dependent and criminal classes—paupers, disabled soldiers, vagabonds, deaf mutes, the blind—prisons and reformatories, training ships, asylums, and the general care of the insane, imbeciles, and educable idiots. Over and through this extensive field Dr. Howe's active energies and benevolent spirit presided for all these years, [and his sound and practical views were of incalculable benefit to the State. He strongly deprecated the aggregation in large masses of any class of the objects of his interest, and we wish we had space to present his wise words of warning against the folly in which we are indulging in this direction. It was said that his eight simple rules should be written in letters of gold over every bureau of relief, over every board of charities and eleemosynary institutions. There was in them that which met the demands of a great organisation; there was in them that which turned men from what would lead them to run in ruts; there was in them that which met the dangers which tend to make us build up institutions and forget why we built them up; which make us build great hospitals, forgetful of the sick; and make great organisations for the relief of the poor, forgetful of the poor who are to be relieved.

Respect for the family—the great social unit—pervaded all Dr. Howe's writings, and we need sorely to have his wise words laid upon our hearts.

Thus we have endeavoured to sketch one of the noblest lives of our day and generation. All that is most sterling in American character may be said to have found its embodiment in Dr. Howe. Clearly the world is better for his life. Let us treasure and heed its lessons.

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Appointments.

BULLEN, B. R., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser to the Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Banstead Downs.

DENNE, T. V., M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer to the Bristol Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum, vice Dr. Bell, resigned.

DUNCAN, A. T., L.F.P.S.G., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Joint Counties Lunatic Asylum, Carmarthen, vice Martin, resigned.

GREENE, R., Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex County Asylum, Haywards Heath, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the East Riding Asylum at Beverley, vice Mercer, deceased.

HOGG, R. B., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent Lunatic Asylum, Barming-heath, vice Young, resigned.

MACDOWELL, E. C., M.D., L.K.Q.C.P.I., has been appointed Visiting and Consulting Physician to the Sligo District Lunatic Asylum, vice Little, deceased.

MURCHISON, F., M.B., C.M., L.M., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Banstead Downs.

NICHOLSON, W. R., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the North Riding Lunatic Asylum, Clifton, Yorkshire, vice Purdon, resigned.

SNELL, G., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Glamorganshire Lunatic Asylum, Bridgend, vice Maclachlan, resigned.

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