

*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.

SMITH, W. B., F.R.C.S.E., to be Deputy Medical Superintendent of the Metropolitan Asylum, Yarra Bend, Melbourne.

WATKINS, W. L., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., to be Medical Superintendent of the Guntary Lunatic Asylum, South Australia.

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#### THE PRIZE DISSERTATION.

A bronze medal and ten guineas will be awarded, on the following conditions, to any Assistant Medical Officer of any lunatic asylum (public or private), or of any lunatic hospital in the United Kingdom, for the best Dissertation on any clinical or pathological subject relating to insanity.

The following are the conditions:—

The dissertation to be in English, and the number and importance of original observations will be considered as principal points of excellence.

Each dissertation to be distinguished by a motto or device, and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and residence of the author, and having on the outside a motto or device corresponding with that on the dissertation.

The dissertation shall not exceed in length twenty pages of the ordinary type of the Journal of the Association.

The manuscript *Prize Dissertation*, and every accompanying drawing and preparation, will become the property of the Association, to be published in the Journal at the discretion of the Editors.

Those dissertations which shall not be approved, with their accompanying drawings and preparations, if any, will, upon authenticated application within the period of one year, be returned, together with the unopened envelopes containing the names and residences of the respective authors.

The unapproved dissertations which shall remain one year unclaimed, with the drawings and preparations, will become the property of the Association. In such cases the envelopes containing the names of the authors will be burnt unopened in the presence of the Committee.

The dissertations for the Association medal and prize for the present year must be delivered to Professor Gairdner, 225, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, not later than four o'clock on May 30th, 1883.

No prize will be awarded if in the opinion of the adjudicators none of the dissertations are of sufficient merit.

The name of the successful author shall be announced at the annual general meeting of the Association, together with the title of the Dissertation.

H. RAYNER, Hon. Gen. Sec.

G. H. SAVAGE, Editor.

(Committee appointed by Council).

Nov. 29th, 1882.

*The Adjudicators, appointed at the Annual Meeting, are the ex-President (Dr. Hack Tuke), the President (Professor Gairdner), and the President-Elect (Dr. Orange).*

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#### NOTICE.

Gentlemen possessing the photographic group of the Annual Meeting of 1881 can obtain a key to the names on application to Dr. Tuke.

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#### ERRATA.

In the last number, p. 332, line 7, for "than in the old conception," read "than is the old conception." P. 410, line 11, for "Anderson," read "Adamson." P. 449, Table IA, for "Discharge or Recovery," read "Discharge on Recovery."