

to keep himself well abreast with the progress of medicine, but also to perform punctually, and without confusion, or omission, the duties of a variety of public appointments. Yet he did so; and that with a steadiness of purpose which made everyone respect and value his opinion, and with a spontaneous courtesy, and light-hearted, and humorous good nature which won the regard and affection of all with whom he was brought into contact. Probably no man ever left behind him a more unanimous opinion of his worth. With intellectual endowments that placed him on an equality with the ablest minds in the wide circle in which he moved; with a kindness and warmth of heart, in the presence of which jealousy and rivalry were disarmed and forgotten; with an unchallenged reputation for honorable feeling, and the most absolute rectitude and candour; and with a plainly indicated aversion, not to say impatient contempt for all that was unfair or disingenuous, it is no mere posthumous flattery to say that his was a rare and lofty character. It was not in his nature to do a questionable act, or to follow a questionable course. His name is one that will long be held in honour.

During his last illness, which was of less than a week's duration, Dr. Lanchester was attended by Dr. Andrew of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Mr. Whitting, Dr. Horace Jeaffreson, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Richardson, and Dr. Oscar Clark. He was interred at Croydon on Tuesday last, his funeral being attended by a large concourse of the public, including a detachment of the Croydon Volunteer Corps, by his late partner, Mr. Whitting, and by numerous professional and other friends, many of whom had come from a long distance in order to be present.

JOHN MANN, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

ON Sunday, January 11th, Mr. John Mann died at Hornsey Rise, N., at the age of 82. Mr. Mann was born in November 1802, at Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. He served his apprenticeship with Mr. Wells, of the neighbouring village of Bourton-on-the-Water, where he gained much valuable practical knowledge of his profession. He afterwards studied in London at St. Thomas's and Guy's Hospitals, under Sir Astley Cooper, Dr. Conquest, Mr. Joseph Henry Green, and Dr. Elliotson. In 1828-29, he studied in Paris, under Baron Larrey (Bonaparte's army-surgeon) and Dupuytren, and took advantage of the ample supply of subjects for dissection for the study of human anatomy.

From 1829 to 1869, he practised in London, in Aldersgate Street, in Bartholomew Close, and in Charterhouse Square; and retired from active practice on his removal to Hornsey Rise in 1869.

He was for many years surgeon to the British Empire Assurance Company, which gave him opportunity for study of the family-history of disease. He had long suffered more or less from asthma and gout; and the influenza now prevalent finally exhausted his remaining strength.

He was kindly in disposition, courteous in manner, happy in diagnosis, and gifted with a remarkably quick and retentive memory.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

TOXTETH PARK WORKHOUSE: CORONER'S INQUEST.

THE *Liverpool Courier* of the 7th instant reports the proceedings at an adjourned inquest, held the preceding day, on one Joseph Emerton, aged 33, an inmate of the Toxteth Park Workhouse, who died in that institution on the evening of Christmas Day. It would appear, from the evidence, that Emerton, at half-past four on that day, fell down in a fit. The circumstance having been reported to the master, he directed that the man should be removed to the infirmary, where he was seen and attended to by two of the nurses, and visited thrice by the master, Mr. Cartwright, but no medical assistance was applied for, nor any given, until shortly before his death, when he was seen by the resident medical officer, Dr. Smart, on his evening round, who found that he was dying. The master having been called upon for an explanation of his conduct in not sending for the resident medical officer, or, in his absence, for the visiting medical gentleman attached to this institution, made reply "that the doctor was out, and it was not usual to send specially for a doctor when people were in fits. If he did, he should be sending for a doctor every five minutes in the day. He had expected Dr. Smart to come in every five minutes."

The *post mortem* examination revealed the presence of a very considerable effusion of blood at the base of the brain, from the effects of

which the man died; and the jury returned a verdict that the death was from natural causes, at the same time appending as a rider "that, as the master of the workhouse was acquainted with the dangerous condition of the deceased immediately after he was seized with the fit, there was great neglect on his part in carrying out the duties imposed upon him through not having obtained medical aid, and they therefore considered the facts of the case should be placed before the Local Government Board."

