

July of the same year he was sent down to take charge of the establishment. The following year he commenced a canvass of the Eastern Counties in order to render Essex Hall an independent institution. Mr. Millard's great work in connection with Earlswood is matter of history, and the part he took subsequently in 1858 in establishing the present Asylum at Colchester is well known and much appreciated. He resigned his connection with Earlswood on December 25th, 1858, and standing shoulder to shoulder with Dr. Reed, at once set to work to start the Asylum at Colchester as an independent Asylum. In 1859 the institutory meeting was held, and deceased was appointed superintendent and secretary. As time went on he had the happiness to see the prospects for which he laboured so zealously and conscientiously, prosper beyond his most sanguine expectations, extension of the premises being rendered necessary more than once during his management, and the freehold of Essex Hall being purchased from Sir Morton Peto. In 1874 Mr. Millard resigned the secretaryship, feeling unable fully to discharge its duties as well as those of superintendent, and he generously offered to give up a fourth of his salary, but this was declined by the Board of Directors, who appointed Mr J. J. C. Turner (the present superintendent) as secretary. In 1884, Mr. Millard, on account of failing health, also resigned the superintendence, and in recognition of his past valuable services his name was placed upon the Board and House Committee, and he continued to take a deep interest in the welfare of the institution, though for the past 18 months he has been prevented by illness from visiting it. We believe that besides his work in connection with Earlswood and Essex Hall, he assisted in founding several similar asylums in other parts of the country, including the Scottish Asylum, the Western Counties', the Royal Albert Asylum for the Northern Counties, the Knowle Asylum for the Midlands, the Irish Asylum, etc. Mr. Millard wrote a "History of Essex Hall" in 1864, by request of Sir Morton Peto, in order to awaken interest in the cause in the Northern Counties, and in 1866, in conjunction with Dr. Duncan, the first Medical Officer of Essex Hall, he brought out a manual on "The Training and Classification of Idiots and Imbeciles." In 1875, too, he helped Sir Chas. Trevelyan to organize a special Committee in connection with the Charity Organization Society, to promote legislation with reference to idiots and harmless lunatics, and in many other ways he assisted the idiots' cause, of which he was a frequent advocate at public meetings.

Mr. Millard, it is not too much to say, was greatly beloved by the officials and all with whom he was brought into contact during his active connection with Essex Hall, and the news of his death, though not unexpected, has been received with profound grief.—*Essex Paper*.

DR. G. D. SYMES.

We regret to have to record the unexpected death, on March 7th, of Dr. George Dickenson Symes, Assistant Medical Officer at the Lancashire County Asylum, Rainhill, aged 30. He was the son of Dr. J. Gustavus Symes, Southfield, Weymouth, late Medical Superintendent Dorset County Asylum.

A severe cold and sore throat developed into a quinsy, the abscess bursting in the usual way, but instead of convalescing he got general septic infection, with double pleuro-pneumonia, which carried him off with extraordinary rapidity. He was always rather delicate, and seemed to have no stamina to withstand an acute illness. His death is lamented by all who knew him, and has cast a gloom over the asylum, where he was greatly esteemed as a good officer, courteous to all, and loyal to his chief.

He was formerly Clinical Assistant at Bethlem Hospital, where he earned the respect and affection of both the patients and the medical staff.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement.

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