

he attend the medical societies, partly owing to circumstances and partly to disinclination, and therefore his qualities could not be fully appreciated by those who might have been of most use to him.

His son, the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, to whom he was greatly attached, testifies to the large number of letters of condolence written by people well known in the literary world, and it was just in this class that his chief sympathies lay. At one time of his life his religious convictions were by no means deep, but of late years they were greatly intensified after long and earnest conference with one of the most enlightened of ecclesiastical dignitaries, and ultimately he died in the Faith, a sincere Christian.

Such is the brief history of a man who did much and who was capable of more, who held a lofty ideal of his position and profession from the social point of view, and endeavoured by precept and example to inculcate the same among his pupils; and who, sometimes misunderstood and harshly criticised, was always able forcibly to give his reasons and faithfully to follow his single line of purpose, and of whom those who best knew his warmth and steadfastness of friendship will say with earnest fervour, "Peace to his ashes."

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#### ROBERT GILLIES SMITH.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. R. G. Smith, the eldest son of Dr. Smith, of the Durham County Asylum. He died at the early age of thirty-six, on 3 October last, while undergoing a second operation for fistula in ano. Mr. Smith graduated as M.A. of the University of Aberdeen, and afterwards became B.Sc.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., and L.R.C.P.Lond. After serving as Assistant Medical Officer in the Durham, Whittingham, and Newcastle Asylums, he went as Medical Superintendent to Dunston Lodge Asylum, which position he occupied until his untimely death.

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#### J. B. LUYSS.

Dr. Jules Bernard Luys was born in Paris in 1828, and had just completed his sixty-ninth year when he died. He gained the position of *interne* of the Paris hospitals in 1853, took his degree in 1857, and became *professeur agrégé* in 1863, having been appointed Physician to the hospitals in 1862. He was first attached to the Salpêtrière, then to the Charité; he was also Director of the Lunatic Asylum of Ivry. He was elected a Member of the Academy of Medicine in 1877, and in the same year received the decoration of the Legion of Honour, being promoted to the grade of officer in 1895. In 1893 he retired. M. Luys founded, and for many years directed, *L'Enéphale*, a periodical devoted to nervous and mental diseases. He was the author of a number of works on neurology and the anatomy of the nervous system, for some of which prizes were awarded him by the Académie des Sciences. Among his works the principal are the following: *Recherches sur le Système Nerveux Cérébro spinal* (1865); *Leçons sur les Maladies du Système Nerveux* (1875); *Le Cerveau et ses Fonctions* (1878); *Traité Clinique et Pratique des Maladies Mentales* (1881); and *Traitement de la Folie* (1894).

In his later years M. Luys devoted himself to researches on hypnotism, his views on the subject being given to the world in two works, *Les Emotions chez les Hypnotiques* (1888), and *Leçons Cliniques sur les principaux Phénomènes de l'Hypnotisme* (1889). Unfortunately these volumes did not maintain his position in the scientific world, but rather robbed him of a part of the scientific reputation he had acquired.