

## DR. FOVILLE.

As the last sheet goes to press the melancholy intelligence reaches us that this eminent alienist is dead. The distinguished son of a distinguished father, he has occupied for many years an honourable position in psychological medicine as the Medical Superintendent of large Asylums, and as an Inspector of Institutions for the Insane. Till quite recently his friends looked forward to his continuing to fulfil his responsible duties for many years. We are informed that the first symptoms of his disorder made their appearance last July, and demanded absolute repose for some time. He had regained his health, when in October he had to resume his official inspection of asylums. During his visit for this purpose to the south of France he got a chill one evening, and the symptoms reappeared with such severity that he was obliged to return home to Paris, when he took to the bed which he never left. For the last three weeks it was but too clear how the disease would terminate, and he died of Bright's disease December 15th, 1887. As his friend M. Motet truly says in communicating to us the sad news: "Mental Medicine has sustained a severe loss, and the Department of Asylum Inspection will not easily find another man so profoundly honest, whose just and impartial mind solved in the best manner the most delicate questions as they arose." With his bereaved family and his colleagues, who so greatly deplore his loss, we express our most cordial sympathy and heartfelt regrets. We do not forget his generous appreciation of the work done by Englishmen in reforming the condition of the insane, and the justice he rendered to our asylums in the well-known work written a few years since, which showed how thoroughly conversant he was with our lunacy legislation as well as our institutions.

Our space will not allow of more than this brief tribute to the memory of our lamented *compère*. In our next number we shall give a sketch of his life and writings.

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*Appointments.*

BURD, E. LYCETT, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., appointed Second Medical Visitor to the Private Asylums of Salop and Montgomery.

HYSLOP, THEO. B., M.B., O.M.Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles, Lancaster.

WILLIAMS, Dr. S. D., Medical Superintendent of the Haywards Heath Asylum, has resigned, after holding the appointment 20 years.

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We regret that we have been obliged to postpone Reviews of numerous works, as also an excellent Address by Professor Mierzejewski, at the University of St. Petersburg.