We entirely concur in the decision of the jury. It was an unaccountable procedure that the master should have neglected to send for the visiting medical officer, seeing that the resident, Dr. Smart, was out, and, moreover, that he remained out for several hours after the seizure; and we agree with the observations of the coroner, who directed the jury that, if it could have been shown that the man's life would have been prolonged if medical aid had been procured immediately it was required, then he should have put it to the jury that if they were satisfied on that point, it would have been their duty to have sent the master of the workhouse for trial, for being criminally responsible for the death; for, although there was no criminal responsibility, he was certain no one could say that the conduct of the master ought to be passed over without severe censure.

Unfortunately, the consequences that follow on such conduct as has been exhibited by the master of this workhouse, whether more from an error of judgment or absolute indifference to human suffering, ultimately fall disastrously on the medical gentlemen attached to such institutions; for many a long day to come, perhaps for years, the occurrence of a fit, however trivial it may be, in this house, and whether it assumes the aspect of hysteria, epilepsy, or apoplexy, the medical officer or officers will be immediately sent for, and very frequently unnecessarily, and therefore to their great annoyance. Nor will it end with the Toxteth Workhouse. Every master or matron who may chance to read this report will not fail to take the hint, and send for the medical officer under the most trifling circumstances. We write from a full knowledge of what has happened elsewhere. Even Dr. Smart may yet live to regret that, having seen the man whilst alive, he did not give a certificate that it was a case of hopeless apoplexy, and as such beyond medical aid.

THE LEIGH BOARD OF GUARDIANS AND THEIR RELIEVING OFFICER.

WE learn from the *Leigh Chronicle* of the 9th instant that, at a meeting of the Board of Guardians of that Union, recently, a complaint (*inter alia*) was made by a poor woman, by name Elizabeth Thompson, through a young woman whom she had adopted and brought up, that application having been made to the medical officer of the district, Dr. Jones, he had visited her; and, finding that she was in a very debilitated condition from heart-disease, etc., he had given an order (recommendation, it should have been, for so the Local Government Board officials phrased it) to the relieving officer, that she should be supplied with two pounds of beef. This order had been given early on the Monday morning, and it was taken, so it was alleged, at once to the relieving officer, who simply ignored it. When called upon by this board to explain his refusal, he contented himself with denying that he had got the order before the preceding night; but he was compelled to admit that no beef had been furnished. After several members of the board had expressed themselves more or less strongly on the subject, it was moved by Mr. T. T. Hayes: "That the relieving officer, Mr. Haddock, be discharged; that he thought he was a totally unsuitable person for the position of relieving officer." This resolution, on being put to the vote, was carried—nine voting for it, and none to the contrary; thereupon Mr. Haddock, who was present, gave in his resignation, verbally giving a month's notice.

Though we gather from the report that other charges were pending against this official, it is very satisfactory to find, from the remarks of the guardians, and the decision come to, that the refusal of the relieving officer to obey the request of the medical officer in the supply of what, in the exercise of his discretion, he thought to be necessary, has been dealt with by the Leigh Board in this exemplary manner.

We commend this case to the serious attention of all boards of guardians, to their relieving officers, not forgetting those officials of the central department who always support guardians and others who set the legitimate authority of the medical officer at defiance, when he feels it his duty to order extras for the sick poor.

WATER-SUPPLY OF BAKEHOUSES.

SIR,—I. Will you permit me to call attention to what seems to me a serious defect in the sanitary law? Having reason to suspect that the water-supply to a certain bakehouse is impure, I requested the inspector of nuisances to procure a

sample for analysis; but the owner of the bakehouse refuses to allow it to be taken; and, so far as I can see, the sanitary authority has no power to compel him to do so. Even if proceedings were taken (which could hardly be done without proof of the impurity of the water), the magistrates could order the water to be analysed, but the baker might still refuse to supply the means for this to be done, without, so far as appears, incurring any penalty.

2. The Bakehouse Act is in other respects very inefficient. For instance, any bakehouse which was in use before 1853, may be in communication with an ash-pit or privy, may be supplied by a cistern which also supplies a closet, and may contain the opening of a drain in direct communication with the sewers.

