

*Correspondence.**To the Editors of the JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE.*

Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin,  
25th day of November, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—In a letter from Dr. Nugent, published in your last number, that gentleman says that “he concurs in the opinion (expressed at page 112 of your April number) that it would be well if Dr. Lalor explained the reason of the Inspectors omitting to visit the Richmond Asylum.” I cannot see why I should be expected to explain why the Inspectors omitted to visit the Richmond Asylum even if I had said that they had done so, which I never did.

What I did say in my report for 1880, and which is not challenged in Dr. Nugent's letter, was as follows:—“I have no report to submit from the Inspectors of any inspection made by them in 1880, and as the same has been the case for some years, it appears to me only right that I should supplement the absence of such documents by reports of visitors to the asylum in the last three years, and as these reports are generally from persons of experience in asylum management, and many of them well-known authorities, I hope that the Institution will not suffer in its character from the want of efficient reports.”

I submit my case to the judgment of the profession, and I have no fear as to the result.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
JOSEPH LALOR, M.D.

*Appointments.*

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, M.R.C.S., to be Deputy Medical Superintendent of the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum, South Australia.

COBBOLD, C. S. W., M.D., to be Medical Superintendent of the Idiot Asylum, Earlswood, *vice* G. W. Grabham, M.D., resigned.

CRADDOCK, F. H., B.A. Oxon, M.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent of the Gloucester County Asylum, *vice* E. Toller, M.R.C.S.

DESTON, FRED. P., M.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent at the Beechworth Lunatic Asylum, Victoria.

DOUGHTY, T. HARRINGTON, M.R.C.S. Eng., to be Second Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Powick, near Worcester.

DUNLOP, J. B., L.R.C.S.I., to be Assistant Resident Medical Superintendent of the Downpatrick District Lunatic Asylum.

HALL, B., M.D. Lond., to be Assistant Medical Officer at Earlswood Asylum, Surrey, *vice* Dr. Jones, appointed Assistant Medical Officer at Colney Hatch.

HITCHCOCK, CHARLES KNIGHT, M.D., M.A. Cantab., to be Deputy Superintendent of the Warneford Asylum, Oxford, for six months.

IRELAND, W. W., M.D. Ed., to be Medical Officer to Murray's Hospital for Girls, Prestonpans.

JONES, ROBERT, M.B. Lond., &c., to be Assistant Medical Officer at Colney Hatch Asylum (Female Department), *vice* Dr. Cobbold.

MOODY, JAMES M., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., Assistant Medical Officer, Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood, to be Medical Superintendent of the New Asylum for Surrey, Cane Hill.

ROWLAND, C. D., M.D., to be Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Whittingham, Preston.