

with which he regaled some of the inhabitants was an indication of his affection for animals.

A large portion of Sir Philip's annual income was set apart for charitable purposes; he gave without ostentation and he gave freely. His life was that of a true Christian gentleman in the highest usage of these terms. His religious feelings were deep and self-contained, and his gentle, courtly manners were the outcome of a noble mind.

This is not the place to raise the curtain of his happy domestic life. Let it suffice that he was blessed in his wife and family, who to-day are suffering from a great bereavement.

His children were eight in number—three sons and five daughters. His eldest son is the Honourable P. Crampton Smyly, Chief Justice of Sierra Leone; his second is a distinguished Fellow of Trinity College, while his youngest is just about to enter on his medical studies.

ARTHUR MERRIFIELD GARRINGTON, M.D. EDIN.,
M.R.C.S.,
Portsea.

By the death of Dr. Arthur Garrington, the Portsmouth Division of the Southern Branch has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members. Dr. Garrington was born at Portsea sixty-eight years ago, and he was the worthy son of the late Mr. H. H. Garrington, who for the long period of fifty years carried on a very successful practice in the locality. Dr. Garrington obtained the diploma of M.R.C.S. in 1858, and the degree of M.D. of the Edinburgh University in 1859; shortly afterwards he returned to his native town and joined his father. He held the office of Surgeon to H.M. Prison at Kingston, near Portsmouth, for forty years. He possessed an extensive acquaintance with medicine, and in all his professional relations was ever guided by the highest principles. Throughout his long career he appeared to be impelled by an earnest desire, without any show or ostentation, to discharge faithfully and honourably every duty.

Dr. Garrington was one of the original members of the Southern Branch at the time of its recognition in 1873, and for many years he was a frequent attendant at all the local meetings. When the British Medical Association visited Portsmouth in 1899 he held the office of Treasurer, and rendered valuable assistance in all the local arrangements. About eight years ago he retired from practice, and in his retirement he still enjoyed the friendship and esteem of his professional brethren and a large circle of friends. His sudden and fatal illness lasted only a few days, during which he received the constant attention of Dr. Goss and Dr. Archer Colt. Dr. Garrington was twice married, and leaves behind a widow, three sons, and three daughters.

EBENEZER DONALDSON, B.A. UNIV. DUB., L.R.C.S.I.,
L.R.C.P.I.

Surgeon, Londonderry Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital.

AFTER a protracted illness Dr. Donaldson died in Londonderry at the early age of 49 on April 7th. He was a native of County Cork and was educated in the Dublin School of Medicine. After a short time at sea, he became Dispensary Medical Officer of Burt, near Derry. Here, instead of becoming overwhelmed by the humdrum of country work, he set himself to work to learn ophthalmic surgery. He started an eye and ear dispensary in Derry for the poor, and after some years settled in Derry and took up ophthalmic work in addition to general practice. He founded the Londonderry Eye and Ear Hospital, of which, with Dr. Hunter, he was joint Surgeon.

A student all his life, he was gifted with a most retentive memory, and was, in addition to being an accomplished and successful ophthalmologist, a most learned and skillful general practitioner. His learning was ever at the service of his professional brethren, as his skill was at the service of the poorest. His standard of professional life was very high, and as a student and a man his guiding principle was, in the words of Huxley, "Veracity is the heart of morality." "The most sacred act of a man's life is to say I believe such and such a thing to be true."

He filled the office of President of the North-West Branch of the British Medical Association, and was for many years its Secretary and Representative on the General Council. He was a member of the Ophthalmological Society, and a contributor to its proceedings.

