

Obituary.

DR. JUDSON B. ANDREWS.

We regret to record the death of this well-known American physician, the Medical Superintendent of the Buffalo State Hospital. Feelingly have the managers recorded their sense of their loss in the following resolution: "How well Dr. Andrews met the requirements of this most arduous and responsible position is best seen in the great success of his administration. Now, when the present Board must mourn his death, they feel that indeed a great misfortune has happened, and desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss the institution has sustained, and the sincere personal grief which must be felt by all who came in contact with him."

Dr. Andrews was born at New Haven, Conn., in 1834. He taught in a school, until he commenced the study of medicine in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1857. He resumed teaching in Saratoga County, N.Y., and in this he was engaged when the Civil War broke out. He joined the Still Water Company of Zouaves organized by Col. Ellsworth. On his death he enlisted in the 77th N. Y. Volunteers, and was elected Captain of a Company, and participated in several battles and sieges. In 1862 he resigned his commission on account of poor health, and returned to New Haven, where he finished his medical studies, becoming M.D. in 1863. Soon after he was commissioned assistant surgeon to the 19th Conn. Volunteers, then on duty. During the whole period of active service he followed the fortunes of the regiment, doing duty on the field in immediate care of the wounded. He was one of the first members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of New York. After this remarkable career, he became (in 1867) assistant physician in the Utica State Hospital, N.Y., under Dr. Gray. In 1880 he was appointed Superintendent of the Buffalo State Hospital and Lecturer upon Insanity in the Medical College.

English specialists who attended the International Medical Congress at Washington in 1887 will recall his presidency of the Psychological Section on that occasion with pleasure and satisfaction.

In 1892 he was President of the American Medico-Psychological Association.

We quote the following from the "American Journal of Insanity," July, 1892, written, it will be seen, several years before his lamented death:—

"During his professional career he has been a frequent contributor of papers to medical societies and journals. While in the Utica Hospital he was for some ten years the working editor of the 'American Journal of Insanity,' and wrote extensively for its columns.

"Dr. Andrews has been a strenuous advocate of State care of the insane, and aided materially in establishing the present system, which gives promise of greatly ameliorating the condition of this unfortunate class. Under his superintendency at the Buffalo Hospital, the training of attendants as nurses upon the insane was inaugurated and carried to a successful issue, and already six classes of men and women attendants have taken their diplomas. As one of the pioneers in this important movement, the Buffalo school furnished an impetus to, and served to popularize, the systematic training of nurses for the insane in the United States.

"Dr. Andrews is an able, active, energetic worker in his chosen field of labour, the success of his career as a practical alienist being fully attested by the history of the Buffalo State Hospital, as well as by his enviable record at the parent institution at Utica."

Dr. Blumer writes: "Dr. Andrews had been in poor health for about two years. For about a year he has been a sufferer from nervous dyspepsia. From the robust, hale man whom we knew in health, he became emaciated to a marked degree. In June he went to Nantucket, and there becoming worse, had to be removed in July to his home in Buffalo. He bore his affliction with wonderful cheerfulness, and was hopeful to the end."