

officer at Bethlem Hospital, and held the office until 1852. The governors had succeeded in their attempt to exempt the hospital from the visitation of the Lunacy Commissioners, required by the Lunacy Acts; the organization of the staff, medical and non-medical, resident and non-resident, was most unfortunate, and worked disastrously. The rules crippled the action of the resident surgeon, and vested too large an authority in the visiting surgeon and physicians, who, it must be admitted, utterly failed in their duty. Hence it was impossible that Bethlem could be managed satisfactorily, and an official inquiry led to its being placed on the same footing as other registered hospitals, and under the inspection of the Commissioners. The result was that Dr. Wood resigned. From that time he proved his energy and force of character by his successful career as an alienist. He was in the first instance a partner in a private asylum at Kensington. He became before long sole proprietor, and resided in Harley Street. He was appointed visiting physician to St. Luke's Hospital in 1861. It is quite recently that he resigned the appointment and became consulting physician.

The Priory, Roehampton, was purchased by him in 1870. To it two years afterwards he transferred his patients from Kensington House. He conducted his asylum with the energy and kindness which were to be expected from him. He added largely to the original buildings, and "The Priory" justly stands in the first rank of licensed houses.

Dr. Wood was at one time President of this Association, and took an active part in its proceedings for many years.

He strongly opposed Mr. Dilwyn's Bill for the abolition of private asylums, and with equal vigour certain clauses in the Lunacy Bill of 1889 and 1890. He could never reconcile with his views the interference of the magistrate in the admission of patients into asylums, and he applauded the course pursued by the Earl of Shaftesbury when Lord Selbourne introduced the Bill. He spoke with contempt of the vexatious and petty clauses by which the Bill was disfigured. As is well known, those which bore hardly on licensed houses were greatly modified by the exertions which he, in common with other asylum proprietors, especially Dr. Hayes Newington, made.

Dr. Wood was not a great writer, but contributed several articles to "The Journal of Mental Science," "The British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review," and "The Journal of Psychological Medicine," as also two brochures on "Insanity and the Lunacy Laws" and "The Plea of Insanity."

The funeral of Dr. Wood, at Putney, was attended by a large number of mourners desirous to pay the last tribute of respect and affection to his memory.

EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN NURSING.

The next examination for this certificate will be held on the first Monday in November. All inquiries in connection with this examination should be addressed to the Registrar,

DR. SPENCE,
Burntwood Asylum, Lichfield,

And not as heretofore to the General Secretary.

Winner of the Bronze Medal and Prize of 10 Guineas,
G. M. Robertson, M.B., C.M.,
Senior Assistant Physician, Morningside Asylum, Edinburgh.

Winners of the Gaskell Prize.

Nathan Raw,
George B. Wilson. } Equal.

M.P.C. EXAMINATION.**ENGLAND.**

The following candidates for the M.P.C. passed the Examination, held at Bethlem Hospital, July 7th, 1892:—

Frank Belben,
E. Milliken Goldie,
W. A. Haslam,
R. J. Hutchinson,

Robert H. Lloyd,
J. H. Sprout,
W. F. Umney.

SCOTLAND.

F. S. Ainley,
S. C. Brush,
G. Cruickshank,
P. Campbell,
A. B. Dalgetty,
A. Davidson,
R. Ferguson,
W. Hector,
F. Kelly,

T. B. Law,
G. B. D. Macdonald,
C. E. Nair,
W. C. Pieris,
W. H. de Silva,
R. S. Trotter,
D. A. Welsh,
J. B. Yeoman.

Candidate who passed the Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing, May, 1892, omitted in last list:—

West Malling Place.

Julia F. Ferguson.

The next Examination for England and Scotland will take place in December next.

List of Attendants and Nurses who possess the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing the Insane:—

William Butterworth,
Thomas Connor,
John Andrew Parkes,
George Lees,
George Richard Evans,
Sarah Ann Devlin,
Mary Ann Kings,
Kate Millward Coaling,
Edith M. Bearpark,
Mabel Moore,
Francis Parkes,
Ann Philipps,
Mary Jane Moore,
Charles Henry Henson,
Charles M. Clarke,
Laura Mary Potter,

Sarah Jane Builder,
Peter Devlin,
Arthur Prior,
John Willcocks,
William Hammersley,
Elizabeth Anne Hughes,
Adelina Maria Bailey,
Frances Ada Berks,
Harry Gill,
John Burton,
William Webber Sampson,
Albert Edward Mitchell,
William Hamilton Swift,
Theodore Ross Gates,
James Graham,
Arthur Lawrence Smith,