

his prognosis was to be trusted. I once said to him:—"I wonder that you who have seen so much do not write anything for the Psychological Association." His reply was characteristic—

"Well, what do I know that has not been already published again and again?"

"If everyone had your scruples," I said, "we should have few papers."

"That may be," he replied, with a quiet smile.

He was a shrewd observer of character, and his remarks were often very penetrating. Speaking of false, hypocritical men, his scorn came with a flash, and then passed away, as if he hated the subject.

To those under him he was ever considerate; to his medical assistants kind and courteous. During the recess he would find a place for a poor or deserving student as clinical assistant. He was always willing to do his utmost to help anyone who needed it. Dr. Grierson's fondness for smoking was so pronounced that one cannot miss it out in a descriptive sketch. It suited his reflective character. About six years ago the first symptoms of phthisis appeared. The malady went on slowly. In the autumn of 1885 he had inflammation of the elbow-joint of the left arm, which had to be amputated. He spent the winter in Egypt, and on his return in the spring of 1886 he resigned his post of Superintendent, remaining consulting physician to the asylum. He was allowed at first an income of £500 a year; but two years ago the District Lunacy Board, tiring of their liberality, cut off £200 from the annuity, though it was not difficult to see that he could not enjoy it long. Last winter his strength was evidently declining, and he suffered much from weakness and breathlessness; but he remained till the end the same calm, genial, sympathetic man, taking a kindly interest in others, and never complaining about himself. Dr. Grierson was a member of the Episcopal Church; he was a Conservative in politics, but perfectly liberal and tolerant towards the views of others. He leaves a widow, one son, and three daughters.

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DR. BUTLER, HARTFORD, CON., U.S.A.

The death of this well-known and greatly respected alienist is announced. In our next issue we shall give a memoir of this distinguished physician.

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AMERICAN CONGRESS OF MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.

A circular has been issued by the Medico-Legal Society of New York announcing a second International Congress of Medical Jurisprudence to be held in New York in 1892. The first was held in 1889.

Two prizes have been offered by the same Society, value 150 dollars each, for the best Essay on a subject connected with Medical Jurisprudence. The papers must be sent in before the 1st of April, 1891, to the President of the Society, 57, Broadway, New York. Competitors must enrol themselves as members of the Medico-Legal Society of New York.