

were cranial measurement and cerebral abnormalities in cases associated with congenital mental defect, and on these he wrote and published extensively. He then joined the late Dr. Atkinson as partner in the licensed house, The Grange, near Rotherham, and was appointed Physician to the Sheffield Royal Hospital. There he instituted what he claimed to be the first Hospital Mental Out-patient Department. He also practised as a consultant in mental diseases in Sheffield. Becoming secretary of the Northern Division of the Association he was a most indefatigable worker in its interests, and a regular attendant and speaker at both the divisional and general meetings. In 1900 he took in a partner at The Grange, retiring from active work there, and from the Royal Hospital, where he was appointed Consulting Physician, and from the secretaryship of the Division. He went to reside at an old house in Sussex, where he did some consulting work which he did not seek, and only came down to The Grange to relieve his partner on holiday. He then resumed with interest his work at the Hospital. Crochley Clapham was physically and mentally a striking and commanding personality. Exceptionally tall and broad shouldered, he presented a picturesque appearance, with finely formed head, marked features and pointed beard. As a young man, as became a good Yorkshireman, he was fond of hunting, also of shooting, and was a regular follower of the Badsworth Hounds. On one occasion when piloting a lady patient in Cambridgeshire, he rode at the infant Cam, and getting a fall, broke his leg. He was also devoted to bicycling. He was a most omnivorous reader, and in later years, and when afflicted by cardiac trouble, was one of those fortunate persons who are always happy with a book, an armchair and a pipe. Under a brusque and somewhat dominating manner he hid a kind and sympathetic heart. He was twice married, and leaves a widow, but no children.

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FREDERICK EDWARD RAINSFORD, M.D.Dubl.

We regret to note the death of Dr. Frederick E. Rainsford, who died on June 6 last, at the Stewart Institution, Chapelizod, co. Dublin, where he had laboured for some 25 years as Resident Medical Superintendent. Prior to his death he had been in failing health for a considerable time, suffering as he did from that fell disease, lymphatic leucocythæmia. However, with the help of blood transfusions he had been able to carry on his work to a period within a few months of his death. Indeed, in the spring, he had attended a Divisional meeting of the Association, and at that time he expressed himself as feeling extraordinarily well. Alas! It was not to be for long! The not-to-be-denied relapse came sooner than was expected, and shortly there arrived the happy release from all worldly care.

Rainsford, who was born at Ballinasloe, co. Galway, in the year 1862, had had the early advantage of being associated as a student with a University of ancient foundation, and with two colleges whose sons are found where'er the English language is spoken. He thus combined the teachings of Dublin and Edinburgh. What memories of medical education come to one's mind at the sound of these names!

In 1890 he obtained the licence of the Royal Colleges at Edinburgh and Glasgow. The following year saw him secure his M.B. in Dublin University, in which examination he had the satisfaction of obtaining first place. Three years later he proceeded to his M.D. in the same University. But apparently he was not yet satisfied, for, in 1895, he sat for and obtained the Licentiatehip of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland.

Before starting on his medical studies he had experienced a phase of life which, in itself, must have been of infinite value to him, when later he became Superintendent of an institution dealing with defective children, for he had been an Assistant Master in Rathmines School, where it may be stated he was much beloved by the boys, not alone on account of his love for and prowess at athletics, but also for a kind and cheery spirit—a spirit which endured throughout his life.

When a man reaches the acme of his fame it is apt to be forgotten that success has been obtained, almost invariably, through means of sound and solid work in the early years of life. In this case it is obvious that the requirements of solid work as a foundation for success were fulfilled, for Rainsford's first medical appointment came as a Demonstrator in Chemistry at the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and he also conducted a large and successful "grind" in medical subjects.

Following his collegiate career, he tried general practice for a time in Herefordshire, after which he became an Assistant Medical Officer at Fishponds Asylum, Bristol. His life's real opportunity, however, synchronised with his promotion to the Superintendentship of "The Stewart" in 1898, for there, not only had he amenities to administer to, but also patients suffering from mental disease. In a short time he greatly extended the scope of the mental branch of the institution—the profits from which branch were available for the maintenance of the less fortunate defectives.

Be it remembered, to the lasting disgrace of successive Governments of varying political colour, that there was not a single State-supported refuge for these people within the land, and that the Stewart Institution was but an attempt on the part of the charitably disposed public to make good a much-felt want. In this effort to improve the condition of defectives in Ireland lay Rainsford's great and difficult work, and it may be at once stated that he succeeded in carrying on his hospital through many years of stress, when, were there less ability or perseverance shown, failure would probably have been its fate.

Regarding his later appointments, he had been an external examiner in Mental Diseases, Hygiene and Medical Jurisprudence at Trinity College. He had also done good service at medical boards in connection with men who were disabled in the Great War.

As a companion he was a man of much charm and one full of anecdote. He was ever a strong supporter of the Medico-Psychological Association. He had held most of the offices that could be conferred upon him by the Irish Division, and there was seldom a meeting of this Division that he failed to attend. He spoke well, and with an emphasis that left an impression upon the listeners to his words. His advice was invariably sound and kindly. There can be no doubt that the members of his Division will often miss Fred Rainsford, and they will do so with no lightness of heart.

H. R. C. RUTHERFORD.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Nursing Examinations.

The forthcoming Nursing Examinations will be for Preliminary and Final Candidates, the Intermediate or Second Examination having been discontinued.

In future nurses joining the service on or before May 31 and November 30 will be able to sit for the Preliminary Examination in the following May and November respectively.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meetings.—November 22, 1923; February 21, May 22, 1924.

South-Eastern Division.—October 9, 1923, at Croydon Mental Hospital, Warlingham.

South-Western Division.—October 25, 1923, at Devon Mental Hospital, Exminster.

Northern and Midland Division.—October 25, 1923, at the East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

Scottish Division.—November 16, 1923.

Irish Division.—November 1, 1923, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin. April 24, 1924.

APPOINTMENT.

DILLON, FREDERICK, M.D. Edin., Medical Superintendent of Northumberland House Mental Hospital, Finsbury Park, N. 4.