

Board of Guardians of the West Derby Union, and was the author of a small work on *Outdoor Poor Relief*, published in 1879, and of a pamphlet on the *West Derby Union*, written in 1890, and giving a summary of the work and administration of the union. He was also honorary surgeon to the Kirkdale Industrial Ragged Schools.

His was a busy and active life. During his practice, extending to thirty years, he attended more than five thousand confinements. While engaged in a case in 1885 he had the misfortune to contract a chancre on the third finger of the right hand, which did not heal for some months. He consulted Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, and acting on his advice took a holiday for two months, going to the Channel Islands, after which his health seemed quite restored. In 1891, however, nervous symptoms developed themselves; he fell down in a fit in March, and again took a long holiday, after which he returned to work as hard as ever. In February, 1892, the gradual onset of paralysis compelled him to relinquish practice; and after a retirement of twenty-two months he succumbed to paralysis dependent on specific disease of the brain.

Mr. Sheldon's career illustrates the honourable reward that high personal character and steady devotion to duty bring to the members of our profession; while its termination illustrates the insidious dangers to which we are exposed, and which pass unnoticed by the world.

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

THE HARNESS CASE.

The hearing of this case was resumed at the Marlborough Street Police Court on December 13th. Mr. A. J. Marks, managing clerk to Messrs. Morris and Co., one of the firms of solicitors for the prosecution, was examined. He stated that the action by *Science Siftings* for libel against the Medical Battery Company, Harness and Fleet, was compromised by the payment of £1,300. On the occasion of the interview, at which the cheque was paid to him, Messrs. Woolf and Hayman, of *Science Siftings*, were in his office, and saw Harness, who in the course of conversation observed, when the Leclanché cell was mentioned, that he had never bothered his head about the elementary parts of electricity. He also requested Mr. Hayman not to mention the matter of the belts further in his paper. This was declined. Mr. Fleet then asked that the compromise should not be mentioned, but this also was declined. The witness was cross-examined, and the case was adjourned for a week.

Mr. John Bell was also examined. He stated that he had attended at the Medical Battery Company's office on account of hernia; he there saw two persons, one of whom he believed to be Harness. He was submitted by them to an examination, which hurt him much, so that he had to keep his bed. He subsequently brought an action against the company, which he stated, in cross-examination, had been stayed owing to the liquidation of the company.

In reply to the magistrate, counsel for the prosecution stated that he had about 400 more witnesses to call.

THE MEDICAL BATTERY COMPANY.

A FIRST meeting of creditors under the winding-up order recently granted against this company was held on December 8th at the Holborn Restaurant. Mr. Warley, assistant official receiver, presided, and made a statement explanatory of the affairs of the company, in the course of which he mentioned that the expenditure on advertising since 1889 had been £170,890. Mr. C. B. Harness addressed the meeting, alleging that the company had been hounded down by certain newspapers, and intimating, in reference to the various libel actions which had been instituted, his intention to fight the matter out to the bitter end. The official receiver was unanimously appointed liquidator, and a committee of inspection was elected. The shareholders, at a meeting held later in the day, concurred in these resolutions.

A LUNACY PROSECUTION.

At Eastbourne on December 11th Mr. Caesar Dudley Sherrard, a medical practitioner, was prosecuted by the Lunacy Commissioners for receiving two inmates at his residence without the same being duly licensed. The case arose out of an inquest on Mrs. Emily Rose Stoney, an Irish lady, who committed suicide by jumping from a window at defendant's house. At the inquest she described his residence as a medical boarding establishment, and the treatment as moral and spiritual. The prosecution maintained that it contained insane patients. The evidence of nurses and a medical man was adduced to show that Mrs. Stoney was insane. It was stated that while at Dorking she remained on the housetop during the whole of one night, and said she had been in the tabernacle of the Lord. She was under the impression that she had been unkind to some children, and that there was no forgiveness for her. Dr. Chaldecott, who saw her at Dorking, expressed an opinion that her mind was deranged, but admitted that he did not use any of the ordinary tests to ascertain her mental condition. A nurse stated that on one occasion Mrs. Stoney escaped, and was absent all night on the downs. There were six or seven patients in Avalon House. Dr. Sherrard had another house at Cranborough, and all the patients had meals together, including a lady who was certified insane. The case was adjourned for a week.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 8s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post office order with the notice. The first post on Thursday mornings is the latest by which these announcements can be received.