A true friend and accomplished practitioner, his loss to his professional brethren and to the poor of the north-west of Ireland seems almost irreparable.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL TIMOTHEUS JOHN HARAN, whose death occurred at the age of 74 in Kensington on April 10th, had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy, which he entered in the year 1850, after receiving the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in 1849. A year after entering the service he went, as assistant-surgeon of the *Harlequin*, in medical charge of the boats which attacked Lagos, and was mentioned in dispatches. Subsequently he took part in a series of operations for the suppression of the slave trade on the West Coast of Africa. During the Crimean war he was surgeon of the *Viper*, a vessel which played an active part in the Black Sea, being repeatedly in action. Inspector-General Haran was present at the battle of Eupatoria, at the capture of Kertch, in the expedition in the Sea of Azoff, the night attacks on the defences of Sebastopol, and at the capture of Kinburn. He received the Turkish medal and Crimean medal with clasps for Azoff and Sebastopol. In 1858 he was promoted a staff surgeon, and four years later accompanied Commodore Wilmot on a mission to the King of Dahomey, an enterprise at that time considered to be one of considerable peril. He also received the Gilbert Blane Gold Medal, and finally reached the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, and retired after two years' service in that rank in 1888. He was a member of the British Medical Association and was Honorary Surgeon to the King.

WE regret to announce the death of Colonel ROBERT DE LA COUR CORBETT, M.D., D.S.O., Royal Army Medical Corps, at Lucknow (where he was Principal Medical Officer), on March 24th, in his 60th year, and within a few months of his retirement under the age limit. Colonel Corbett was the son of Dr. Richard Corbett of Cork, where he was educated; he became a graduate of the Royal University of Ireland in 1867, and entered the Army Medical Service in October of the same year. His period of thirty-seven years was largely spent in India, where he saw considerable service in Burma (1886-7), for which he was mentioned in dispatches, and obtained the Distinguished Service Order, with medal and clasp. He became F.R.C.S.I. in 1889. Colonel Corbett married a daughter of Mr. Robert Gregg of Cork.

ERRATUM.—We are glad to hear from Dr. Werner Rosenthal that his father, Isidor Rosenthal, the famous Professor of Physiology of Erlangen, of whom an obituary notice was published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 12th, p. 645, is not dead. He is, indeed, in excellent health, and is as busily engaged in scientific work as ever. The error, which we much regret, was originally made by a Berlin newspaper in recording the death of Dr. L. Rosenthal, who was a well-known practitioner of Berlin, and also an elder brother of Dr. Isidor Rosenthal himself.

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

TESTING THE EYESIGHT OF THE NATION.

IN the *Times* of April 7th there was a short article to the effect that our contemporary had received a circular communication under the above heading from the office of the *Optician and Photographic Trades Review*, which is stated to be the organ of the Optical Society. We are indebted to the courtesy of the editor of the *Optician and Photographic Trades Review* for a copy of the communication, which is as follows:

"TESTING THE EYESIGHT OF THE NATION: IMPORTANT NEW DEPARTURE. A new departure in the practical application of the science of optics, which has been imminent for some time past, has just occurred. The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers, whose record during the past three years has brought them into the front rank of enterprising and up-to-date City guilds, have decided, after prolonged investigation, to institute a diploma in the art of eyesight testing, a diploma which will directly affect the status of opticians throughout the country. To properly appreciate the importance of this new departure, it must be understood that the Spectacle Makers' Company, though issuing a diploma to opticians for knowledge in general and visual optics, have not certified as to special proficiency in eyesight testing in the shape of a diploma.

Lately the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers have been approached by a great number of the influential opticians of the country, supported by many well-known and scientific men, such as Lord Kelvin, Sir William Crookes, Sir Robert Ball, the Astronomer Royal (Mr. W. H. Christie), and by equally well-known public men, like Lord Burnham, Sir Andrew Dusk, Sir T. K. Dewar, Sir W. de W. Abney, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford Probyn, and others, with the object of getting the Company to institute an examination and diploma in eyesight testing specially applicable to members of the optical industry.

The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers were bound to take special notice of a memorial introduced under such exceptional and weighty auspices, with the results which we have stated.

So well has the diploma scheme of the Spectacle Makers been received, and so important to the best interests of the public has it appeared, that the National Association of Goldsmiths, who number thousands of