

Capt. Ballard received his education at the Merchant Tailors' School and at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he won a scholarship. After graduating M.B., B.S., at London University, he for upwards of four years was Assistant Medical Officer at the Somerset and Bath Asylum at Wells. He was never robust, and, his health breaking down, he returned to his home at Brighton, where for some time he was House-Surgeon to the Throat and Ear Hospital. He joined the Army in June, 1915, and, being in a very low category, he was given home service, and was attached to the 2nd Eastern General Hospital. The experience he had gained in mental disease led to his being posted to the Portland Road Section of the 2nd Eastern, which was devoted to the care and treatment of soldiers suffering from nervous and incipient mental conditions. He was deeply attached to the mental aspect of the work, and although he had ceased to be actively connected with this sphere of medicine for some time previous to entering the Army, he yet continued to interest himself in modern psychiatry, and particularly in psycho-analysis. He retained his membership of the Association and attended the meetings when opportunity offered. He contributed articles to the Journal—in fact his last article appeared in the October issue—and he published an *Epitome of Mental Disorders*, which is a useful introduction for students. He had a most agreeable personality, was an indefatigable worker, and did not spare himself in the interests of his patients.

The funeral took place at Brighton, the special service held in the Chapel of the 2nd Eastern General Hospital being attended by a large number of senior officers and staff and also patients.

By the death of Capt. Ballard the Association has lost a very charming and accomplished member, and we tender to his family an expression of our sympathy and regret.

Capt. Ballard was passionately fond of cricket and football, but his indifferent health prevented him taking as active a part in these games as he wished. He was a keen botanist and entomologist, but his chief interest lay in his home life, devoting himself to the happiness of his parents. His brain was ever at work—always reading to acquire knowledge. Although not making much outward show, he was deeply religious, and took great pleasure in reconciling his scientific knowledge with the truths taught in Scripture.

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WE regret to hear of the death on October 23rd, 1918, of Dr. Thomas Herbert, late Senior Assistant Medical Officer in York City Asylum, Fulford. Dr. Hopkins, Medical Superintendent of this Asylum, writes of Dr. Herbert as follows:

"Dr. Herbert had been the Assistant Medical Officer at this Asylum since its opening in March, 1906—a period of 12½ years. He left here on holiday on October 18th, and whilst on a visit to his brother-in-law in Cardiff was found dead in bed on the morning of October 23rd. The cause of death was given as valvular disease of the heart. He had not been well previous to being here, but I did not know of the existence of any heart disease, so that his death was entirely unexpected.

"I can say that he was greatly respected by the staff and patients, by whom his loss was much felt, as well as by myself, to whom he was a great assistance and an agreeable colleague."

NOTICES BY REGISTRAR.

Nursing Examinations.

Preliminary Monday, May 5th, 1919.
Final Monday, May 12th, 1919.

Papers for Bronze Medal must reach Registrar prior to June 20th.

The Examinations for Certificate in Psychological Medicine and Gaskell Prize will be held early in July.

For particulars apply to Registrar, Dr. A. Miller, Hatton, Warwick.

Publication of results of November Examinations has to be deferred until our April issue.