

already possessed as a requisite for doing so, and also have given satisfaction in other respects, they should be made to understand that they are simply probationers, who are not to have the same privileges as those who have been placed on the staff of the establishment.

Your obedient servant,
AN ASYLUM CHAPLAIN.

Appointments.

MITCHELL, ARTHUR, M.D. Aberd., appointed Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, in succession to W. A. F. Browne, Esq., resigned.

SIBBALD, JOHN, M.D. Edin., appointed Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland, in succession to Arthur Mitchell, M.D.

CHRISTIE, THOMAS B., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.P., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Royal Indian Asylum, Ealing.

HINGSTON, J. TREGELLIS, M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Superintendent of the North Riding Asylum, in succession to Thomas B. Christie, M.D.

NICOL, PATRICK, M.A., M.B., M.C. Aberd., late Clinical Clerk, West Riding Asylum, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex County Asylum, Haywards Heath,

SHAW, THOMAS, C.M.B. Lond., M.R.C.P., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Metropolitan Asylum, Leavesden.

The Fothergillian Gold Medal, for 1870, was awarded to Dr. CLOUSTON, the Medical Superintendent of the Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum, by the London Medical Society, for an Original Essay, entitled "Observations and Experiments on the Use of Opium, Bromide of Potassium, and Cannabis Indica, especially in regard to the use of the two latter, given together in Insanity."

Obituary.

JOHN MEYER, M.D.

On May 9th, John Meyer, M.D. Heidelberg, F.R.C.P. Lond., Superintendent of Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Meyer was born in the year 1814, at Norwood, near London. He studied medicine at Heidelberg, where he graduated M.D. in 1836, and after a short residence in England, he left this country for Australia. In 1844 he was appointed Colonial Surgeon, and shortly after this he was placed in charge of the Hospital and Convict Lunatic Asylum at New Norfolk, in Tasmania. Returning to England on leave of absence during the Crimean war he was employed by the Government on matters connected with the hospital arrangements necessitated by that war, and eventually he was placed in charge of the Civil Hospital established in Smyrna, where he remained until the conclusion of hostilities. In 1858 he was appointed Chief Resident Physician of the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, and on the establishment of the Criminal Asylum at Broadmoor, he was in 1862 appointed its superintendent. In the spring of 1866 he received from a patient a severe injury over the left temple, and from the effects of this injury he never completely rallied. A rapid journey on May 3rd to the West of England, undertaken at a moment's notice, in consequence of the sudden illness of a near relative,