

knowledge he possessed and the power he had in coming to correct conclusions as to what could and should be done for the surgical benefit of those very cases in which a physician's opinion is at the present day so valuable for the protection and guidance of a surgeon. He could not have spent a life more appreciated by those around him, nor held greater honour and esteem at the time of his death by those amongst whom he lived and upon whom he had bestowed lifelong kindness.

#### CHARLES HARTLEY, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Hartley, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, a member of the British Medical Association, who passed away on July 15th, aged 60 years.

He was the eldest son of the Rev. Charles Hartley, who was for many years the Rector of Stocking Pelham, Herts, and afterwards Incumbent of Little Dunmow, Essex. He was born at Porthleven, in Cornwall, and spent most of his early years at Stocking Pelham. He was educated at Felstead Grammar School, and after trying for a short time an uncongenial stool in a city office, he obtained his wish, and entered the medical profession, becoming a student at Charing Cross Hospital. Following the then usual custom, he became a pupil of the late Mr. Brickwell, of Sawbridgeworth, for whose memory he retained ever after an intense veneration. "What a teacher that man was!" was his invariable remark whenever he spoke of him. He obtained the diploma of M.R.C.S. in 1873, and that of L.S.A. in the following year; and, after holding the house-surgeoncy at Charing Cross, took a resident appointment at the Ventnor Hospital for Consumption, where he laid the foundation of that excellent knowledge of chest disease which he displayed in after-life.

From Ventnor he went to Lynton, North Devon, taking, at the age of 24, a widespread and arduous practice. His nearest medical neighbour was almost twenty miles distant, and his area of work included a large part of Exmoor. He was then a powerful and active young fellow, but both courage and endurance were often severely tried during his journeys on the moor. Shortly after settling at Lynton he married Miss S. M. Ward, the daughter of the Rev. John M. Ward, Vicar of Clapham, Yorkshire. After seven years' hard work in North Devon he removed to Great Dunmow, in Essex, carrying with him friendships which have proved lifelong. At Great Dunmow he practised for over ten years, and when he decided to go to Bishop's Stortford the regret of his patients expressed itself in a largely signed and handsome testimonial.

Mr. Hartley's best work was, perhaps, done at Bishop's Stortford, whither he removed in 1891. Here he practised for eighteen years, and here his brave and strong personality and the excellence of his opinion won the esteem and confidence of all classes of the community. He was a highly honourable and broad-minded man with a keen appreciation of human nature, of a cheery disposition, and with a remarkable gift of repartee.

Professionally, Mr. Hartley was a general practitioner of a very fine type. A keen observer and possessed of excellent judgement, he was remarkably able in diagnosis; his opinion was invariably formed only after careful and thorough examination. He was always on the look-out for "something behind" (to use his own expression), and he never allowed haste or pressure of work to interfere with due deliberation. While his formed opinion was seldom at fault, he always welcomed assistance when in difficulty, and these characteristics combined to make him emphatically a "safe" man. In treatment he was particularly happy. A continuous study of the idiosyncrasies of his patients, and of the adaptability of various forms of treatment to their individual needs, not only made his routine practice eminently successful, but enabled him in many instances to prophesy the result of a line of treatment suggested by others with an accuracy that appeared intuitive. Apart from all this, he was emphatically the friend of his patients, loyally respecting their confidences, and entering into their griefs and troubles with a depth of sympathy that was apparently inexhaustible.

For the last ten years of his life Mr. Hartley was greatly troubled with multiple chronic arthritis of a most painful nature; yet, lame and suffering, he steadily continued

work. Even when, during the last two years of his life, attacks of abdominal pain, for which no cause could be found, were added to his troubles, he still made light of his sufferings and worked with his usual thoroughness to the very end. On June 29th he was seized with acute obstruction of the bowels, and with a cheerful courage which was characteristic of him, acquiesced in immediate operation. When he learnt that, although the obstruction had been relieved, a malignant growth existed in the splenic flexure, which was, in the opinion of his advisers, removable, he faced without flinching the prospect of a second operation, with full knowledge of the risk it entailed. The growth was successfully removed a fortnight later, but he never recovered from the shock, and died within forty-eight hours.

He leaves a widow, son, and daughter. He was greatly beloved, and is deeply mourned.

#### JOSEPH POWELL SWANWICK, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,

WINSFORD, CHESHIRE.

MR. SWANWICK, of Winsford, who died on July 14th, was born at Prestbury in 1825, went to school there, and later at Alsager. He studied medicine at King's College, London, spending his first year in the house of Mr. (later Sir) William Bowman, and the rest in the college itself.

About 1847 he was apprenticed to Dr. Lallemand, of Macclesfield, from 1849 to 1851 was "clerk to the physicians" of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, then married Miss Harriette Pritchard, of Macclesfield, and settled in practice at Over (Winsford, Cheshire), afterwards at Congleton till his enforced retirement in 1865 owing to serious injury in a fall from his horse. After an invalid period he took the house and farm in which he died, as tenant of St. John's College, Cambridge.

He was an exceedingly capable and hard-working practitioner, full of resource, enterprise, good judgement, and operative address. He was a good mechanic and schemer of building operations; gradually enlarged and altogether improved his cramped house and farm buildings; made his farm pay, though knowing at first nothing of farming, and usually got in his hay before his neighbours. With a natural aptitude for drawing, he taught himself in middle life to paint in oils and water colours, converted his granary into a studio, and made many drawings of Egyptian scenery derived from three winters spent in that country with travelling friends. He was a capable critic and instructor in pictorial art, in mechanical work and plain building operations, and also in farming; after his retirement from medical practice, though keeping up his interest in it in amateur fashion, he actually led the life of a farmer and artist. His younger of two surviving sons is a professional artist of reputation. One son died in West Africa, aged 22. His wife, a brilliant pianist, died at the end of 1893. Their two daughters and the sons inherit the artistic tendencies of the parents, and the sons their father's mechanical skill.

His energetic life was spent in overcoming obstacles, some formidable. Having been suddenly deprived of health and strength, he found both again in country life and unceasing work, supplemented by a reasonable amount of refined and intellectual leisure.

WE note with regret the announcement of the death on July 16th of Lady PRIESTLEY, widow of Sir William Priestley, the well-known obstetric physician to King's College Hospital. Lady Priestley herself took a great interest in public health work, and did useful service by popularizing in articles contributed to the general press a knowledge of the epoch-making researches of Pasteur. She was the daughter of Robert Chambers, the Edinburgh publisher, and one of the authors of the *Vestiges of Creation*. Throughout her long life she maintained an interest in science and all intellectual pursuits, and numbered among her friends many of the most distinguished men of literature and science during the later part of the Victorian era.

THE degree of M.D. has recently been conferred by the University of Brussels upon Edward Abraham Coorey, of Moratuwa, Ceylon, and Miss Amy Blanche R. Periton, of Bangalore.