

appointed Junior Assistant Physician to the Royal Asylum in 1889, and a year afterwards was promoted to the senior assistantship, a post which he held for over seven years. He was then appointed Medical Superintendent of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and Convalescent Home. During the five years he occupied this post he gained the complete confidence of the Directors, who were not slow to recognise his great powers of organisation and administration. While attending to the duties and work of the infirmary he continued to maintain his interest in the study of mental disease, and kept himself fully conversant with the most recent literature and practice. He made a special study of asylum construction and administration, and for the purposes of investigating the villa system he visited the asylum at Alt Scherbitz, with the methods and working of which he made himself familiar.

The District Board were fortunate in securing Dr. Angus as the first Medical Superintendent of Kingsseat Asylum, and their judgment was fully justified by the excellent service he rendered in connection with the equipment and organisation of the new institution. There were many problems to be faced in connection with the inauguration of an asylum on new lines, and to the Lunacy Board Dr. Angus' experience and administrative capacity were invaluable. He was able quickly to complete the organisation and staffing of the institution. The satisfactory and efficient manner in which this was accomplished, and the recognition which his ability had obtained from those most competent to judge, are shown in the *Annual Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy*, which contains the following reference to the late Superintendent: "By his zeal and ability he quickly organised the administration of the asylum at its opening, and made it thereafter one of the best managed institutions for the insane in Scotland."

In the management of his patients Dr. Angus was seen at his best. He always seemed to intuitively recognise and adapt himself to their various mental peculiarities. An all-round athlete himself, he took an active part in promoting the recreations and amusements of his patients. In his relations with the members of his staff, and with all the employees of the institution, he was particularly happy; while never relaxing discipline, he was able to secure the most loyal service and co-operation.

Dr. Angus was a unique personality. He was a man of ability, shrewdness, and tact; endowed with a most genial temperament, a man whose cheery optimism made it always a pleasure to meet him, no matter under what circumstances. Moreover, he had that enviable gift, a keen and ever ready humour, which could always be counted on, and which was a frequent source of enjoyment to his friends. He made several contributions to the literature of mental diseases and was an expert microscopist. His untimely death has cut short a career of great promise. He leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn his loss.

FREDERICK HURST CRADDOCK.

It is with much regret that we have to record the sudden death on October 14th of Mr. Craddock, Medical Superintendent of the Gloucester County Asylum.

A comparatively young man, he was only fifty-five, Mr. Craddock had until quite recently enjoyed good health, and had been able to carry on his work as actively as ever.

Some rather serious symptoms of heart trouble occurred during the heat of the past summer, and his usual autumn fishing holiday had to be interrupted owing to a severe seizure on the river bank. He was brought home and, after a week or two's rest in bed, seemed to be making excellent progress. He was feeling well and cheerful and was hopefully planning an extended holiday. But it was not to be.

On the morning of October 14th Mr. Craddock was found lying dead on the floor of his bedroom, having evidently succumbed during the night to an attack of syncope.

Mr. Craddock was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and after qualifying was for six months clinical assistant at St. Luke's Hospital. In 1877 he was appointed Assistant Medical Officer at Powick, where he remained, first as Junior, and afterwards as Senior, for a period of five years. In 1882 he was selected from amongst numerous candidates for the post of Medical

Superintendent of the Gloucester Asylum, and here for twenty-four years he carried on a successful work with an energy and zeal that knew no bounds.

An excellent organiser, he brought about much-needed reforms both in the structure and the management of the asylum. He was a strict disciplinarian but had the heart of a woman, and his kindness to both patients and staff endeared him to one and all.

The committee have lost in Mr. Craddock a most valuable officer, and their appreciation of him and his work may best be told in their own words:

"They desire to place on record their appreciation of the great services rendered by their late Superintendent, Dr. Craddock, whose sudden death on the 14th inst. they deeply deplore. By his able management, combining firmness in maintaining discipline with consideration and great kindness towards his subordinates and the patients under his care, he gained in a marked degree the esteem and affection of all who were brought in contact with him."

Mr. Craddock was more of a reader than a writer and he was keenly interested in the social problems that vex the soul of the present-day physician.

The funeral took place at his native village in Warwickshire, and the large number of friends, professional and otherwise, that attended to escort the body to the station was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Craddock was generally held. A memorial service, attended by members of the committee, the staff, and patients was held in the asylum chapel on the previous day.

JOHN GREIG MCDOWALL.

By the death of Dr. J. G. McDowall, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five, the West Riding of Yorkshire has lost a most conscientious, capable, and upright officer, his large family of staff and patients a good and affectionate friend, and his many personal friends a most loyal and lovable man.

After his graduation at Edinburgh in 1873 he had a short experience in Scottish Poor Law work at Craiglockhart, but at an early date devoted himself to the study of insanity, obtaining an appointment as Assistant Medical Officer at the then new South Yorkshire Asylum, at Sheffield, in 1873, at that time under the superintendency of Dr. Samuel Mitchell; here his strong individual characteristics soon showed themselves, and his work was marked by that careful, painstaking conscientiousness which stamped everything that he undertook in later years.

In 1887, after keen competition, he obtained the appointment of Medical Superintendent of the then new West Riding Asylum at Menston, and that institution in its development and administration is practically a reflection of his mind. During the early years, when the work of organisation was a severe strain, no undertaking was too great and no detail was too small for his energies and attention, and from morning to night, and from year's end to year's end, his whole object and aim in life was the welfare, good name, and honour of the institution entrusted to his care.

As a Superintendent he was kind, forbearing, and gentle, and had what Pliny calls the best of all characters, namely, he was ready to pardon the errors of mankind as if he were every day guilty of some himself and, at the same time, as cautious of committing a fault as if he never forgave one. As a man he had a most lovable disposition, was perfectly straightforward, even-tempered, and large-hearted. He leaves behind many to mourn his loss, and not least important among them are those amongst whom he lived so many years, his staff and patients.

ROBERT SLOSS STEWART.

We much regret to have to record the death, from heart disease, of Dr. Robert S. Stewart, on September 28th, at the early age of forty-four years.

Dr. Stewart was a distinguished student of the University of Glasgow, where in 1883 he took the degrees of M.B., C.M. "with high commendation," and three years later that of M.D., also "with commendation." Having completed his curriculum, he acted as Resident Assistant in the Glasgow Western Infirmary, in the wards of Sir William T. Gairdner, the late Dr. Leishman, and Dr. Alexander Paterson. Thereafter turning his attention to the study of psychological medicine, he obtained the appointment of Assistant Medical Officer at the Glamorgan