

Dr. NORMAN thought the first case particularly interesting, and considered that the rupture was probably due to atheroma of the coronary artery, one branch of which was as hard as bone, and was probably blocked further on. In his own practice he had seen two cases of rupture of the heart, and one in which the heart was greatly thinned owing to occlusion of the coronary artery.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Rainsford for his kind hospitality was then passed on the proposal of Dr. DRAPES, seconded by Dr. NORMAN, and Dr. RAINSFORD having responded the proceedings terminated.

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#### DOWN DISTRICT ASYLUM.

##### PRESENTATION TO DR. NOLAN.

The Committee of Management of Down District Lunatic Asylum, after the transaction of the business of the monthly meeting in April last, paid a signal compliment to Dr. M. J. Nolan, the esteemed Resident Medical Superintendent.

The members of the present Committee, elected three years ago, in conjunction with the members of the Committee for 1899—1902, to mark their appreciation of the efficient manner in which Dr. Nolan has conducted the asylum since his appointment to the position of Resident Medical Superintendent close on twelve years ago, made him the recipient of a congratulatory address and gold watch, and Mrs. Nolan an autograph silver salver. On the watch were inscribed, outside the case, crest, motto, "Justa Sequor," and monogram; inside, "Presented to Dr. M. J. Nolan, R.M.S., Down District Asylum, by the Committee of Management, 1899—1905." On the salver, below the crest, etc., was inscribed, "Presented to Dr. and Mrs. Nolan by the Committees of Management, Down District Asylum, 1899—1905, as a token of their esteem."

The Chairman said that they were no doubt all aware that it had been arranged to make some acknowledgment to Dr. Nolan of the great zeal and capacity which he had shown in conducting the affairs of the asylum during the time the Committee had been in office. Colonel Sharman-Crawford and Mr. Russell had been deputed to carry out the idea, and he now requested the former gentleman to read the apologies, and Mr. Russell to read the address. He might, perhaps, be permitted to say that, as the oldest member of the Committee, he could testify to the steady improvement which had been carried out in almost every department of the asylum since Dr. Nolan became Medical Superintendent.

Mr. Andrews, speaking in the name of the Committee, said that, having had the privilege of acting as treasurer for the presentation, he wished to say that he had never been associated with any object or acted as treasurer in any case in which contributions were sent in so cheerfully and so pleasantly as in this case. Each member who wrote expressed the general indebtedness to Dr. Nolan, and the great pleasure that the donor had in forwarding his contribution.

The Chairman having made the presentation, Dr. Nolan assured the Committee how much he was touched by their great kindness—kindness so unexpected, so unanimous, so spontaneous, that it was a reward such as he could not think he deserved.—*The Down Recorder*, April 22nd, 1905.

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#### OBITUARY.

##### SIR JOHN SIBBALD, M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin.

By the death of Sir John Sibbald, President Elect of the Medico-Psychological Association, ex-Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, psychiatric medicine has lost one of its foremost and wisest exponents.

In the end of 1904 an affection of his throat appeared, which quickly assumed a serious character, and permitted no hope of ultimate recovery. He faced the issue