

## OBITUARY.

FREDERIC NORTON MANNING, M.D.St. AND., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,  
Sydney, New South Wales.

We deeply regret to record the death of Dr. F. N. Manning, of Sydney, New South Wales, which took place on June 18th, after a lingering illness, in his 65th year. The following notice from the pen of one who knew him well, and which we fully endorse in all that eulogises his character and work, appeared in the *British Medical Journal* of August 1st, 1903:

Frederic Norton Manning was born at Rothersthorpe, in Northamptonshire, in the year 1839. He studied medicine at St. George's Hospital, and in 1860 obtained the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Licence of the Apothecaries' Hall in London. Two years later he obtained the degree of M.D. from the University of St. Andrews. Having got an appointment as surgeon in the Royal Navy, he served on H.M.S. "Esk," and saw considerable service in New Zealand during the Maori war.

In 1867 there were only two asylums for the insane in New South Wales, and the management of them and of the patients within their walls is said to have been atrocious. Sir Henry Parkes, who was at that time Premier of the Colony, recognised the urgent need of a complete reform. Happening to meet Manning, whose ship, the "Esk," was then in Sydney Harbour, he was so impressed with his character and abilities that he offered him the task of reorganising the asylums. This offer Manning accepted, and he was appointed Medical Superintendent at the Gladesville Asylum, or, as it was then called, "Tarban Creek." In the following year he was commissioned to visit Europe and America to report on the management and construction of lunatic asylums in those countries. On his return to Sydney he wrote a valuable report, which gained for him a high reputation, and was for a long time regarded as a standard work. He was subsequently appointed Inspector of Hospitals for the Insane, and on the passing of the Lunacy Act he became Inspector-General of the Insane. This position he retained for twenty years, retiring in 1898. During his tenure of office he thrice visited England, and on each occasion he took the opportunity of inquiring into the latest methods of treatment of the insane. He was thus able to render an immense service to New South Wales, the newer asylums at Callan Park and Kenmore having been practically designed by him. One of the last occasions on which he appeared before a gathering of the medical profession was a meeting of the New South Wales Branch of the British Medical Association two or three years ago, when he read a paper on a subject which was near to his heart, "The Establishment of Farm Colonies for Epileptics." Unfortunately he did not live long enough to see this realised.

Dr. Manning held several appointments at various times. He was the Visitor to Court patients under the Lunacy Act, a position which corresponds to that of the Lord Chancellor's Visitor in England. He had also held the positions of President of the Board of Health and Medical Adviser to the Government. He was formerly Lecturer on Psychological Medicine at the University of Sydney, a Trustee of the National Art Gallery, a local Director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, a Director of the Carrington Convalescent Hospital at Camden, and lately President of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association.

On his retirement from the position of Inspector-General of the Insane he became a consultant in mental diseases, continuing to render valuable assistance to the Government in many matters bearing on the management of the hospitals for the insane. His health began to fail some two or three years ago, and the last year of his life was spent in much pain and suffering.

Dr. Manning was a bachelor. Of his personal and professional qualities it is hardly possible to speak too highly. He was a perfect type of an English gentleman, and he was indeed beloved by all who knew his sterling worth and kindly disposition. Few men have done more than he to adorn and exalt their profession, and his death is felt as not only a national loss but as a real personal one by many of his professional friends and others who never sought his help or advice in vain. Testimonies to his worth were uttered in the Supreme Court by the Chief Judge in

Lunacy, and these were re-echoed by the leaders of the Equity Bar. But no stronger manifestation of the esteem in which he was held could be given than the imposing funeral procession which followed his remains to their last resting-place in the cemetery which is attached to the institution where he had spent his best days, and which he had himself selected some time ago for his grave. As the coffin was borne to his grave by four senior attendants of the different hospitals for the insane, a large number of the attendants followed, and he was laid to rest in the presence of a very large gathering of the medical profession, the judges of the Supreme Court, members of Parliament, and representatives of many of the institutions with which he had been connected.

The memory of Norton Manning will ever remain green in the minds of those whose privilege it was to know him as a friend and adviser, and the profession in New South Wales mourns to-day the loss of one of its brightest ornaments.

A memorial is being raised by his Australian friends.

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#### NOTICE BY THE REGISTRAR.

The next examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing will be held on Monday, November 2nd, 1903.

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#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

##### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

*General Meeting.*—The next General Meeting will be held in the rooms of the Association, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Wednesday, November 18th, 1903.

*Northern and Midland Division.*—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Macdowall, at the Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, on Friday, October 9th, 1903.

*South-Eastern Division.*—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Rawes, at St. Luke's Hospital, on Thursday, October 29th, 1903.

*South-Western Division.*—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Craddock, at the County Asylum, Gloucester, on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1903.

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#### APPOINTMENTS.

Campbell, Alfred, F.R.C.S.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Toowoomba, Queensland, *vice* A. Price, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., resigned.

Leslie, W. L. A., M.B.Aberd., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Grahamstown Asylum, South Africa, *vice* A. B. S. Powell, resigned.

Mendes, Thomas A., L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.F.P.&S.Glas., Second Assistant Medical Officer to the County and City Asylum, Hereford.

Rowell, Thos., M.B., B.S.Durh., Second Assistant Medical Officer at the City Asylum, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Shepherd, J. H., M.B., Ch.B., Second Assistant to Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum.

Thomson, Eric M., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., to be Assistant Medical Officer, Government Lunatic Asylum, Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. G. W. Mould having at his own desire retired from the office of Medical Superintendent of the Royal Asylum, Cheadle, Cheshire, has been appointed Consulting Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Welsh houses connected therewith.

Mr. Walter Scowcroft, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who has been Mr. Mould's assistant for twenty-three years and Resident Deputy, has been appointed Resident Superintendent; Mr. John Sutcliffe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (second Assistant Medical Officer), has been appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer; and Mr. Philip G. Mould, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer.