

by medical men that such paroxysms, although they did not generally, yet sometimes came and went with great rapidity; and, out of sight, the most important piece of evidence for the prisoner was the letter which she wrote to her husband in that agony of despair about the accusations made against her. While it indicated her determination to put an end to herself, she spoke of her children as if they were to survive. It was unquestionably indicative of great excitement, and it showed an incoherency which was consistent with an insane mind. The impulse must undoubtedly have been sudden, and the jury would judge whether it was or was not proof of unsoundness of mind."—*Medical Times and Gazette*, June 24th.

Appointments.

GOWAN, C., L.R.C.S., Edin., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick, *vice* R. W. Coely, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

GRIFFIN, L. T., Ext., L.R.C.P.L., L.R.C.S.I., has been elected Visiting Physician to the Kerry District Lunatic Asylum, Killarney, *vice* Murphy, appointed Resident Medical Superintendent.

MILLSON, G., M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.L., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer, Female Department, Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch, *vice* R. Carter, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., resigned.

MURPHY, WALTER WILLIAM, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland the Resident Medical Superintendent of the Killarney District Hospital, which office became lately vacant by the much lamented death of Dr. Martin Shine Lawlor, who had for eighteen years held it, and fulfilled its duties most ably and devotedly.

SKELTON, J. M., M.B., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan Asylum, Leavesden, Herts, *vice* A. Strange, M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed to the Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch.

SHAW, THOS. CLAYE, M.D. Lond., M.R.C.P.L., Medical Superintendent of the Metropolitan Asylum, Leavesden, has been appointed Lecturer on Psychological Medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

SHEPPARD, E., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.P.L., Medical Superintendent of the Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch, has been appointed Professor of Psychological Medicine at King's College, London.

THOMPSON, G., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, and formerly Resident Clinical Clerk, at the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Bristol Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, *vice* H. O. Stephens, M.D., M.R.C.P.L., resigned from ill health.

WOOD, T. O., L.R.C.P., Edin., M.R.C.S.E., Medical Superintendent of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been appointed Lecturer on Psychological Medicine in the Newcastle College, Durham University, *vice* Dr. Hugh Grainger Stewart, Medical Superintendent of the Newcastle Borough Asylum, Cox Lodge, deceased.
