

already possessed as a requisite for doing so, and also have given satisfaction in other respects, they should be made to understand that they are simply probationers, who are not to have the same privileges as those who have been placed on the staff of the establishment.

Your obedient servant,  
AN ASYLUM CHAPLAIN.

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*Appointments.*

MITCHELL, ARTHUR, M.D. Aberd., appointed Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, in succession to W. A. F. Browne, Esq., resigned.

SIBBALD, JOHN, M.D. Edin., appointed Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, in succession to Arthur Mitchell, M.D.

CHRISTIE, THOMAS B., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.P., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Royal Indian Asylum, Ealing.

HINGSTON, J. TREGELLIS, M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Superintendent of the North Riding Asylum, in succession to Thomas B. Christie, M.D.

NICOL, PATRICK, M.A., M.B., M.C., Aberd., late Clinical Clerk, West Riding Asylum, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex County Asylum, Haywards Heath,

SHAW, THOMAS, C.M.B. Lond., M.R.C.P., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Metropolitan Asylum, Leavesden.

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The Fothergillian Gold Medal, for 1870, was awarded to Dr. CLOUSTON, the Medical Superintendent of the Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum, by the London Medical Society, for an Original Essay, entitled "Observations and Experiments on the Use of Opium, Bromide of Potassium, and Cannabis Indica, especially in regard to the use of the two latter, given together in Insanity."

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*Obituary.*

JOHN MEYER, M.D.

On May 9th, John Meyer, M.D. Heidelberg, F.R.C.P. Lond., Superintendent of Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Meyer was born in the year 1814, at Norwood, near London. He studied medicine at Heidelberg, where he graduated M.D. in 1836, and after a short residence in England, he left this country for Australia. In 1844 he was appointed Colonial Surgeon, and shortly after this he was placed in charge of the Hospital and Convict Lunatic Asylum at New Norfolk, in Tasmania. Returning to England on leave of absence during the Crimean war he was employed by the Government on matters connected with the hospital arrangements necessitated by that war, and eventually he was placed in charge of the Civil Hospital established in Smyrna, where he remained until the conclusion of hostilities. In 1858 he was appointed Chief Resident Physician of the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, and on the establishment of the Criminal Asylum at Broadmoor, he was in 1862 appointed its superintendent. In the spring of 1866 he received from a patient a severe injury over the left temple, and from the effects of this injury he never completely rallied. A rapid journey on May 3rd to the West of England, undertaken at a moment's notice, in consequence of the sudden illness of a near relative,

still further enfeebled a constitution already much shaken. Symptoms which were considered to be the precursors of an attack of fever shewed themselves on the day after this journey, and although on Saturday, May 7th, the attempt to return home was made, Dr. Meyer was unable to proceed farther than Exeter. There he received the kindest attention from Dr. Drake and Mr. Cumming, of that city, but throughout Sunday life slowly ebbed, and on Monday morning, May 9th, far away from home and family, he breathed his last.

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DR. H. L. KEMPTHORNE.

It is with great regret that we record the premature death of Dr. Henry Law Kempthorne, who though only twenty-nine years of age, had already given evidence of great attainments in that branch of the profession to which he was devoted.

He was born at Wedmore, in Somerset, of a family remarkable for University distinction. His grandfather was senior wrangler in 1790, his father a distinguished scholar, and his only brother a first-class classic and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. He was educated at Marlborough, and in 1858 was articled to Horace Swete, Esq., of Wrington, who writes—"No man ever had a better pupil, nor has the profession ever had a member of greater promise."

In 1860 Dr. Kempthorne entered at King's College, where he gained the Warneford Scholarship and other prizes. He obtained the gold medal of the Apothecaries' Company for *Materia Medica*, and at the University of London he took honours at the First and Second M.B., and in 1865 obtained the gold medal at the M.D. examination. He took the L.R.C.P. in 1863, and the M.R.C.P. in 1869.

Much esteemed by the students, and by the Medical staff, he held office as House-physician and Resident Accoucheur at King's College Hospital. He was also for some time Resident Medical Officer to the Carey Street Dispensary. He was elected in 1866 Assistant Medical Officer to the Bethlem Royal Hospital, which post he held till his death.

Always apt to work spasmodically, he often read all through the night, became restless and feverish, could not sleep without chloral, which he prescribed for himself, and took to excess. He gave up eating solid food. Neuralgic pain in the jaw occurring, he induced a dental friend to remove a stump, and a surgical friend took out from the gum a bit of fissured alveolus. After exposure to cold, inflammation of the submaxillary gland—only subdued by leeches—added one more to the many exhausting influences; he became delirious, thoroughly prostrate, and sank on May 16th. He was buried at Wedmore, where he was much beloved.

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GEORGE WILLIAM LAWRENCE, M.D.

At the early age of thirty-seven, an accomplished physician has been lost to the profession in Dr. George William Lawrence, who died on the 22nd ult., at Laver Breton Hall. Educated at King's College, of which he was an Associate, he graduated M.B. Lond. in 1857 and in 1859. He held the posts of house-physician to King's College Hospital and of lecturer on botany at Middlesex Hospital; and afterwards devoted himself to the specialty of lunacy. He was successively resident physician at the Camberwell House Lunatic Asylum and medical superintendent of the Cambridge County Asylum—a situation from which increasing ill-health compelled him, in 1867, to seek the retirement of the superannuation list.—"Lancet."