compared with Shakespeare? Save a very few, the dead are dead; their memories buried amongst the dead who once lived with them. Heine said, "I live and am stronger than all the dead." Shakespeare might say, "I am dead, and yet I am stronger than all the living." There are more plays of Shakespeare acted than of any living dramatist. It is for this reason that we are so anxious to snatch from the grave something more about Shakespeare, and this is called sacrilege. Is there one living who ever struggled for fame, or breathed a hope that men will not forget him in his grave, who would not feel it as an honour given to few amongst the sons of men to know that 267 years after he was laid to rest, those who kept alive the lamps of learning and of science would desire to lift his remains for a day in order to measure the capacity of his skull, and to ascertain whether there was anything to be observed in the structure of the bony case which contained a brain from which came manifestations of unapproachable mental power? And with what disgust and aversion would he look down upon the dull and ignorant writers in the daily journals of the year 2150 who would try to represent such an act of homage to his genius as a piece of sacrilege?

It seems to me likely enough that Dr. Ingleby's proposal may be put off till a more educated generation appears, unless the public are made clearly to understand the advantages its adoption would give to the study of craniology. I should therefore hope that the members of our Association will exert themselves to prevent the public being misled.

I am, yours, &c.,

Preston Lodge, Prestonpans, 10th September, 1883.

WILLIAM W. IRELAND.

Dr. Ireland's forcible appeal is in the name of science, not sensational curiosity.—[EDS.]

Appointments.

EVANS, D. T., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Three Counties Asylum, Beds, *vice* E. C. Rogers, M.R.C.S., resigned.

EWART, C. THEODORE, M.B., M.Ch., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Fisherton House Asylum, Salisbury, *vice* W. G. Coombs, M.D., resigned.

LEGGE, R. J., M.D., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Derby County Asylum, *vice* W. W. Horton, M.B., resigned.

BENHAM, H. A., M.D., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the County Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, near Bristol, *vice* R. Fullerton, M.B.

GIBBON, WM., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Joint Counties Asylum, Carmarthen.

MACDONALD, PETER WILLIAM, M.B. and C.M. Univ. Aberdeen (late Assistant Medical Officer to the Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield), has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Dorset County Asylum, *vice* W. H. Gillespie, L.K.Q.C.P.I., &c., resigned.

CLAPP, ROBERT, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Lunatic Asylum.

GIBB, WILLIAM, M.B., C.M., has been appointed Assistant Physician to Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie, *vice* John Keay, M.B., C.M., resigned.

MOORE, E. E., M.B., has been appointed Resident Medical Assistant to Down District Lunatic Asylum.

BRUNTON, CHAS. EDW., M.B. Cantab., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the County Lunatic Asylum, Colney Hatch, *vice* Brown, resigned.

WILSON, GERALD BARRY, L.K.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Second Assistant to the Resident Medical Superintendent of the District Lunacy Asylum, Cork.

BARNES, J. J. F., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Fisherton House Asylum.

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