

OBITUARY.

DAVID BOWER, M.D., C.M.Aberd.,

Medical Superintendent of Springfield House, near Bedford. Ordinary member since 1877; Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, 1907-10; Chairman of the South-Eastern Division since April, 1929.

Dr. David Bower, who had been in failing health since the beginning of the year, died on June 17 from heart disease. His final illness was of only five days' duration.

Dr. Bower was born on November 16, 1853, at Inverkeilor, Forfarshire. He studied at Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities, and graduated M.B. and C.M. (both with honours) in 1876, and M.D.Aberdeen in 1878. He became a member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association as far back as 1877. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Medical Society of London, a member of the British Medical Association, and of the Bedford Medical Society.

Fifty years ago he went to Springfield House, Bedford, as Medical Superintendent, having previously been Resident Medical Superintendent of Saughton Hall Private Asylum, Edinburgh. Springfield House under his management and proprietorship was several times enlarged, and its grounds extended. Its success as a high-class private mental hospital has been very largely due to his energy, business capacity, tact and judgment. He took an interest in local affairs, and for twenty-five years was a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, and for many years chairman of the local Conservative Association and an active supporter of the County Cricket Club and sports generally. He was also a prominent Freemason and Past Provincial Grand Warden for Bedfordshire. By his death yet another of the pioneers in the evolution and educational development of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association has been removed. He was for many years on the committee of its South-Eastern Division, of which he was one of the founders, and he also served on the Council of the Association. Quite recently the South-Eastern Division did him honour by electing him first Chairman of the Division. Moreover he filled the office for several years of Secretary to the Parliamentary Committee of the Association and was subsequently for three years (1907-1910) Chairman of that Committee. He also took an active interest in the After-Care Association. Beneath a somewhat bluff exterior, David Bower had a heart brimful of human kindness and sympathy, and those who knew him well valued his friendship highly and often sought his opinion. He will be sadly missed at the meetings and annual dinners of the Association. He leaves a widow and a son, Dr. Cedric Bower, who has been his partner for several years past and succeeds him at Springfield House.

ERNEST W. WHITE.

PATRICK O'DOHERTY, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I.,

Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Sligo. Ordinary member since 1903.

Patrick O'Doherty, we regret to announce, died on July 19 (at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. Nicholas Donnelly, West Wickham, Kent) at the age of 51 years. The news of his death caused deep feelings of regret to a large circle of friends. His outstanding professional ability, coupled with a kind, unobtrusive and considerate nature and charming personality endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was appointed Assistant Medical Officer in Omagh District Asylum (Tyrone and Fermanagh counties) on June 12, 1902, and served in that capacity till he was appointed Resident Medical Superintendent in Sligo District Asylum (Sligo and Leitrim Counties) on December 13, 1921. Although for a long time in failing health, he never complained or slackened in his work, his one great aim in life being the advancement of his patients' interests. He was untiring in his efforts on their behalf and never relaxed in the diligent discharge of his duties, thus infusing a spirit of energy into those who worked with him. The medical profession and mental hospital service are the poorer by the loss of a thorough Irish gentleman and a conscientious physician. To his