

severely felt in the institution which he superintended, and by the American alienists.

He has been succeeded in his office by Dr. Goldsmith, the late superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Danvers, who has many friends in Britain who will wish him success in the performance of the duties which have thus unexpectedly fallen to his share. Butler Hospital is once more fortunate in the possession of a wise and zealous medical superintendent.

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DR. JOSHUA HUSBAND WORTHINGTON.

Another American physician has gone to his rest, not prematurely, as in the case of Dr. Sawyer, but at the age of 69. In 1842 Dr. Worthington became resident physician of the Frankford Asylum near Philadelphia, conducted by the Society of Friends, and became its superintendent in 1850, an office which he filled until 1877, so that he was connected with the institution for 35 years. He was born in 1817, in Hartford county, Maryland, and received his medical education at the Jefferson Medical College, graduating there as Doctor of Medicine in 1838, after which he practised his profession in his native place. Dr. Worthington "was a member of the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane, and a prominent member of the American Medical Association, and was identified with all the important local and State Associations, serving as Vice-President of the State Medical Society in 1859. He became distinguished in his treatment and studies of insanity and his contributions to the literature of the institution were liberal and valuable. In connection with Dr. Charles Evans, from 1843 to 1850 he published eight reports of the Frankford Asylum, and after that for some years became their sole publishers." To this statement of the "American Journal of Insanity" (Jan., 1886) it may be added that after his retirement he lived quietly at Baltimore, and at German Town, Philadelphia, where he died Dec. 27, 1885.

Dr. Worthington was one of the kindest of men, and was beloved by the patients under his charge. In his general views of asylum construction, and the provision for the various classes of the insane, he could hardly bring himself to approve of much that has been proposed or adopted during recent years. He was eminently conservative, and in a letter written to the writer shortly before his death he expressed his apprehension lest the movement largely carried forward by laymen for the protection of the insane in the States would not prove disadvantageous, as well as advantageous, in the true interest of the insane by prejudicing the public mind against institutions for the insane. Possibly he did not fully recognise the fact that all entrusted with the guardianship of the insane do not possess the same kindness and consideration for their welfare as has characterised himself; and was, therefore, hardly aware of the danger of abuses in asylums unless constantly looked after by outsiders, although in many instances forming an incorrect judgment, and in some doing an injury to the class they desire to benefit. Be this, however, as it may, Dr. Worthington performed his own duties faithfully; and his memory will long be cherished, alike by his old patients and by his friends both in England and America.