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THE NAVY.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: HORACE B. MARRIOTT, Surgeon to the *Victory*, additional, November 30th; THOMAS E. HONEY, M.D., Surgeon to the *Banterer*, November 30th; HENRY J. HADEN, B.A., M.B., Surgeon to the *Pembroke*, December 6th; WILLIAM E. MARSHALL, Surgeon to the *Gleaner*, December 5th; ARTHUR H. HOWELL, Surgeon to the *Plassy*, December 4th; GODFREY W. SIMPSON, Surgeon at Llantwit Major, December 5th; MATTHEW F. RYAN, Fleet-Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, additional, December 21st; HUGH ST. D. GRIFFITHS, Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, December 14th.

Surgeon JOHN S. FOGERTY, M.D., of H.M.S. *Banterer*, on the Irish coast, died at Queenstown on November 20th. He entered the Royal Navy in August, 1885, and joined the *Banterer* in August, 1892, having previously served in H.M.S. *Excellent* at Portsmouth, and for two years in the *Reindeer* on the East Indian Station.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL FREDERICK LYONS, M.D., is promoted to be Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, *vice* W. H. Climo, M.D., retired, November 4th. His previous commissions were thus dated: Assistant-Surgeon, October 1st, 1867; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, October 1st, 1879; and Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, October 1st, 1887. He served in the Afghan War of 1878-80 (medal).

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel FRANCIS HOWARD, M.D., has retired on retired pay. He entered the service as Assistant Surgeon September 30th, 1863; became Surgeon March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major April 28th, 1876; attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel September 30th, 1883; and was appointed Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel September 14th, 1888. In the Afghan war in 1879-80 he had medical charge of the 25th King's Own Borderers (medal), and during the Egyptian war of 1882 he was in medical charge of the 18th Company Royal Engineers (medal and Khedive's bronze star).

Surgeon-Captain J. P. CARMODY, M.D., from half-pay, is placed on retired pay. Dr. Carmody was appointed Surgeon March 6th, 1880, and retired on half-pay on account of ill-health, November 23rd, 1888.

Surgeon-Captain E. D. FARMAR-BRINGHURST is granted leave from November 7th to the date of his re-barkation for duty in India, in the Madras Command.

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Animal Tuberculosis.—Sir WALTER FOSTER, in reply to Viscount WOLMER, who asked whether it was expected that the departmental report on animal tuberculosis would be presented on an early date, said the Local Government Board had no later information on the subject than that given in the reply to a question of the hon. member for the St. Patrick's Division of Dublin city on November 24th. It was then stated that the Board had made inquiry and were informed by the Commissioners that the whole of the experimental investigations were concluded, that the reports of the two sub-commissioners were printed, that the report of the third sub-commissioner would probably be finished in a few days, and that immediately on its completion the Commission would meet to draft the final report, which it was confidently expected would be issued in the present month.

Medical Aid on Her Majesty's Ships.—Sir U. KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH, in reply to Mr. MACDONA, said that a sufficient staff of medical officers and attendants is borne according to the complement in Her Majesty's ships. These have been found equal to the performance of all the medical duties, including emergencies as they arise. There was no association at the disposal of the Admiralty analogous to the St. John Ambulance Association. Civil medical practitioners can be temporarily employed under the regulations, and could be enrolled on very short notice. As regards nurses, the pensioners of the sick bay staff are available, supplemented in hospital ships by ladies on the nursing staff.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. H. H. Clutton, M.A., M.B., has been appointed an additional Examiner in Surgery for the Third M.B. Examination, and Dr. D. MacAlister a member of the General Board of Studies.

DEGREES.—Mr. D. S. Long, B.A., M.B., and Mr. W. S. Melsome, M.A., have passed the examinations for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and Mr. W. Broadbent, B.A., for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine.

THE total number of students in the University of Greifswald this current semester is 757, of whom 389 belong to the Medical Faculty.