

Colonial Governments ; and with a weak tenure of office his position was one of great difficulty and anxiety.

In the course of a debate upon the Lunatic Asylums in October, 1879, Dr. Pollen, a member of the Colonial Parliament, remarked "that the strain which had been put upon Dr. Skae by the difficulty of obtaining the attention of the Government, by the manifest deficiency of the machinery of which he had the control, and by the work which he was obliged to perform, was almost sufficient to drive any man out of his senses." Nevertheless many useful changes and considerable progress were made towards getting more accommodation, and improving what already existed, and the error of lay superintendents and visiting physicians with a divided authority has been exposed by deplorable experience.

Much remains yet to do ere the real needs of lunatics in New Zealand will be provided for ; but the Colony will get the benefit of the work which Dr. Skae has done ; and his successor may reap the fruit of his experience which he has left. We know that he found some who had the sense to appreciate his good qualities in the far distant island where he now lies. It pains us much to think that his race is so early run, and that we shall never see his manly form again. The immediate cause of death was erysipelas.

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*Appointments.*

BOWES, J. I., M.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent of the Wilts County Asylum.

BROWN, M. L., M.B., to be Junior Medical Assistant to the Haywards Heath Asylum.

BENHAM, H. A., M.B., C.M., L.S.A., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Dundee.

CHRISTIE, J. W. S., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Leavesden Asylum.

HUXTABLE, L. B., M.B., C.M.Ed., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Border County Asylum, Melrose.

JONES, D. J., M.D.Ed., M.R.C.S., to be Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath.

SHAPLEY, F., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Glamorgan County Asylum, Bridgend.

SUFFERN, A. C., M.D., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the East Riding Asylum, Beverley.

WADE, A. L., M.D.Dub., L.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent of the Somerset and Bath Asylum, Wells.

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