

"The verandahs have been in use throughout the whole year for cases of mental disorder requiring treatment by means of rest in bed. These structures have recently been provided with light shutters, which prevent the rain from driving in during stormy weather. It is a remarkable fact that the patients become much attached to sleeping in the verandahs, and when, owing to the severe weather at the beginning of the winter, the removal of the patients indoors was contemplated, a storm of opposition was at once met with."

Had I added that I bowed to the storm and continued to allow the patients to sleep out the meaning would have been less likely to have been misunderstood.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

R. H. STEEN,

City of London Mental Hospital,  
March 15th, 1912.

Medical Superintendent.

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#### THE LIBRARY OF THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Library is open daily for reading, and for the purpose of borrowing books. Books may also be borrowed by post, provided that at the time of application threepence in stamps is forwarded to defray the cost of postage. Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Lewis to enable the Association to obtain books from the lending library belonging to that firm should any desired book not be in the Association's Library.

The following book has recently been added to the Library:

James.—*Text-book of Psychology.*

Application for books should be addressed to the Resident Librarian, Medico-Psychological Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. Other communications should be addressed to the undersigned at Long-Grove Asylum, Epsom.

BERNARD HART,

Hon. Secretary, Library Committee.

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#### OBITUARY.

GEORGE STANLEY ELLIOT, M.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S. Edin.,  
Late Medical Superintendent, Metropolitan Asylum, Caterham.

After failing health for the past five years and almost continuous confinement to the house since December 12th, 1910, Dr. Elliot breathed his last at his residence, Upper Norwood, on March 2nd, to the grief of his many friends, who had done much to brighten the last fifteen months of his life by their regular visits to him. The immediate causes of death were cystitis and heart failure, supervening upon chronic rheumatic arthritis and cardiac valvular disease. The funeral was at Elmer's End Cemetery on March 6th, and was largely attended, his old friends, Drs. Seward, Ernest White, P. Campbell and Greenlees representing the specialty.

Dr. Elliot was born on April 20th, 1844, at Exeter, where his father was Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital. After completing his medical education at Edinburgh he held in succession the post of House-surgeon to the Salop Infirmary, Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Asylum, Coton Hill Hospital for the Insane, Caterham and Colney Hatch Asylums, and on December 22nd, 1879, was elected Medical Superintendent of Caterham Asylum, which post he ably filled until June, 1901, when he retired upon a well-earned pension. Tall, of soldierly mien and polished manners, a thorough man of the world, a first-class administrator, imbued with the highest sense of rectitude, tactful, sincere, urbane, and sympathetic, Dr. Elliot was held in great affection by all those who knew him intimately, both in connection with his official duties and socially at his clubs and elsewhere. At the request of the Metropolitan Asylums Board he largely planned the asylum at Tooting Bec, for

which work he was voted a special honorarium, and an addition of some years was made to his service in computing his pension. He was a bachelor, and will be much missed at the Constitutional Club, where for several years on Wednesday afternoons a little coterie foregathered in the bay window of the smoking-room around the chair of their now lamented friend. ERNEST W. WHITE.

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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

*Quarterly Meeting.*—The next meeting will be held in London on Tuesday, May 21st, 1912.

*Irish Division.*—The Summer Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 4th, 1912.

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#### NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

The next examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held early in July, 1912; also the examination for the Gaskell Prize.

Competitors for the Bronze Medal are requested to send their dissertations to the Registrar on or before June 14th, 1912.

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#### APPOINTMENTS.

Blaxland, F. T., M.B.Syd., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Department of Lunacy, New South Wales.

Curtis, G. S., M.B.Syd., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Department of Lunacy, New South Wales.

Deans, R. H., M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Second Assistant Medical Officer to Govan District Asylum, Hawkhead, near Paisley.

Hughes, Percy T., M.B., D.P.H., Lecturer on Mental Diseases at the University, Birmingham.

Nowland, H., M.B.Syd., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Department of Lunacy, New South Wales.

Ogilvy, David, B.C., M.D.Dub., Medical Superintendent of the London County Asylum, Long Grove, Epsom.

Thomson, A. M., M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Prestwich, Manchester.