

law should require him to be satisfied, by competent evidence, that the insane person, if at large, would be dangerous to himself or others, or that treatment in an asylum would be beneficial to him. 6. That in all cases of doubtful insanity judges, before signing warrants of commitment for insane persons, should assign counsel for the alleged lunatic when he is not otherwise represented. 7. That in our opinion, in the matter of commitment of the insane, the duty of medical men should be limited to giving medical evidence, and the responsibility for the commitment should rest upon the judge, and not upon the physician; that the medical profession has greatly suffered in public estimation by the practical working of the existing law, which throws upon the certifying physician the opprobrium of unfortunate or ill-advised commitments."

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#### OBITUARY.

##### *Death of Mr. Palmer Phillips.*

We regret to report the death of Mr. Charles Palmer Phillips, Commissioner in Lunacy, at Elstree, on September 27th, in his 74th year. He was a son of the late Mr. William Edward Phillips, Governor of Prince of Wales's Island. Born in 1822, he was educated at Eton and Oxford, and was called to the Bar in 1846. He was principal secretary to Lord Chancellor Chelmsford in 1859, was a Revising Barrister for the City of London in 1864, and secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy from 1865 to 1872. In the latter year he was appointed a Commissioner, and held the office until his death. He was the author of works on "Copyright Law" and "The Law Concerning Lunatics." His death removes a personality familiar to every Asylum Superintendent, many of whom can bear testimony to the kindly, courteous, and efficient discharge of his official duties, in which he took a keen, intelligent, and philanthropic interest.

##### *Robert Jamieson, M.A., M.D. Aberdeen.*

By the death of Dr. Jamieson on the 17th November, Scotland has lost her oldest Asylum Superintendent. A man of handsome presence, marked intellectual power, independent character, and genuine kindness of heart, Dr. Jamieson was an ideal physician. He was much and widely esteemed, and throughout the course of a long life proved a strong influence for good.