

British Archæological Society, and each year, as long as he was able to do so, attended the various provincial meetings.

Mr. Mould's many-sided activity was cut short some four years ago by a stroke of paralysis, from which he never completely recovered. His constitution was gradually undermined, and he sank slowly but surely till the end came on October 10th. He was in his 82nd year.

Mr. Mould, who married a daughter of Mr. Robert Gray, an old and greatly esteemed practitioner of Brompton, leaves a widow and four children. His loss is also mourned by a large number of patients and a wide circle of personal friends.

PHILIP B. C. AYRES, C.M.G., M.R.C.S.

MR. PHILIP BURNARD CHENERY AYRES, C.M.G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.S. Edin., formerly Colonial Surgeon, Hong Kong, died on October 12th, at Blackheath, Kent, in the 59th year of his age. Mr. Ayres qualified M.R.C.S. Eng. in 1864, and L.R.C.P. Edin. in 1865. Shortly after qualifying, Mr. Ayres went to India to take up an appointment as surgeon to railways then being constructed. Mr. Price, Director of Public Works in Hong Kong, had been associated with Mr. Ayres in India, and when in 1873 a vacancy in the colonial surgeoncy occurred in Hong Kong Mr. Price, knowing Mr. Ayres's capabilities and value, persuaded him to take the appointment. It was no light task that fell to Mr. Ayres's lot when he arrived in Hong Kong, but in conjunction with his friend, the Director of Public Works, an immense amount of useful work was done, and the sanitation of Hong Kong was completely reorganised. Great improvements were made in hospital accommodation, a staff of English nurses was introduced into the Civil Hospital where before coolies served; a Sanitary Board was created, over which he for some time presided; a medical officer of health was introduced to the colony, and a colonial veterinary surgeon was appointed. A vaccine institute and numerous other improvements for the public good were instituted under his enlightened guidance. For many years Mr. Ayres was engaged in private practice, but as the colony increased in size and importance he had to confine his attention wholly to his official duties. For some years the effects of his long residence in the East had been telling upon him, and it was plain that his physical powers were decreasing. His friends—and they included every individual in the colony—were grieved to see his failing strength proclaim the fact that they must part with their "Doctor." Generous, kindly of speech, and untiring in the interests of the sick, never was a medical man regarded with more affection than was Mr. Ayres. He left the colony some eighteen months ago in a state of health which caused great anxiety to his friends. In 1895 he was made C.M.G. in recognition of the great services he had rendered in the cause of public health in Hong Kong, and especially for his work in connection with the outbreak of plague in 1894.

EDWARD LAWFORD, J.P., M.D. ABERD., F.R.C.S. ENG.

By the death of Dr. Lawford at the age of 79 on October 2nd, Leighton Buzzard was deprived of one of its most prominent citizens. He had borne a long illness and much suffering with exemplary patience and fortitude. His father was William Robinson Lawford, a medical practitioner of Leighton Buzzard, where Dr. E. Lawford was born in 1820. His medical education commenced at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and after three years there was continued at University College, London. When qualified at College and Hall he returned to his native town in 1844, obtained the degree of M.D. Aberd. in 1853, and was elected F.R.C.S. in 1875. Early in his career he published several papers in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and was elected President of the South Midland Branch of the British Medical Association in 1866. During the last twenty years he had turned his attention to the archæology of Leighton and its district, and was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. He was Physician to the Leighton Buzzard Dispensary for many years, and Certifying Factory Surgeon.

After forty-four years of constant medical work, in which he won the love and respect of rich and poor alike, he retired in 1888, retaining the post of Consulting Physician to the dispensary. He was for some years visiting justice to the asylums in Bedfordshire, a member of the school board and the urban council, trustee of many charities, and vicar's church-

warden. For years, too, he held a Bible class for youths who from age had discontinued attendance at school. He was a great benefactor to the parish church, restored its porches, gave clerestory windows to the nave, and had presented to the parish a house in Beaudesert as a residence for one of the curates. Kind, courteous, and most estimable in his private character, he had naturally won for himself a large circle of friends.

The burial took place in the family vault at All Saints' Churchyard amidst signs of widelift sorrow, and very many townspere were present.

THE RT. REV. J. W. HICKS, M.D., D.D., F.R.C.P.

DR. JOHN WALE HICKS, Bishop of Bloemfontein, died at Maseru, Basutoland, on October 11th. He was born in 1840, and passed through the usual medical curriculum at St. Thomas's Hospital. He took the B.A. of the University of London in 1861, gaining honours in Chemistry, Physiology, and Botany, the B.Sc. degree with honours in Chemistry and other subjects in the following year, and the M.B. in 1863, when he obtained the Gold Medal in Obstetric Medicine. He became M.D. in 1864, and a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1865. Subsequently he entered as a foundation scholar at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and in 1870 he was placed Senior in the Natural Science Tripos, and was at the same time 2nd Senior Optime. He was Demonstrator in Chemistry in the University for eleven years, and became a Fellow of his College in 1874. In 1871 he took Holy Orders, and after holding several cures became Dean of his College. In 1881 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. In 1892 he was consecrated Bishop of Bloemfontein. His diocese included the Orange Free State, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, and Griqualand West. In his early days he wrote a textbook on inorganic chemistry. He always retained his interest in the medical profession, and was present at one of the meetings of the Royal College of Physicians during his last visit to this country. There are two other Bishops who hold the M.D. degree, the Bishop of Rangoon and the Bishop of Likoma.

DR. GERHARD WESTFELD, of Stockholm, Physician in Ordinary to Queen Sophia and to the Queen-Mother Josephine of Sweden, died recently at the age of 71. He entered the University of Upsala in 1848, and supported himself while a student by acting as a private tutor. He graduated as Licentiate in Medicine in 1852. In 1893, on the occasion of the celebration of the jubilee of Upsala, that university conferred on him the degree of Doctor. Dr. Westfeld held a very high position in the profession of Sweden, and did much for the promotion of temperance in that country.

MR. THOMAS IREDALE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Leeds, died at his residence, Albion House, Spencer Place, after an illness of two months' duration. Mr. Iredale, after a successful career as a chemist in the town, elected to take up the study of medicine. With characteristic energy and persistence, he rapidly prepared himself for his new vocation. He was unvaryingly punctual at all lectures, and in the hospital spent all his time in the careful personal examination of patients. His acquisition of sound clinical knowledge was, therefore, unusually swift. After a short time spent at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, he qualified in 1887, and immediately began practice in Leeds. He was a man with a deep insight into the character of the class of people who formed his practice. With a happy knack of eliciting the confidence of his patients, a sound clinical method, and a wide knowledge of the properties of drugs, he soon attained a considerable practice. He was a member of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association. During the last few months of life symptoms of heart disease became increasingly troublesome, and owing to the onset of complications the disease proved fatal. He leaves a widow, one son in the profession, and five daughters.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. Hermann Blaschko, of Berlin, a distinguished hygienist and collaborator with Professor Eulenberg in his *Encyclopædia of Hygiene*, aged 74; Dr. Giuseppe Puglia, some