

ably known. He soon found that the toil of country practice was beyond his strength, and turned his attention to lunacy, becoming in 1859 assistant to Dr. Howden, of the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Montrose. On the completion of the buildings at Sunnyside, which now bear that name, Dr. Fairless was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Old Asylum in the town of Montrose, and filled that office ably and efficiently for about six years. Nor was he merely an asylum superintendent, for wherever he resided he took an active part in all the agencies for the intellectual and moral elevation of his fellow citizens.

When the Old Asylum at Montrose was closed, Dr. Fairless resided for a time at Comparangus, while looking for more work in connection with the insane, and eventually selected Lanarkshire, where he built and superintended the Kirklands Asylum at Bothwell. The eleven years he spent at Bothwell were probably the best of his life. His personal character and mature experience made him a most kind and skilful asylum physician, while he used his institution as a means of doing good rather than of making money. He was honoured by his professional brethren, and for years was Secretary of the Scottish Midland and Western Medical Association. He was held in very high esteem by the friends of patients, and by all who knew him, and at Bothwell, as well as at Crieff and Comparangus, presentations of valuable gifts were made to him by the public, expressive of the general esteem.

In 1879 he sold Kirklands to the District Board of Lunacy, and, retiring from medical work, resided first in Oxford and latterly in London, where he died on April 4th, 1888, from cardiac and renal disease, in his 66th year. His death is mourned by a widow and six children, and by many old friends.

In his manner he was kind, gentle, and sensitive, in his work patient, painstaking, and anxious, while his whole life was elevated and sustained by the highest moral tone.

His later days were clouded by much domestic affliction and by unfortunate money investments, as well as by much personal suffering, but through them all he was the same gentle, patient, self-forgetting, God-fearing man—to whom to die was gain.—D. Y.

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#### THOMAS HARRINGTON TUKE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

We greatly regret to have to record the death of a member and former officer of the Medico-Psychological Association, Dr. T. Harrington Tuke, who died of pulmonary disease at his residence, the Manor House, Chiswick, June 9th, 1888. He came of a good Irish family, and traced his ancestors to the West of Ireland, where they resided for several generations at Tralee, and subsequently in Dublin, the birth-place of his father, Dr. Edward Francis Tuke. His son was born at Bristol, June 13th, 1828. He was educated privately, and at Kensington School. He studied medicine at St. George's Hospital, passed the College of Surgeons in 1847, and became M.D. St. Andrew's in 1849. He obtained the Fellowship of the College of Physicians in 1868. His connection with the Private Asylum at the Manor House, Chiswick, dated back to the time of his father's death in 1846, when, in conjunction with his mother, a lady remarkably gifted with administrative powers, he took charge of the house. The establishment was conducted on a liberal scale, and the enemies of licensed houses never brought any charge against the mode in which the Manor House was carried on, either in regard to the dietary or the treatment of the patients. Dr. Harrington Tuke was generous indeed, to the point of being lavish, and crippled his own resources thereby. His manner towards the patients under his care was frank and kindly, and he displayed much tact in eluding the inconvenient questions which the insane are so well able to put to the mental physician.

Dr. Tuke attended Dr. Conolly's lectures, delivered at the Hanwell Asylum, and in 1852 married one of his daughters, who survives him. He no doubt derived many advantages from the near relationship into which he was brought with Dr. Conolly, but he was not a blind follower of so-called "Conollyism," and approved of resorting to mechanical restraint when the safety of the patient required it.

He enjoyed a large practice in mental cases, and was a witness in courts of law in not a few important trials. He took a strong view of the irresponsibility of the boy O'Connor, who desired to make himself famous as a regicide, and the subsequent career of this youth served to confirm his opinion. He received a letter from the Home Secretary thanking him for his advice in the matter of precaution at the time of the boy's subsequent release.

Although Dr. Tuke was not the author of any work on mental affections, he contributed to this Journal several papers which were of a practical character, and resulted from his own experience. These had reference chiefly to Forced Alimentation, Baths, General Paralysis, and Monomania. If it is true that these papers have had their day, they were at the time valuable contributions to psychological medicine.

Dr. Harrington Tuke was Honorary Secretary to the Association from 1864 to 1872, and was President in 1873.

We offer our sincere condolence to the family on the loss they have sustained in his decease.

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### *Appointments.*

ANDERSON, D. H., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Hull Borough Asylum.

BROWN, F. L. H., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Bristol Asylum, Stapleton.

CHAMBERS, JAMES, M.A., M.D., M.C., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum, Carlisle.

HACON, WALTER E., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., for seven years Medical Superintendent, Hospital for the Insane, Christchurch, N.B., has retired, and been appointed Honorary Physician to the Christchurch Hospital.

HOLMES, T. D. H., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the East Riding Asylum.

JONES, R., M.D., B.S., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots.

MACPHAIL, S. RUTHERFORD, M.D.Ed., Assistant Medical Superintendent, Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum, appointed Medical Superintendent of the new Derby Borough Asylum.

MYLES, WILLIAM ZACKARY, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Richmond Lunatic Asylum, Dublin, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Kilkenny District Asylum, *vice* Dr. Barry Delaney.

NICOLSON, R. H., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Warwick County Lunatic Asylum.

PRETSELL, W. G., M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to Govan Poorhouse and Asylum.

POPE, P., M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Clinical Assistant to the Borough Asylum, Birmingham.

SIMPSON, SAMUEL, M.B., B.Ch.Dub., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Somerset and Bath Asylum.

TORNEY, G. P., L.K.Q.C.P.I. and L.R.C.S.I., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lincolnshire County Asylum.

WRETFORD, J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Norfolk County Asylum, Thorpe.