

whether softening of the brain was always fatal? *Absit omen*: May he long be spared from this and all other harm, to preside with clear intellect and courteous dignity over causes in which the truth will be more difficult to find than in that which established the lunacy and reduced the will of Colonel Maclean!—Ed.]

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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

YORK, *Aug. 29, 1861.*

MY DEAR SIR,—I am obliged to you for the letter in which you inform me that the Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane have elected me an honorary member of their Society, and for the expression of your kindly feelings in that letter.

May I ask you to be so good as to convey to the Association the expression of my grateful acknowledgments for the honour they have done me, and also for the terms in which they have requested you to inform me of my election.

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT NAIRNE.

C. LOCKHART ROBERTSON, M.D., &c.,  
*Hon. Secretary to the Association of Medical  
Officers of Asylums.*

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GENERAL BOARD OF LUNACY,  
EDINBURGH; *Aug. 26, 1861.*

MY DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, informing me that I have been elected an honorary member of the Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane, at their annual meeting held in Dublin. Permit me, through you, to express to the members of the Association my deep apprecia-

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tion of the honour they have conferred upon me, and to return them my sincere and grateful thanks for their kindness and courtesy.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully and obliged,

JAMES COXE.

C. L. ROBERTSON, M.D.,  
*Hon. Secretary to the Association of Medical  
Officers of Asylums.*

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## APPOINTMENT.

WILLIAM CHARLES HILL, M.D., to be Medical Superintendent of  
the Norfolk County Asylum.