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A detailed biography of Sir John Bucknill, it will be learnt with great satisfaction, is in course of preparation at the hands of his eldest son.

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DR. HOWDEN.

The death of this well-known and highly esteemed member of our specialty, which occurred on August 17th, at his residence at Sunnyside, Montrose, will be a source of regret to all those members of our specialty who had the pleasure of his personal acquaintance.

His retirement last year from active work, in consequence of failing health, following an attack of paralysis some three years since, renders his death less a matter of surprise to those who knew of this previous illness.

Dr. Howden, after acting for some time as medical assistant in the Edinburgh Asylum, was appointed medical superintendent of the Montrose Asylum in 1857, being then only twenty-seven years of age. His service at his retirement in June last was close upon forty years, and the high esteem in which he was held was evidenced by a retiring allowance of £575 and an additional £105 per annum for services as consulting physician.

Dr. Howden had been a member of our Association since 1863, and he took a very active interest in the local institutions and affairs of Montrose. He had, therefore, a very wide circle of friends who deplore his loss.

We propose in our next issue to give a detailed account of Dr. Howden and his life's work.

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R. J. STEPHENS, M.R.C.S.

On the 11th August, in consequence of a bicycle accident at Preston, Richard John Stephens, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Whittingham, Lancashire, the second son of Mrs. Dickson, Wellesbourne House, Blackheath, in his 34th year.

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RESIGNATIONS.

DR. ADAMS.

The resignation of Dr. Adams, superintendent of the Cornwall Asylum, at Bodmin, removes from the list of superintendents one of the early members of the Association, which he joined in 1857. We are informed that his valuable and lengthened period of service (forty years) has been recognised by a superannuation of £567 per annum, practically the highest possible amount under the pension scale adopted in Cornwall.

DR. BYWATER WARD.

We have to record the retirement of Dr. Bywater Ward from the post of medical superintendent of the Warneford Asylum, Oxford, after twenty-five years' service. The governors of this institution have recognised the value of Dr. Ward's services by granting him a pension of £400 per annum.

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