant Medical Officer to the Southern Counties Asylum, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries), has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the Mid-Lothian and Peebles County Asylum, Roslin, near Edinburgh.

CAMERON, J., M.B., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Southern Counties Lunatic Asylum, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, *vice* Anderson, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Lothian and Peebles County Lunatic Asylum.

CHAMBERS, R., L.K.Q.C.P.L., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer for the Inverness District Lunatic Asylum, *vice* Haggart, resigned.

CUMMING, W. R., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Hanwell, *vice* Pattinson, resigned.

DIXON, J. F., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Leicestershire and Rutlandshire Lunatic Asylum, near Leicester, *vice* Bowes, resigned.

DRAPER, M. B., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Assistant Resident Medical Superintendent of the Bristol Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, *vice* Benham, resigned.

DUFF, Dr., has been appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Oxfordshire and Berkshire Lunatic Asylum, Littlemore, *vice* Hoysted, resigned.