Standing in front of my patient, seated on a chair, I introduce the œsophagus tube into the stomach, and holding the funnel a convenient height, pour what is required to be administered into it. It will generally pass readily, but if there appears to be any obstruction, it is only necessary to elevate the funnel above my head to cause the whole of its contents to descend into the stomach.

I believe that any one who has once used this simple apparatus, will [illegible]ain resort to pump or syringe of any kind, which are apt to get out of [illegible], and often become clogged with thick nutritious liquids..

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
G. PYEMONT SMITH.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to have to record the decease of two medical superintendents of county lunatic asylums, which which have occurred during the quarter, namely that of

Mr. JOHN SEPTIMUS ALDERSON, M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and formerly Medical Superintendent of the York and the Nottingham Asylums; and that of

Dr. JOHN STEWART ALLEN, Medical Superintendent of the Joint Counties Asylum at Abergavenny, and formerly Resident Physician to the St. Mary-le-bone Infirmary.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. JOHN D. CLEATON, M.R.C.S. Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancashire, to be Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Wakefield.

Dr. D. M. M'CULLOUGH, Assistant Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Asylum, to be Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Abergavenny.

Mr. ROGERS, M.P.C.S., formerly Assistant Medical Officer at the Asylum at Rainhill, and Assistant Surgeon in Her Majesty's Forces, to be Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum at Rainhill.

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