

just which, we are told, is as "a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

*Sic itur ad astra.*

#### ERNEST HART.

We deeply regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Ernest Hart. Although his own personal interest lay chiefly in matters connected with Public Health, and his editorial duties led him into every department of Medicine, he was ever alive to the claims of our specialty. In his official capacity as editor of the *British Medical Journal*, and as Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association, he was always accessible and willing to lend us a helping hand. Mr. Hart's energy and enterprise were unbounded; his determination to leave the world better than he found it was worthy of all praise. We might object to certain incidents in his career and certain methods in his working; but when the measure of his achievements is reckoned, his mistakes are obliterated by a sense of his personal worth, and the loss which the medical profession has sustained by his death.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The Library Committee asks for the following to complete sets, viz.—  
*Reports of the Commissioners in Lunacy for England and Wales* for the years 1847, '48, '49, '64, and '74.  
*Reports of the Scottish Commissioners*, Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18.  
*American Journal of Insanity* for the year 1886.  
*Archives de Neurologie* for the years 1874-5-6-7, and 1887.  
*L'Encephale*, from 1888.  
*Allgemeine Zeitschrift für Psychiatrie*. Complete set wanted.  
*Annales Médico-Psychologique*, 1864-5-6.

#### NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

At the examination for the certificate in Psychological Medicine held on December 16th, 1897, the following candidates were successful:

Examined at *Bethlehem Royal Hospital, London*.—Oscar Bernard Goldschmidt, William John Handfield Haslett, Robert Hughes, George McGregor.

Examined at the *Royal Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh*.—Charles Cromhall Easterbrook, G. Landsborough Findlay, Donald A. Macvean.

Examined at the *District Asylum, Cork*.—Lucia Strangman.

The following is a list of the questions which appeared on the paper:

1. How would you treat persistent insomnia (*a*) in passive melancholia; (*b*) in melancholia with excessive bodily movement; (*c*) in acute mania? 2. What forms of mental disease are associated with a previous history of syphilis? How far do you consider general paralysis of the insane to be due to syphilis? 3. Enumerate the principal varieties of mental disease arising from alcoholic excess, and give the distinguishing physical symptoms of each variety. 4. Give examples of mental and physical causes of refusal of food, the prognosis in each, and the indications for treatment. 5. Distinguish between idiocy, imbecility, dementia, and stupor, and give the best recognised classification of idiocy. 6. Compare the changes in the brain cells which have been described as characteristic respectively of parietic, senile, and alcoholic dementia. To which conjecture as to the mode of origin of these respective changes do you incline, and why?

The next examination will be held in July, 1898.