

ments recommended by the Royal Commissioners in their report on this subject.—Mr. Corrance said that he still urged there should be an united county authority instead of placing a matter of such great importance under the authority of an irresponsible Crown officer. The Bill referred to eight Acts of Parliament; and, instead of endeavouring to digest the present laws, the house ought at once to consolidate them. The effect and nature of this Bill would be to entail enormous expense without any adequate return. He moved that it was inexpedient to add to the duties at present imposed upon sanitary authorities constituted by the Act of 1872, until their powers were better defined by a consolidation of the statutes, and appointments had been completed in conformity with the intentions of the Act.—Mr. Hibbert said that the Local Government Board and the Government were prepared to give a hearty support to this Bill.—Mr. T. Collins said the house could not give its time this session to a due consideration of this question. They ought not to be over hasty in legislating.

It being a quarter to six o'clock, the debate, by the rules of the house, was adjourned.

OBITUARY.

MICHAEL COOKE, M.R.C.S., SURGEON TO THE NORTH DEVON INFIRMARY, BARNSTABLE.

MR. MICHAEL COOKE died on April 5th, after a protracted illness, at the age of 59. The deceased was the son of a substantial yeoman, at High Bickington, and commenced the study of his profession under Dr. Cocks, of that place. On establishing himself in Barnstaple he soon acquired a considerable practice. He was an union medical officer, and also filled the post of surgeon of the North Devon Infirmary. Mr. Cooke was long a member of the Town Council of Barnstaple, and in 1863 was elected chief magistrate of the borough. At the time of his death he was an alderman.

DAVID SKAE, M.D., PHYSICIAN TO THE MORNINGSIDE ASYLUM.

OUR obituary contains (says the *Scotsman*), the name of a man who has long held an eminent position in his profession, and has occupied an important and responsible office in Edinburgh. Dr. Skae was educated at St. Andrew's and Edinburgh Universities, where he approved himself a highly distinguished student. At an unusually early age he became a lecturer, first on anatomy, and then on medical jurisprudence, in the Extra-Academical Medical School of Edinburgh. He was generally considered one of the ablest amongst a band of distinguished men, who afterwards shed lustre on the Edinburgh Medical School, and of whom Martin Barry, John Reid, George Wilson, John Goodsir, James Y. Simpson, and William Henderson, not to mention the names of the few survivors of the group, will not readily be forgotten in the annals of medical science. Dr. Skae acted for ten years as surgeon to the Lock Hospital. He was appointed in 1846 to the office of Physician Superintendent of the Morningside Asylum, and he has ever since devoted his whole attention to the management of that institution, and in connexion therewith to the subject of mental diseases. This class of ailment he studied and expounded so successfully, that he was considered one of the very highest living authorities on the subject, either in this or any other country. His classification of insanity formed an epoch in the history of this branch of medical science, and is now almost universally adopted in this country and on the continent. He was engaged, at the time of his death, in preparing a treatise on insanity. Dr. Skae was one of the most kindly and genial of men, large-hearted, sympathetic, and tolerant, with a refined taste and most subtle humour, a singularly clear judgment, and well balanced mind. Under his superintendency the Morningside Asylum has acquired a world-wide reputation, and has become a school in which have been trained a large number of the medical superintendents of the English and Scotch asylums. The asylum itself has grown under his management to twice its former size. By his death its unfortunate inmates have suffered a great loss, and most deeply is he regretted by them all. Dr. Skae, who was in his sixty-fifth year, had been in somewhat failing health for the last three years, and died of a painful disease of the throat.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, May 1st, 1873.

Brown, George, Callington, Cornwall
Jackson, Henry, Great Torrington

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their primary professional examination.

Mitchell, C. J. C., Guy's Hospital
Treharne, J. L., Guy's Hospital

As an Assistant in compounding and dispensing medicines.
Smith, James William, Camberwell New Road

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—
ALCESTER RURAL, and other Sanitary Districts, combined—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum.
BALLINASLOE DISTRICT ASYLUM—Apothecary: £50 per annum. Applications to Dr. Eaton, Resident Medical Superintendent.
BASFORD RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £500 per annum. Applications to R. B. Spencer, Esq.
BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HOSPITAL—Surgeon-Dentist.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE DISPENSARY—Two Resident House-Surgeons: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, coal, gas, and attendance.
BUXTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £40 per annum.
CARMARTHENSHIRE INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum lodging, coal, and candles. Applications to H. Howell, Secretary.
CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, Glossop, and Hayfield Rural Sanitary Districts, combined—Medical Officer of Health: £300 per annum.
CHEADLE UNION, Staffordshire—Medical Officer for the Alton District: £23 per annum, and fees.
EDGEWORTHSTOWN, co. Longford—Medical Attendant to the Royal Irish Constabulary.
ELY UNION—Medical Officer for District No. 5 and the Workhouse: £51 per annum, and fees.
GORT UNION, co. Galway—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Ardrahan Dispensary District: £100 per ann., and fees.
GRANARD UNION, co. Longford—Medical Officer for the Street Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.—Assistant House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, increasing to £100, and £40, board, lodging, and washing, respectively.
KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £120 per annum, rooms, coal, gas, and attendance.
LAMBETH—Dispenser: £90 per annum and extras.
MAIDSTONE UNION, Kent—Medical Officer for District No. 6: £67 per ann.
METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT—Assistant Medical Officer for the Asylum at Leavesden: £150 per annum, board, and residence.
MORPETH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £30 per annum.
NORTH LONDON CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL—Physician.
NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY, Middlesborough-on-Tees—House-Surgeon.
POP-LAR—Public Analyst.
ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Physician: £40 per annum.
ST. GEORGE and ST. JAMES DISPENSARY, King Street, Regent Street—Physician-Accoucheur.
SALISBURY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £60 per annum.
TIVERTON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Bradninch District: £27 per annum, and fees.
TORRINGTON UNION—Medical Officer for the Winkleigh District.
TOWCESTER UNION—Medical Officer for the Towcester District and the Workhouse: £110 per annum, and fees.
WAREHAM and PURBECK UNION—Medical Officer for the Winfrith District: £45 per annum.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Physician.—Assistant-Physician.—Assistant-Surgeon.—House-Surgeon.
WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, board, and residence.
WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE HOSPITAL—House-Governor and Secretary: £120 per annum, board, and residence.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.

WHITE, George B., Esq., appointed Assistant Resident Surgeon to the Dispensary, Nottingham, *vice* Richard Johnston, Esq., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.

BIRTHS.

MALINS.—On April 28th, at 8, Old Square, Birmingham, the wife of *Edward Malins, M.D., of a daughter.
WRIGHT.—On April 28th, at the Hollies, Summer Hill, Birmingham, the wife of *M. Hall Wright, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SANDES—MACNAMARA.—On May 8th, by special licence, at 95, Stephen's Green, by the Rev. Samuel Haughton, F.T.C.D., Thomas W. Sandes, Esq., eldest son of the late Stephen C. Sandes, Esq., of Oak Villa, Tralee, co. Kerry, to Amy, eldest daughter of Rawdon Macnamara, M.D., ex-President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
SLOMAN—DONKIN.—On May 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, by the Venerable Archdeacon Uterton, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Newnham, *Samuel George Sloman, Esq., jun., of Farnham, to Margaret Sarah Julyan, daughter of the late Henry Donkin, Esq., of Farnham, Surrey.

DEATH.

WILLIAMS, E. E., Esq., Surgeon, at Llanegwad, Carmarthenshire, aged 37, on April 6th.