

a rigid disciplinarian, and demanded punctual and minute attention to all details of treatment. While kind and indulgent to the patients, he had no toleration for carelessness or neglect in the servants of the institution. He expected from his staff a devotion akin to his own, and he appreciated upright and efficient service as those only can who strive to render it themselves.

He died in his 84th year, having really spent his life in the cause of the insane. Few men have left a record of such long and faithful service.

WILLIAM HENRY OCTAVIUS SANKEY, M.D.LOND., F.R.C.P.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Dr. Sankey, of Boreatton Park, Shrewsbury. He was a student at St. Bartholomew's, and after practising at Margate, became resident medical officer at the London Fever Hospital. In 1854 he was appointed medical superintendent of the female side of the Hanwell Asylum, where he worked assiduously for ten years. His health was not good and he preferred having a private asylum, at Sandywell Park, near Cheltenham. This did not prevent him coming up to London and lecturing in the summer at University College, on Mental Diseases. In 1882 he removed to Boreatton Park, and was, we believe, successful in his private asylum there. Two years later he issued a second edition of his Lectures on Mental Diseases, a work favourably reviewed in this Journal. He was President of the Medico-Psychological Association in 1868. As recently as 1887 he was President of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association.

The intelligence of his death reaches us as the last sheet is passing through the press, and the space at our command does not admit of a more extended notice. We understand he had been ailing for some time with hepatic symptoms of a somewhat obscure nature, but the announcement of his death will come to many as a surprise. He died on the 8th of March, of pneumonia, after a few days' illness.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.*

M.P.C. EXAMINATION.

ENGLAND.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL, December 20 and 21, 1889.

Examiners:

DR. FIELDING BLANDFORD and **DR. HACK TUKE** (in the absence of **DR. RAYNER**).

The following candidates received the Certificate of Efficiency in Psychological Medicine:—

J. CHAMBERS, M.B., M.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Garlands, Carlisle.

J. C. MACKENZIE, M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Morpeth.

N. RAW, M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Borough Asylum, Portsmouth.

Questions:

I.—What treatment should you employ to procure sleep in: 1. Acute Delirious Mania? 2. Acute Melancholia? 3. Acute Mania? 4. Simple Melancholia? 5. The Acute Stage of General Paralysis?

II.—What are the post-mortem appearances in the brain of patients dying: *a.* In an attack of Acute Insanity? *b.* After Chronic Insanity? *c.* After General Paralysis?

* The next Examination, and also one for Honours (Gaskell Prize) will be held at Bethlem Hospital in July, 1889. For particulars apply to Dr. Savage, 3, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.