

who had been intimately acquainted with Nasse from early life, repeatedly endeavoured to make him see this, and to limit his duties, but in vain. When, at a visit last autumn, he had hoped to be more successful, it was too late; the heart and the blood-vessels had commenced to give way, and an apparently trifling traumatic lesion of one of the great toes led to a kind of senile gangrene.

Werner Nasse presented a remarkable instance of what some would call inheritance of talent from his highly gifted father and mother, the more so as his three brothers are all equally distinguished in other spheres of life, and as his three sisters *mutatis mutandis* were the same. In reality, however, inheritance in this family as in others played only a secondary part, compared with the careful early training and with the stimulus of example which one member of the family gave to the other.

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ALFRED EVERLEY TAYLOR, L.B.C.P., L.R.C.S.

It is with much regret that we record in our obituary the death of Mr. Alfred Everley Taylor, Senior Assistant Medical Officer of the County Asylum, Stafford, which occurred on March 30th, under circumstances peculiarly sad. His name must be added to the not inconsiderable list of asylum medical officers who have died in harness, and have been prematurely cut off as the direct result of disease or injury obtained in the discharge of their duty.

Mr. Taylor, who was the youngest son of the late Mr. William Taylor, of Scarborough, a well-known and highly esteemed member of the medical profession, had nearly completed his thirtieth year. He was educated at St. Mary's Hospital, qualified in 1883, and had been for the past four and a half years an Assistant Medical Officer at the County Asylum, Stafford. In the course of his brief career he shaped his conduct by an unflinching sense of duty, and never spared himself in the discharge of his work. Indeed, his thoroughness and devotion to work may be said to have cost him his life, the fatal illness being an attack of acute septicæmia resulting from pricking his finger slightly with the scalpel while making a post-mortem examination of the body of a patient who had died from acute laryngitis and pneumonia.

Mr. Taylor was of a literary turn and accomplished in his vocation, though he never contributed to medical literature. He was an ideal asylum physician, conscientious in his work, enthusiastic in his profession, skilled and thoughtful in the medical care of his patients, entering heart and soul into all the amusements and recreations, and playing regularly in the asylum band. His warm-hearted, genial, and thoroughly generous disposition had drawn round him a wide circle of friends, and his premature end has come as a shock to many who, like the writer, had seen him but a short time previously in the enjoyment of robust health. By his death a gifted and promising career has been cut short, and the Stafford Asylum has to mourn the loss of a valuable and highly conscientious medical officer.

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JAMES MACLAREN, F.R.C.S.E.

It was with regret and surprise that the news of the death of Mr. James Maclaren was received by his numerous friends. He died at his residence at Larbert on the 25th of March last from pleurisy, after an illness of three days' duration. He died at the comparatively early age of 40, but, though so young