

Spiritualism is a question of evidence and evidence alone, and I have, I trust, clearly demonstrated the value of some of the evidence brought forward by spiritualists as affording indubitable proof of the Immortality of the Soul. I have shown that half the manifestations are the result of trickery, whilst an equal number may be placed to the credit of self-deception. Space forbids me at the present time going further into the subject, but on a future occasion it will afford me much pleasure to place before your readers further explanations of the methods employed by so-called mediums in imposing upon the senses and in corrupting the morals of their dupes.

In conclusion, I can only trust that my letters may be productive of good results.

Believe me to be,
Your obedient servant,
STUART C. CUMBERLAND.

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Obituary.

DR. BREWER.

Dr. Brewer, the respected Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylum Board, died, greatly regretted, at his residence, George Street, Hanover Square, on the 3rd of November, 1881. He occupied this post from the time the Board was formed. He was the Liberal M.P. for Chelmsford from 1868 to 1874. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and graduated at St. Andrews in 1834. He threw his whole mind into the work of the Metropolitan Board, and laboured unceasingly and conscientiously at the oar till his death from angina pectoris.

"From the beginning to the end he worked from the pure love of the work and for the great object he had at heart, without seeking or receiving any sort of remuneration for his services."—*British Medical Journal*.

Dr. Brewer was also Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

JOSEPH J. BROWN, M.B., F.R.C.P.E.

In the death of Dr. Joseph John Brown our Association has lost one of the most promising of its younger members. Dr. Brown was the son of the late Dr. J. Brown, of Wooler, and studied at Edinburgh University, where he earned high distinction as a student, and graduated with honours in 1871. After acting for some time as Resident Physician for the University Clinical Wards and the Fever Wards of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, he became Assistant Physician at Saughton Hall Asylum, and, under the guidance of Dr. J. Batty Tuke, devoted himself with characteristic energy to the study of the microscopical appearances of the brain in insanity. In 1874 he was appointed one of the Assistant Physicians in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. His success here was so marked that when in 1878 the office of Medical Superintendent of the Fife and Kinross District Asylum became vacant, Dr. Brown was without competition unanimously appointed to it.

To natural abilities and professional acquirements of a very high order Dr. Brown added qualities of head and heart which eminently fitted him for the special work to which he devoted himself. He had great administrative