

wood Cemetery on February 2nd. His end was no doubt accelerated by the unexpected death of his wife, who departed this life on October 18th of last year. After a married life of over half a century the loss of his wife to whom he was so devotedly attached was a fatal blow to his already enfeebled frame, and he never rallied afterwards.

The Medico-Psychological Association was not the only institution in which he was interested; together with the late Dr. Arthur Hill Hassall he was one of the pioneers and life governors of the Ventnor Hospital for Consumption. He was also a life governor of Bethlem Hospital, of the Medical Benevolent College, Epsom, and the Institution for the Blind, &c., &c.

Dr. Paul was a wealthy man who dispensed charity with a liberal hand, he was always a kind, sympathetic friend, considerate and courteous to all, an honourable and upright man in all his dealings, whose chief delight was in doing good to others. Truly no man carried out more conscientiously than he did brotherly love, relief, and truth, the maxim of the Masonic body, of which he was a distinguished member. He left an only daughter.

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SIR JOHN NUGENT.

Sir John Nugent, who was Inspector of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland for between forty-two and forty-three years, died at the St. George's Club, Hanover Square, London, on January 26th, 1899. For a very long period he was a very prominent figure in lunacy administration in Ireland, and was well known to all the senior members of our specialty in that country. Though a good hater he was also capable of being a warm friend, and, as he was a man of great vigour of character and some originality, his personality was an important item in the current history of what should have been a great period in the development of the lunacy service in his country. Unfortunately he was one of those men in whom high and low tones are so intermingled as to produce a discord. His personal courage, which was of an eminent order (and needed to be, that it might carry him through many things which he undertook), was dashed with a spirit of wanton rashness and with a perfectly pitheoid love of mischief: his subtlety, which was considerable, degenerated, perhaps under the disadvantages of a youth spent in the atmosphere of politics and a middle age passed in that court of which Thackeray had so poor an opinion, into a love of intrigue for intrigue's sake, such as deprived him of the moral weight which his position and talents should have given him. His subtlety, wire-drawn in later years, together with a natural defect in his powers of expression, which were not developed in proportion to his other capabilities, gave rise to the peculiar complicated and contradictory style of his official reports, which made the *Irish Lunacy Blue Book* for some generations more amusing than instructive.

During Dr. Nugent's tenure of office twelve district asylums and one criminal asylum were built in Ireland. None of these nor the alterations made during the same period to the older asylums seem to indicate any special ambition on the part of those who were responsible either to be in front of any movement then going on or to strike out a new course.

The following notice from the *Dublin Daily Express* of the 28th January briefly epitomises the aims and the successes of the life of this distinguished Irish official: "Sir John Nugent died on Thursday at the advanced age of ninety-four, from bronchitis. Educated in Clongowes College, of which he was one of the earliest pupils, and Dublin University, he became the travelling physician of Daniel O'Connell, and, with him, an original member of the Reform Club. In the later thirties he was intimate with Thomas Moore and the other celebrities of the time. In 1847 he was appointed Inspector-General of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, an office he held until 1890. This post brought him into connection with most of the nobility and gentry of Ireland, and few Irishmen during the present half-century became so universally known. He was highly appreciated as a raconteur, and had excellent artistic knowledge, which enabled him to collect proof engravings of remarkable value. His eldest son is an acting member of the Council of Bombay."

More recent Dublin newspapers again notice Sir John Nugent in connection with his will. His personal estate was valued at over £38,000 (a good deal of money in Ireland), and his will appears to have concluded with an expression of his conviction that he had never intentionally, by word or deed, injured a fellow-

creature. It would seem superfluous to utter the customary kindly wish for peaceful repose over one who cherished so comfortable a conviction, especially when we remember how long a period he had to look back upon during which he was in a position where carelessness or injustice might have caused him to inflict such grievous injury upon many of his fellow-creatures.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

The following candidates were successful at the Nursing Examination held in South Africa in November, 1898.

Grahamstown Asylum.—*Males*: Frederick E. Martenson, Charles Watkins. *Females*: Rose Whitfield.

Valkenberg Asylum.—*Males*: Edward Durkan. *Females*: Susan Retief, Mary Walker.

The next examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in July, 1899.

The examination for the Gaskell Prize will take place at Bethlem Hospital, London, in the same month.

Due notice of the exact dates will appear in the medical papers.

For further particulars respecting the various examinations of the Association, apply to the Registrar, Dr. Spence, Burntwood Asylum, near Lichfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

General Meeting.—The next General Meeting will be held in the rooms of the Association, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Thursday, 11th May, 1899.

Northern Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held at the County Asylum, Hatton, near Warwick, on Wednesday, 12th April, 1899.

South-Western Division.—The Spring Meeting will be held at the Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath, on Tuesday, 18th April, 1899.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The sixty-seventh Annual Meeting will be held at Portsmouth, Dr. John Ward Cousins being President-Elect. Section of Psychology—President, David Nicolson, C.B., M.D.; Vice-Presidents, S. R. Macphail, M.D., P. W. Macdonald, M.D.; Hon. Secretaries, J. Neil, M.D., and B. W. Mumby, M.B.

APPOINTMENTS.

Earl Waldegrave has been appointed an Honorary Commissioner in Lunacy in room of Lord Hatherton, resigned.

Branthwaite, R. W., M.D., has been appointed Inspector of Inebriate Institutions under the new Act.

Macpherson, J., M.D., has been appointed Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland in room of Dr. Sibbald, resigned.