

and lime were used to scrub out the cells. The patients were not in the cells at the time. The sand and lime were scrubbed off in half an hour after they were put on. That process is recommended by the Commissioners of Lunacy. It takes away all the offensive smell." In the same spirit, we suppose, he made use of Dr. Conolly's authority for fastening patients to their bedsteads at night, and asserted that in every English asylum he had visited, mechanical restraint is used. Of a verity, ideas do seem to stand topsy-turvy at the antipodes.

We are happy to say that the Victorians commissioned the member for Pontefract, our old colonist, to send them out a medical superintendent from home, and that Dr. E. Paley, late of Camberwell House, a member of this association, has been selected for the office, and sailed on Christmas Eve.

Dr. Paley carries with him to his distant home the warm wishes of all who know him. No better man could have been found to represent English Psychology in this distant colony. Dr. Paley combines experience, temper, and judgment, and he has invariably gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he has worked. We found him a formidable as well as courteous opponent at the election to the Sussex Asylum in 1858. We trust to hear from Dr. Paley of his impressions of the colony of Victoria. The salary of the appointment is £900, with allowances equal to £400, including a house.

#### *Death of Sir Benjamin Brodie.*

"On the eve of eighty years, a life not more distinguished by its length than by its usefulness and success, professional and social, came to an end at Brome Park, in Surrey, on Tuesday last. Sir Benjamin Brodie, whose death we have now to chronicle, had long been ailing; the great "medicine man" of our time having been racked with pains in the shoulder-joints, and with disease in the eyes, beyond the power of art to reach. Partial blindness had for some years past clouded his studies, as it had interrupted the discharge of his duties as President of the Royal Society. From the latter office he retired in favour of General Sabine. His mind, however, continued active in his study; he read and took part in the controversies of the day, and to the last kept a ready and flowing pen in his hand. Brodie was born on the 9th of June, 1783, at Winterslow, in Wilts, of which place his father was rector; was educated at home; was placed under Mr. Wilson at the Hunterian School in Great Windmill Street, whence he removed, in 1803, to St. George's Hospital, and became a member of the College in 1805. From that date his rise was steady, being helped by the literary power and professional success of his lectures. On the death of

Sir Everard Home, he succeeded to the vacant office of Serjeant-Surgeon, when he was made a baronet by King William. In 1851 he became a D.C.L. of Oxford, and in 1858 President of the Royal Society. The professional works of Sir Benjamin are very justly esteemed; the non-professional works, such as the recently-published 'Psychological Inquiries,' have less weight and value. The writer was a very clever surgeon, but he was not a man of genius. His mind was solid, practical, and commonplace. No great discovery will bear his name. But he will be remembered among his brethren as a man who not only raised himself in the world, but did something to elevate his craft. No surgeon before him had risen to the high dignity of President of the Royal Society. It was a position which remained to be won, and he won it. That will be his distinction with posterity."—*Athenæum*, October 25th, 1862.

Sir Benjamin Brodie was elected an honorary member of this Association in 1856, and was, he informed the present editor, a regular reader of the 'Journal of Mental Science.'

#### *Appointments.*

James Strange Biggs, M.D. St. And. M.R.C.P., to be Medical Superintendent of the Surrey County Asylum, Wandsworth.

William Godwin Coombs, M.D. St. And., Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Lunatic Asylum, Exminster.

F. H. Hargood, M.R.C.S. Eng., late Assistant Medical Officer to the Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum at Colney Hatch, to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum, Rainhill.

William Helps, M.D. St. And., F.R.C.P. Edin., to be Resident Physician to the Royal Hospital of Bethlehem.

H. W. Jackson, M.R.C.S., to be Assistant Medical Officer of the Surrey County Asylum at Wandsworth.

John Meyer, M.D. Heidelberg, M.R.C.P., to be Medical Superintendent of the Criminal Lunatic Asylum at Broadmoor.

William Orange, M.R.C.S., to be Deputy Superintendent of the Criminal Asylum, Broadmoor.

Edward Paley, M.D. St. And., M.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent of the Yarra Bend Asylum, Melbourne, Victoria.

George Paterson, M.D. Edin., F.R.C.P. Edin., to be Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland.

J. Yellowlees, M.D. Edin., to be Medical Superintendent of the District Asylum, Stirling.