3. Moreover, the functions of the inspector of bakehouses, being practically almost limited to seeing that the place is kept clean, cannot be delegated to the inspector of nuisances, but must be performed by the medical officer of health himself.—I am, etc.,
E. C.

* 1. See Section 79 of the Public Health Act, 1875. If the representation therein contemplated were made by a responsible official, the court would, no doubt, be willing, upon sufficient cause shown, to make an order for the water to be analysed. Disobedience to an order of the court would be punishable under the general statute law.

2. See Section 16 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1853, which provides that, where the court is satisfied that any bakehouse is in such a state as to be, on sanitary grounds, unfit for use or occupation as a bakehouse, the occupier shall be liable to a penalty of forty shillings.

3. An inspector of nuisances cannot exercise the powers given to a factory inspector by the Factory and Workshops Act, 1873. Such powers are conferred by Section 17 of the Act of 1853 upon medical officers of health only.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in Anatomy and Physiology at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on the 8th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass examination.

Messrs. J. F. Blurton, C. H. Harris, and F. Hughes, Birmingham; E. A. Field, W. E. Porter, and W. W. Chamberlain, Edinburgh; F. W. Burnett, L. Demetriadi, H. N. Pullan, and B. Wainman, Leeds; J. Garth, Liverpool; J. Blacklock, J. A. Jenkinson, and R. Bilsborrow, Manchester; H. L. Harrison, and M. H. Spencer, Cambridge; W. G. Rockwood, Madras; W. D. Arnisson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; D. A. D'Monte, Bombay; B. H. Scott, Toronto; and D. Roxburgh, Glasgow.

The following passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. N. Davis, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; H. H. Sales, Leeds; H. F. Cartmel, Manchester; and J. G. Modlin, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The following passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. T. W. Scott, Cambridge; J. E. Brown, Toronto; and J. J. Garmang, New York.

The following passed the second examination, under the combined Examining Board for England.

Mr. G. B. Flux, King's College.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 9th instant.

Messrs. H. E. Gough, P. de C. Potter, E. de M. Jong, and G. W. Dowling, of the Manchester School of Medicine; C. J. Acton, G. L. Travis, and T. M. Draper, of the Liverpool School of Medicine; A. S. Alexander, and L. Williams, of Glasgow; O. Morris, F. P. R. James, and W. H. Helm, of Leeds; E. B. Hill, P. King, A. H. Williams, and E. M. Light, of Cambridge; G. R. S. Banbury, and F. F. Jones, of Bristol; and A. O. Davis, of Edinburgh.

The following candidates passed their examination in Anatomy only.

Messrs. A. E. Taylor, of Newcastle; J. E. Finnie, of Liverpool; S. H. H. Dowse, of Dublin; P. A. Linnell, of Manchester; and H. Clapham, of Sheffield.

The following candidate passed in Physiology only.

Mr. W. M. Branson, of Sheffield.

The following passed his second examination, under the combined Examining Board for England.

Mr. H. Shipton, of King's College.

The following gentlemen passed on the 12th instant.

Messrs. F. M. Davis, Madras; F. A. Le Mesurier, and J. B. Close, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; U. K. Dutt, of St. Mary's Hospital; J. K. Reeves, of Guy's Hospital; C. E. Dawson, and W. B. Pettett, Leeds; C. T. Sanman, J. K. Warry, and M. J. Rees, of London Hospital; A. K. Ludlam, Manchester; A. H. Benson, and S. B. Day, Bristol; E. P. Habbigam, E. H. Lingwood, and W. H. Compton, of Charing Cross Hospital; J. L. Henstock, and J. C. Williams, Liverpool; H. W. Maclure, Cambridge; W. C. Brown, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; F. W. Hildyard, of St. George's Hospital.

The following passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. C. H. Smale, Manchester; A. Norman, of Guy's Hospital; G. Dunn, Bristol; P. J. Le Riche, of University College; and W. H. Hillyer, of St. George's Hospital.

The following passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. J. H. Lister, Leeds; and E. Cantley, Cambridge.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 13th instant.

