mania, as in the utter apathy of dementia. If a patient in a lunatic asylum be discovered in tears, it will be found that it is either a patient commencing to recover, or an emotional outbreak in an epileptic who is scarcely truly insane; while actually insane patients appear to have lost the power of weeping: it is only returning reason which can once more unloose the fountains of their tears. Even when a lunatic is telling one in fervid language how she has been deprived of her children, or the outrages that have been perpetrated on herself, her eye is never even moist. The ready gush of tears which accompanies the plaint of the sane woman contrasts with the dry-eyed appeal of the lunatic. It would, indeed, seem that tears give relief to feelings which when pent up lead to madness. It is one of the privileges of reason to be able to weep. Amidst all the misery of the insane, they can find no relief in tears."—"Brit. Med. Journ.," Dec. 15, 1877.

## UNIVERSITY LECTURERS ON MENTAL DISEASES.

The Scottish Universities Commission has just issued its Report, and among the recommendations one is that Lectureships on Mental Diseases should be instituted in the Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen Universities.

## THE LATE MR. GEO. P. BACON.

We have heard with much regret of the death of Mr. G. P. Bacon, of Lewes, who has since 1868 printed this Journal. His connection with the Journal was not merely commercial, for he took a personal interest in doing the best he could for it, and spared no pains to bring it out punctually and in a way to satisfy the Members. As a man of education and literary ability he had an interest in producing the Journal in the best form, and his co-operation was always appreciated by the successive Editors. He was widely known and greatly esteemed.

## *Appointments.*

ATKINS, R., M.D., C.M., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Waterford District Lunatic Asylum, vice Connolly, deceased.

BROWN, J. J., M.B., F.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Fife and Kinross District Lunatic Asylum, Cupar, vice Fraser, appointed a Deputy Commissioner of Lunacy in Scotland.

CRADDOCK, F. H., B.A., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been promoted to be Senior Assistant Medical Officer and Deputy Superintendent of the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick, vice Cooke, appointed Superintendent of the Wiltshire Lunatic Asylum.

COOKE, E. M., M.B., M.R.C.S.E, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Wilts County Lunatic Asylum, Devizes.

GRIFFITH, J. De Burgh, B.A., M.B., M.Ch., has been appointed an Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County Asylum, vice Craddock, promoted.

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HARVEY, C. W., M.B., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the County Lunatic Asylum, Brentwood, Essex, vice Burtonshaw, resigned.

ROBERTSON, W. S, M.B, C.M., has been appointed a Second Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Fareham, Hants, vice Thomson, resigned.

RUSSELL, A. P., M.B., late Assistant-Physician to the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Lincoln Lunatic Hospital.

PATTINSON, H. B., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Ipswich Lunatic Asylum.

PHILLIP, Dr. J. A., of Lincoln Lunatic Hospital, has been appointed Superintendent of the new Private Asylum at Mavisbank, Edinburgh.

TANNER, L. J. N., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cork District Lunatic Asylum, vice Atkins, appointed Resident Superintendent of the Waterford District Lunatic Asylum.

TURNER, H., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Bethel Hospital for the Insane, Norwich, vice Mercier, resigned.

WHITE, E. W., M.B., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L, has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent Lunatic Asylum, Chartham.

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ON account of the pressure on our space we have been compelled to let several original articles and some other important matter stand over. We have made arrangements to begin the publication in our next number of Drs. Eulenburg and Guttmann's Essay on "The Physiology and Pathology of the Sympathetic System of Nerves," to which the Astley Cooper prize for 1877 was originally awarded.

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