

### Occasional Notes.

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#### *The Retirement of Dr. Urquhart.*

Dr. Urquhart, who for sixteen years worked assiduously as Editor of the *Journal of Mental Science*, and who for more than twice that period has taken so prominent and vigorous a part in the affairs of the Medico-Psychological Association, will receive the heartiest good wishes of its every member for a long enjoyment of freedom from office.

Few men have more thoroughly earned the right to retire than has Dr. Urquhart. In addition to his many activities for this Association, and his innumerable special services for it, he has taken a full-handed share in the medical and social work of Perth and Perthshire, all this voluntary service being in addition to the management and development of the Murray Asylum, together with a very considerable output of literary work and scientific matter throughout his career.

That he has earned the confidence and esteem of his professional brethren is evidenced by his having been President of our Association, President of the Perthshire Medical Association, and for many years a member of the Council of the British Medical Association. His honorary membership of many foreign alienist societies is an additional evidence of this general appreciation of his medical work and character.

Of Dr. Urquhart's incessant activity, it might well be said—

“Day after day filled up with blessed toil,  
Hour after hour still bringing in new spoil”—

for he was ever making new acquisitions of knowledge, both medical and literary.

That the ill-health which has led to his retirement may soon pass away, and leave him many years of the leisure he can so worthily employ, is the wish of innumerable friends, and especially of those who are members of the specialty he has so long and truly served.

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#### *The Mental Deficiency Act.*

The constitution of the committees for the local administration of the Mental Deficiency Act formed the subject of an earnest discussion at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association.