Messrs. W. H. Blake, of University College; W. H. Savory, H. P. Daniell; F. A. Watkins, and B. S. G. Nightingall, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. H. Blake, J. J. Lewington, G. H. Francis, and A. H. Moxon, of London Hospital; H. Saunders, J. Hewan, and W. L. Mathias, of St. Thomas's Hos-

pital; A. Z. C. Cressy, and W. A. Slater, of Guy's Hospital; W. G. Reily, of Middlesex Hospital; T. A. Grieves, of St. Mary's Hospital; E. Cooper, of Charing Cross Hospital; W. A. Griffiths, of Westminster Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. F. J. Wadham, of St. George's Hospital; S. E. Rossiter, P. V. Dodd, G. R. Saunders, and E. Loveday, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. T. Knuyvet, W. E. Kelbe, C. J. Fuller, and A. R. F. Evershed, of Guy's Hospital; L. N. Hoysted, of Charing Cross Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. H. W. Rogers, of the London Hospital; A. Bowles, of University College.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 14th instant.

Messrs. H. A. Edmunds, G. J. Padbury, F. H. A. Bryden, of Guy's Hospital; J. Hill, W. F. Read, J. A. Peeney, C. H. Lewis, S. Low, J. E. A. G. Becker, A. J. Cronwell, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. Cooke, R. T. H. Bodilly, A. George, E. J. Neville, of King's College; E. H. Crisp, of St. Thomas's Hospital; A. C. Dornford, of the London Hospital; G. H. Biden, E. J. Day, of the Charing Cross Hospital; E. L. Williams, of University College; W. Challenger, of Middlesex Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. G. C. Peachy, M. E. H. Wale, G. W. B. Daniel, of St. George's Hospital; F. Gilpin, A. F. Tyrrell, of Middlesex Hospital; J. Baupfyde, of Guy's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. A. C. Roberts, of Guy's Hospital; J. Date, of the London Hospital.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, January 8th, 1885.

Ashley, Sydney Dukes, London Hospital.

Copeman, Sydney Arthur Monckton, St. Thomas's Hospital.

Fox, Jno. Alfred, Guy's Hospital.

Fryer, Charles, Guy's Hospital.

Maudsley, Henry Sydney, St. Mary's Hospital.

Melson, George Hyde, Queen's College, Birmingham.

Pitchall, Jno. Maynard, Westminster Hospital.

Thirkill, Henry, Leeds School of Medicine.

Watts, Alfred Thomas Guy, Cambridge University.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed the Primary Professional Examination.

Cree, Gerald, Middlesex Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BOROUGH OF CHELTENHAM.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum. Applications by January 26th.

CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 22nd.

DONCASTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 31st.

GATESHEAD DISPENSARY.—Assistant-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Mr. Joseph Jordan, Honorary Secretary, 2, Sidé, Newcastle, by January 24th.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Honorary Physician. Applications by January 24th.

GENERAL INFIRMARY AT GLOUCESTER, AND THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE EYE INSTITUTION.—Physician. Applications by February 18th.

GENERAL INFIRMARY, Hertford.—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 22nd.

INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by January 26th.

JESSOP HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Sheffield.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 31st.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by January 23rd.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Pathological Registrar. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by January 22nd.

MOTHERS' LYING-IN HOME, Juniper Street, Shadwell, E.—Medical Officer. Applications to Mrs. Ashton Warner, by February 2nd.

NAAS UNION.—Medical Officer, Newbridge Dispensary. Salary, £140 per annum and fees. Applications to Michel Flood, Honorary Secretary, Newbridge, to February 5th.

NORTHERN INFIRMARY, Inverness.—House-Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary £50 per annum. Applications to Kenneth MacDonald, Esq., Town Clerk, by January 17th.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Casualty Surgeon. Applications by January 24th.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Physician. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 24th.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by February 1st.

ROYAL INFIRMARY AND GENERAL DISPENSARY, Aberdeen.—Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Mr. W. Carnie, 27, Exchange Street, by February 1st.

SOLWAY LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS, Whitehaven.—Medical Practitioner. Applications by January 17th.