Dr. Watson and his wife. It was almost impossible to think of them apart, and their keen sense of humour, and quick, unsparing exposure to onlookers of each other's alleged foibles, only confirmed the effect of unity. Certainly on the human side there could be no better example of the "good physician" than Dr. Watson.

Dr. Percy John Baily.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Dr. Percy John Baily, late Medical Superintendent of Hanwell Asylum. He came to Hanwell in November, 1888, and finally succeeded Dr. R. R. Alexander as Superintendent in 1905. His whole career as a Mental Specialist was thus spent at this asylum. He retired with a pension last November, but only lived to enjoy it a few months, dying on March 30th, at Bexhill-on-Sea, in his 57th year.

He was educated at Edinburgh University, where he qualified in 1883 M.B., C.M.Edin., with honours. He was for a time Assistant Demonstrator in Anatomy at that University, and then spent some years travelling as a Surgeon for the P. & O. Steamship Company. He visited India, China, and the Mediterranean, and was accustomed to tell many amusing anecdotes of his experiences. He remained a traveller almost to the end, and spent his holidays in Norway, Algiers, etc. His chief hobbies were photography, in which he was a true artist, horticulture, and the study of languages. Of a sympathetic nature, he was always ready to help anyone in trouble. We miss him at Hanwell both as a friend and a chief. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the patients, and spent much of his time in the wards helping them with sympathetic conversation. The education of the Staff was one of his leading interests. He lectured to the nurses for many years and was the author of a book on Nursing the Insane. The history and traditions of Hanwell were a source of unfailing interest to him, and he published a short account of the place, with a description of the instruments of restraint used prior to Dr. Conolly's superintendency.

Never in robust health, he had been in failing health for some time, and the anxieties of the constant changes rendered necessary by the war added to his indisposition. In May, 1917, he took his summer holiday, but the symptoms were in no way alleviated, and on his return in July, after several plucky attempts to resume his usual active life, he felt bound to resign. For all practical purposes it may be said that he died in harness.

The following appreciation of Dr. Baily is contributed by an old friend:

Dr. Baily was a man of quiet and reclusive habits which led him to avoid publicity of any sort. He had a strong and determined personality, which, combined with a kindly disposition and fairness of mind, ensured his success as a manager of a large asylum.

His views as regards the treatment of insanity and asylum administration were to a singular degree of the practical and common-sense variety; and without being rigidly conservative in his ideas, he had no sympathy with the ultra-modern psychiatrical school, which betrays such astounding ignorance of the basic fact that mental hospitals are designed for the treatment of insane patients, and not for sane patients afflicted with disorders of mind. He was a great believer in sound mental hospital treatment for the victims of insanity, which calls to its aid all the resources of every branch of medicine, and, if necessary, of surgery.

His appointment to the superintendency of Hanwell by the Asylums Committee of the London County Council was a popular and, under the circumstances, a very wise measure. The asylum has great traditions, and is one of the most famous in the world. Both structurally, and to some extent administratively, while splendidly effective, it retained its links with an older school. Any hasty or revolutionary changes would have been a desecration, and much of the solid good work achieved there would have been upset without any real advance being made.

Dr. Baily was always cheerful, thoroughly methodical in his work, a great upholder of orderliness and punctuality in all things, and was justly proud of his intimate knowledge of all his patients.

As a pastime for spare moments he delighted in photography, with all the *technique* of which he was completely familiar. The fine enlargements he made

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won general admiration, and will be remembered by many. He had a disability affecting one of his legs, which gave him a characteristic gait. His footsteps, which could never be mistaken, will long echo in the ears of the inhabitants of Hanwell, and the memories of a kindly and charming gentleman who so ably ruled its destinies are not likely soon to fade.

Dr. Baily married in June, 1910, Ada Janet, youngest daughter of Joseph Kearn, who was devoted to him, and nursed him tenderly through his long and painful illness.

J. R. L.

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