

Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin,

25th May, 1888.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. together with a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland. I am to state that His Excellency concurs with the opinion expressed in the resolution as to the advisability of appointing, when possible, gentlemen who have had a special training to the offices of Medical Superintendents to the Asylums. This may be seen from His Excellency's recent action in appointing Dr. W. Z. Nyles, Senior Assistant Medical Superintendent, Richmond Asylum, to the post of Medical Resident Superintendent to Kilkenny Asylum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ADOLPHUS VANE TEMPEST.

Henry Rayner, Esq., M.D., etc.

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*Obituary.*

JOHN ALFRED LUSH, M.D., F.R.C.P. LOND.

The decease of Dr. Lush was not unexpected, as he had been the subject of cardiac disease for some years, and found it necessary to be extremely careful in regard to his health.

He was born in 1815, and was the eldest son of John Lush, Esq., of Berwick St. John, Wilts. His mother was the daughter of James Killoway, Esq., of the same county. He was the cousin of the late Mr. Justice Lush. In 1853 he married the daughter of the late Dr. W. C. Finch, of Fisherton House Asylum, Salisbury.

He commenced practice as a surgeon at East Knowle, Wilts, but after about four years removed to Salisbury, where he successfully carried on his profession until 1862, when he joined his cousin and brother-in-law, Dr. Finch, in the management of the above private asylum.

He sat as member of Parliament for Salisbury, on the Liberal side, from 1868 to 1880, when he retired in consequence of ill-health and came to reside in London, retaining a keen interest in politics and his loyalty to the ex-Premier. Had his health allowed of it, he would have remained M.P. for Salisbury, as there is no doubt the constituency would have re-elected him.

During his Parliamentary career, Dr. Lush took an active part in questions brought forward in the House of Commons affecting the medical profession, and more especially those employed in the care and treatment of the insane. In 1877-78 he was a member of the Select Committee to inquire into the alleged abuses existing in asylums in England and the adequacy of the law to prevent them. He was an active member of the Parliamentary Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association, and was present at its last meeting. He was President of the Association in 1879.

He died August 4th, 1888.

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JOHN BARRON, M.D.

We record with regret the untimely death of Dr. John Barron, late Assistant Medical Officer in the Berks County Asylum. Dr. Barron was educated in Aberdeen, at the Grammar School and the University, where he took the degrees of A.M. 1872, M.B. and C.M. 1875, and M.D. in 1877. Thereafter he proceeded to Paris, where he continued his medical studies for some months. He served for a short period in the P. and O. Company's vessels, and in 1877 was appointed to his post in the Berks County Asylum under the late Dr. Gilland, where he continued until 1885 when he had to resign on account of ill-health. The Committee again secured his services during the period that intervened

between Dr. Gilland's death and Mr. Douty's appointment, and recorded in fitting terms their appreciation of Dr. Barron's worth and ability. The memory of his bright and sunny nature, his indomitable spirit despite difficulties that would have overwhelmed one less courageous and happily minded, will ever be cherished by those whom good fortune brought into contact with him. Dr. Barron formed many friendships in the neighbourhood where he did his duty so nobly and so well. The last of his family, dying at the early age of 36, he yet had friends who were as brothers to him, and the many kindnesses shown to him throughout his painful later years, and the many tributes of respect paid to his memory by his open grave are records of the close of a life spent in strenuous endeavour for the weal of his neighbours.

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*Appointments.*

ANDERSON, WM. A., M.B.Edin., appointed Medical Officer to the Bucks County Asylum, Aylesbury.

CHAMBERS, JAMES, M.A., M.D., M.C., appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Asylum, Carlisle.

COPE, G. P., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin.

CUMMING, ROBT., M.B., C.M.Aber., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Perth District Asylum, Murthly.

DONALDSON, W. J., A.B., M.B., B.Ch. Univ. Dublin, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Camberwell House Asylum, London.

EZARD, E. H., M.B. and C.M.Ed., B.Sc., appointed Junior Assistant Physician to Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

HACON, W. E., L.R.C.P.Lond., has retired (after 7 years) from the Superintendency of the Hospital for the Insane, Christchurch, New Zealand, on a pension of £488, and has been appointed Hon. Physician to the Christchurch Hospital.

MACPHAIL, SAML. R., M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent of Derby Borough Asylum.

NOLAN, H. P., M.D.Glas., L.F.P.S.Glas., L.A.H.Dub., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer of the Richmond District Asylum, Dublin.

O'BRIEN, J. A., M.B.Glas., G.C.M., appointed Medical Superintendent of Sunbury Lunatic Asylum, Australia.

OWEN, A. D., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to Rubery Hill Asylum.

RAW, NATHAN, M.B., B.S.Durh., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath, Maidstone.

SIMPSON, ALEX., M.B., C.M.Aberd., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lunatic Asylum.

SMITH, PERCY, M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Resident Physician and Medical Superintendent to Bethlem Royal Hospital, *vice* G. H. Savage, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.

WATKINS, W. L., L.K.Q.C.P., L.M., L.R.C.S.Irel., appointed Medical Superintendent of Yarrow Bend Lunatic Asylum, Australia.