

his asylum career, pronounced himself a warm adherent of the non-restraint system of treatment, then in its infancy; but he at the same time conceded that cases might arise which would justify the imposition of mechanical in preference to prolonged vital restraint. In practice his patients enjoyed all the advantages of the principle of non-restraint, but in rare and exceptional cases the subject of our notice did not hesitate to express his conviction that a patient might be restrained with advantage to himself and to those around him. During the forty years that Dr. Stewart was the Chief Officer of the Belfast Asylum that institution attained a high reputation for the skill and humanity that guided its administration. By the profession in Belfast Dr. Stewart was deeply respected; he possessed the entire confidence of his subordinate officers; and we use no mere form of speech when we add that he was loved by his patients. Dr. Stewart was a man of wide attainments, and of sympathies as wide as his attainments. He was a frequent contributor to the pages of the "Journal of Mental Science" and other medical periodicals; and his kindly presence will be deeply missed at the approaching meeting of the Association in Dublin. The fatal cold which passed into pleuritis was caught while discharging the charitable office of collecting subscriptions for the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Society of Ireland, of the Belfast branch of which he was for thirty-two years the honorary secretary. He died on the 6th April, after an illness of only five days. The most touching tribute to his memory was to be seen in the unaffected grief and dismay of the asylum patients to whose care and well-being he had devoted the energies of a long and valuable life.

Appointments.

BIRT, E., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Salop and Montgomery Counties Lunatic Asylum, Bicton, near Shrewsbury, vice Talbot, resigned.

COOKE, E. M., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed second Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick.

DICKSON, H., M.B., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Bristol Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, near Bristol, vice Draper, resigned.

FAUSSETT, J. D., L.M. and S.T.C.D., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to The Friends' Retreat, near York, vice Widdas, resigned.

GOWAN, C., M.D., C.M., L.R.C.S. Ed., Senior Assistant Medical Officer at the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, Canada, vice J. Workman, M.D., resigned.

MERRICK, A. S., M.D., L.R.C.S. Ed., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent to the Antrim Lunatic Asylum, Belfast, vice Stewart, deceased.

MICKLEY, G., M.B., C.M., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital for Lunatics, vice Eager, resigned, on becoming proprietor of Northwoods Asylum, near Bristol.

SHAPTEL, L., B.A., M.B., has been appointed Consulting Physician to the Wonford House Hospital for the Insane, near Exeter.

WALLIS, J. A. M., L.R.C.P. Ed., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Hull Borough Lunatic Asylum, vice Casson resigned.