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## ASHWOOD HOUSE,

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

**A Private Asylum for Ladies and Gentlemen.**

GEORGE FOWLER BODINGTON, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (EXAM.)

*Proprietor and Medical Superintendent.*

Ashwood House is a large mansion in the county of Stafford, close upon the borders of Worcestershire. It is very substantially built, and is situated upon an elevated spot commanding extensive views. The rooms are large, lofty, and cheerful, and the house, both inside and outside, has entirely the air and character of a gentleman's private residence. The soil is sand and gravel, has excellent natural drainage, and is very dry. The gardens and grounds, about forty acres in extent, are well planted with shrubs and ornamental timber, and are extremely picturesque. The climate is genial, and the locality notoriously healthy. The country around is secluded and quiet, and affords a great variety of walks and drives amidst the most charming scenery.

The patients associate with the Proprietor's family, and have every possible freedom allowed them consistent with safety.

Carriage exercise is provided; there is a Billiard Room, and a large Croquet Lawn; Books, Newspapers, and Magazines are supplied, and the patients are entertained with music and a variety of other means of recreation and amusement.

Divine service is held in the House every Sunday afternoon.

This establishment has lately been removed from Driffold House, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, where it was carried on for thirty-six years by Dr. Bodington and his father. The following extract is from the Report of the Lunacy Commissioners [July, 1872]:—

"Driffold House, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, is now very judiciously managed, and uniformly satisfactory account has been given lately of the accommodation and the treatment of its patients of both sexes . . . all of them receiving much attention and kindness from Dr. Bodington's family."—*26th Annual Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy*, p. 44.

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