

*Appointments.*

Mercer, N. G., M.D., has been appointed a Junior Medical Officer of the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum, Lancaster.

Malan, C. H. W., C.M., has been appointed Medical Assistant Officer in the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, *vice* H. G. Stewart, M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Borough Lunatic Asylum.

Strange, A., M.R.C.S. Edin., has been appointed one of the Assistant Medical Officers to the Gloucester County Asylum.

Husband, H. Aubrey, M.B., M.C. Edin., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, near Dartford, Kent.

Richards, J. P., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Lunatic Asylum, Exminster.

Stewart, H. G., M.D., has been appointed Lecturer on Medical Psychology in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne College of Medicine.

*Obituary.*

CHARLES MOUNTFORD BURNETT, M.D., died on October 25th, at Alton, Hants, at a comparatively early age, being only 59 years old. He had for some time been suffering from a painful disease, from which he was released by death at a time when a life of energy and usefulness was just bringing to him the well-earned honours of the profession he adorned.

Dr. Burnett was born at Woolwich; and, being of a large family (the youngest of fifteen), was early sent to school, at Gloucester. His father's death occurred when he was but a boy, and he was thus soon thrown on his own resources. He soon turned his attention to the profession of medicine, and after studying at Farnham with the late Dr. Oke, of Southampton, entered at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where, after a course of more than ordinary industry, he was appointed house-surgeon at the early age of twenty-one. He next was engaged in practice at Wimbledon, whence he was obliged to remove, and settled at Alton, where he died. His connection was very extensive, and occupied his time wholly. In consequence of a serious accident about twenty years ago, he felt obliged to retire from active practice, and he then devoted his energies to the study of mental diseases, which he treated with singular success. He converted his house into a private asylum, of which he was himself the resident proprietor and medical superintendent, and, to his honour be it said, persevered with such wonderful patience, in the face of many obstacles, as to raise it to the excellent rank it now holds among our provincial asylums. By all his patients he was held in the highest esteem; and it is not too much to say of him that he was a just and affectionate parent, a generous friend (especially to the poor), and a thoroughly religious man.

He was the author of several excellent works, among which may be named "The Power, Wisdom, and Goodness of God, as displayed in the Animal Creation;" "The Philosophy of Spirits;" "Insanity tested by Science;" and of various contributions to different journals.—*The Lancet*, November 17th.