

one, but has been slightly improved. Certain points in procedure, modification of schemes, closing orders, cost of demolition, and letting houses for the working classes, are also incorporated in the new Act. As Sir S. B. Provis says, there are now very considerable powers placed in the hands of local authorities, and the Board trusts the effect will be to stimulate councils to exercise their powers in this matter.

OBITUARY.

JAMES FERGUSON, M.B., C.M.

By the death of Dr. James Ferguson one of the leading practitioners in the city has been lost to Perth. He had for some time been in poor health, but it was only a week before his decease that serious symptoms developed. Indeed, it was only on September 4th that he attended the funeral of the late Dr. Macaulay, apparently with years of useful work before him.

Dr. Ferguson had an extensive practice, and was much respected by the public and his colleagues in the profession. He began life in the commercial world, but turned to medicine, and served for two years in the Perth Infirmary as House Surgeon. Afterwards he entered on general practice, and was appointed on the visiting staff of the same institution, making several contributions to medical literature. Later, Dr. Ferguson was elected President of the Perthshire Branch of the British Medical Association, having previously acted as Secretary. In the endeavour to improve secondary education in the city he also served on the School Board, but had soon to retire in consequence of the pressing professional claims on his time. His chief public work was as Certifying Factory Surgeon, and as Principal Medical Examiner for the General Accident Assurance Corporation. Dying at the age of 53, while in his prime, Dr. Ferguson will be much missed by a large circle of friends.

OUR Aberdeen correspondent writes: The death of Dr. ALEXANDER BAIN, which occurred on September 18th, will be regretted, not only by those students of psychology to whom his writings appeal, but also by many generations of Aberdeen graduates who came to a greater or less degree under the influence of his teaching during his twenty years' tenure of the Chair of Logic in the university. His personality was not such as to lead to intimate social intercourse between himself and any large number of his students and admirers; but the recognition by the whole university of his European reputation as a philosopher and the appreciation of his interest in university affairs found expression in his election to the Lord Rectorship after his resignation of the Chair of Logic. Up to very recent times his *Mental and Moral Science*, published in 1868, was a textbook very widely used, and though the current of psychological thought and teaching has in these latter days set away from the empirical school, yet *The Senses and the Intellect* and *The Emotions and the Will*, published in 1855 and 1859 respectively, established the position of Bain as a very honourable one in the history of English psychology. He has died after a life of 85 years. He had for some time taken little active part in public affairs, but many will realize that the university has lost one of her most distinguished sons—one who in his own generation added much to her fame.

We regret to have to record the decease of Mr. DAVID ILLTYD JONES, which took place on September 25th at Southsea. Mr. Illtyd Jones was the second son of the late Rev. J. Jones, Vicar of Abergwessyn, and a brother of Dr. Arnallt Jones, M.D., J.P., of Aberavon, as well as of the Rev. H. Jones, of Llandovery College. Mr. Illtyd Jones was educated at Llandovery College during the wardenship of the present Bishop of St. Asaph, and was a frequent attendant at the reunions of his old school. He received his professional education at Edinburgh and left his medical school with the diplomas of L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., and L.M., L.F.P.S. Glasg., in 1892. He was a member of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the British Medical Association, and practised for some time at Aberavon, Kidwelly, and Abergwynfi. He had recently gone to Southsea for a change of air, and was there seized by an illness which proved rapidly fatal. He was a man of fine physique, so that his death at the early age of 39 years is a surprise as well as a matter of deep regret to the large circle of friends and patients to whom his genial disposition and kindly manners had endeared him. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Colonel Charles Pasley Roberts of the Royal Horse

Artillery. His body was interred in Pentlgeraer Churchyard, in the parish of Llangyfelach, Glamorganshire, on Michaelmas day.

MEDICAL NEWS.

A FIRE broke out in the top room of an empty ward at Fisherton House Asylum, Salisbury, between 8 and 9 p.m. on September 21st. It was speedily extinguished by the asylum fire brigade.

A COURSE of Gresham lectures on digestion will be given by the Gresham Professor of Medicine, Dr. E. Symes Thompson, at Gresham College, Basinghall Street, E.C., on October 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, at 6 p.m.

The lectures at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, will be resumed on October 6th, at 3.30 p.m., when Dr. Beevor will give a lecture on cerebral localization.

The memorial stone of the new buildings of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, will be laid by H.R.H. The Duchess of Albany on October 26th, at 3 p.m.

M. DUCLAUX, Director of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, asks us to state that the courses of chemistry applied to hygiene and practical analysis will begin in November. Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Institute, 26, Rue Dutot, Paris.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATES.—Dr. William Duncan, Obstetric Physician to the Middlesex Hospital, has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for Buckinghamshire by Lord Rothschild, Lord Lieutenant of the County.—Dr. Richard Caton has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the city of Liverpool.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—A series of lectures, mainly on diseases of women from a clinical aspect, will be delivered on Thursdays, at 3 p.m., throughout the coming autumn at the Samaritan Hospital. The lectures, free to medical practitioners, will be given by members of the staff, the first on Thursday next. The clinical resources of the hospital are, as is well known, considerable.

THE Harben Lectures before the Royal Institute of Public Health will be given in King's College, London, by Professor Ferdinand Hueppe, of Prague, during October. On Thursday, October 8th, the etiology of infectious diseases from the standpoint of natural science; Monday, October 12th, hygienic lessons to be derived from the serum treatment; and Thursday, October 15th, tuberculosis. Members of the medical profession are admitted to the lectures.

THE autumn meeting of the Northern and Midland Division of the Medico-Psychological Association will be held at the Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, on Friday, October 9th. Dr. Macdowell, who will entertain the members at lunch, will explain the advantages of providing villas for a considerable proportion of pauper patients, and an opportunity will be afforded for visiting the new villas. Subsequently papers will be read and the members will dine together at the Station Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at 7.15 p.m.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

- BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £190 per annum.
- BRENTFORD UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £110 per annum.
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE, &c., ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer, resident. Salary, £120 per annum.
- CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASYLUM, Garlands.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer, resident. Salary, £150, rising to £180 per annum.
- DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM, Mickleover.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer, resident. Salary, £120, rising to £150 per annum.
- DUBLIN: ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL.—(1) Physician; (2) Surgeon.
- GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £90, and £10 yearly for lectures to probationer nurses.
- HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.—Resident House-Physicians. Honorarium, £25 for six months.
- LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Clinical Clerk, resident. Honorarium, £10 10s. for six months.
- LIVERPOOL: HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Honorarium, £57 10s.
- LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN.—Assistant House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £30 for six months.
- MARGATE: ROYAL SEA-BATHING HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon. Salary as junior at the rate of £80 per annum, and as senior £120 per annum.
- METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—(1) Physician; (2) Assistant Physician.