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#### *Appointments.*

J. O. Adams, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, Kent.

J. Edmundson, M.D., of the Clonmel Auxiliary Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the District Lunatic Asylum, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, vice T. C. Burton, M.D., resigned.

G. Thompson, M.R.C.S., has been appointed a Resident Clinical Clerk in the West Riding Lunatic Asylum, Wakefield.

T. B. Pattinson, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cornwall County Lunatic Asylum, Bodmin.

#### *Obituary.*

On the 5th of July, aged 83, died William Lawrence, F.R.S., Surgeon to Bethlehem Hospital since 1815, and an Honorary Member of the Medico-Psychological Association.

*"Lawrence (says Brodie, in his autobiography) was one who has since acquired so large and well-deserved a reputation. He was even then (1801?) a remarkable person. I never knew any one who had a greater capacity for learning than he had, nor more industry, nor who at the same age had a greater amount of information—not merely on matters relating to his future profession, but on a great variety of other subjects. From that time to the present, Lawrence and myself have been moving in parallel lines, he having had the largest share of private practice next to myself; and it may be regarded as somewhat to the credit of both of us that there has never been any manifestation of jealousy between us. I have already mentioned that when a young man he had some faculties in great per-*

*fection, and he has them still, and but little, as far as I can see, impaired by the addition of fifty years to his age. He has a great memory, and can easily recur to and make use of what he knows. He has considerable powers of conversation, but without obtruding himself to the exclusion of others, as is the case with too many of those who are reputed to be good talkers. What he says is full of happy illustrations, with, at times, a good deal of not ill-natured sarcasm. In public speaking he is collected, has great command of language, and uses it correctly, but not equal to what he is in ordinary society. In writing, his style is pure, and free from all affectation, yet in general not sufficiently concise. His reading has been extensive; he is well acquainted with modern, and moderately so with the ancient, languages. His professional writings contain a vast deal of information, but it is more as to what he has taken from other authors than as to the result of his own experience and observation. That he is thoroughly acquainted with his own profession cannot be doubted, for it would not have been possible for him otherwise to retain for so long a period the high place which he has occupied."*

On the 22nd July, at Moorcroft, Hillingdon, Middlesex, died George J. Stilwell, M.D., eldest son of G. Stilwell, Esq., Epsom, Surrey, the beloved Physician to the establishment. The loss which the medical profession, and especially the psychological branch of it, has sustained in the premature death of Dr. George Stilwell, is one which will not be easily replaced. At an early age he was suddenly called upon to fill the place of one who occupied a prominent position in his profession, and most worthily and honourably has he acquitted himself and maintained the reputation already belonging to the honoured name he bore. His modest and gentlemanly bearing was combined with an excellent disposition and good sound common sense, and won for him the good opinion and confidence of all who knew him; while those of his own profession who were brought in contact with him felt that they were dealing with a thoroughly upright man, upon whose opinion they could rely and in whose hands they were safe.—*British Medical Journal*, August 10.

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