Following his collegiate career, he tried general practice for a time in Herefordshire, after which he became an Assistant Medical Officer at Fishponds Asylum, Bristol. His life's real opportunity, however, synchronised with his promotion to the Superintendentship of " The Stewart " in 1898, for there, not only had he aments to administer to, but also patients suffering from mental disease. In a short time he greatly extended the scope of the mental branch of the institution—the profits from which branch were available for the maintenance of the less fortunate defectives.

Be it remembered, to the lasting disgrace of successive Governments of varying political colour, that there was not a single State-supported refuge for these people within the land, and that the Stewart Institution was but an attempt on the part of the charitably disposed public to make good a much-felt want. In this effort to improve the condition of defectives in Ireland lay Rainsford's great and difficult work, and it may be at once stated that he succeeded in carrying on his hospital through many years of stress, when, were there less ability or perseverance shown, failure would probably have been its fate.

Regarding his later appointments, he had been an external examiner in Mental Diseases, Hygiene and Medical Jurisprudence at Trinity College. He had also done good service at medical boards in connection with men who were disabled in the Great War.

As a companion he was a man of much charm and one full of anecdote. He was ever a strong supporter of the Medico-Psychological Association. He had held most of the offices that could be conferred upon him by the Irish Division, and there was seldom a meeting of this Division that he failed to attend. He spoke well, and with an emphasis that left an impression upon the listeners to his words. His advice was invariably sound and kindly. There can be no doubt that the members of his Division will often miss Fred Rainsford, and they will do so with no lightness of heart.

H. R. C. RUTHERFORD.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Nursing Examinations.

The forthcoming Nursing Examinations will be for Preliminary and Final Candidates, the Intermediate or Second Examination having been discontinued.

In future nurses joining the service on or before May 31 and November 30 will be able to sit for the Preliminary Examination in the following May and November respectively.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meetings.—November 22, 1923; February 21, May 22, 1924.

South-Eastern Division.—October 9, 1923, at Croydon Mental Hospital, Warlingham.

South-Western Division.—October 25, 1923, at Devon Mental Hospital, Exminster.

Northern and Midland Division.—October 25, 1923, at the East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley.

Scottish Division.—November 16, 1923.

Irish Division.—November 1, 1923, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin. April 24, 1924.

APPOINTMENT.

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