

required is less. At Gheel, in Belgium, the lunatics are confined by no boundary limit whatever—there is no wall, no hedge, no line of demarcation between the mentally afflicted patient and the healthy colony in which he finds a refuge and a home. Indeed, in this admirable lunatic colony I witnessed the insane and the sane working side by side at their various avocations, and with this almost incredibly encouraging result, that whereas Gheel receives only such cases as are deemed incurable, it actually cures 18 per cent. of its, I was about to say inmates—it would be more appropriate to term them guests.—*The Moral Treatment of Insanity, and Suggestions for the Appointment of a Royal Commission to Report on the best System.* By JOHN A. BLAKE, M.P.

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'Clinical Lectures and Reports by the Medical and Surgical Staff of the London Hospital,' Vol. II, 1865. Churchill and Sons. *See Part III, Quarterly Report on the Progress of Psychological Medicine.*

'Time and Space: a Metaphysical Essay.' By Shadworth H. Hodgson. London: Longmans, Green, and Co, Paternoster Row, pp. 588.

This Essay will be reviewed in our next number.

'Bathing: How to do it, When to do it, and Where to do it.' By Edgar Sheppard, M.D., Member of the Royal College of Physicians, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Medical Superintendent of the Male Department of Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum. London: Robert Hardwicke, 192, Piccadilly, 1865 (pamphlet.)

(Reprinted from the 'Journal of Mental Science,' July, 1865.)

'A Guide to the Treatment of Diseases of the Skin: with Suggestions for their prevention, for the use of the Student and General Practitioner.' By Thomas Hunt, F.R.C.S. Eighth edition. London, 1865.

'The Moral Treatment of Insanity, and Suggestions for the appointment of a Royal Commission to Report on the best System.' By John Blake, M.P. Churchill and Sons, 1865 (pamphlet). *See Part IV, Notes and News.*

'Cholera Prospects. Compiled from Personal Observation in the East, for the Information and Guidance of Individuals and Governments.' By Tilbury Fox, M.D. Lond. Robert Hardwicke, Piccadilly, 1865 (pamphlet).

'Diarrhoea and Cholera; their origin, proximate cause, and cure, through the agency of the Nervous System, by means of Ice.' By John Chapman, M.D. Trübner and Co. 1865, pp. 46 (pamphlet).

'On the Brain of a Bushwoman; and on the Brains of two Idiots of European Descent.' By John Marshall, F.R.S., Surgeon to University College Hospital.

This admirable essay, reprinted from the Philosophical Transactions, will be fully reviewed in our next number.

'On the Delirium of Acute Insanity during the decline of acute Diseases, especially the Delirium of Collapse.' By Hermann Weber, M.D., F.R.C.P., &c. *A reprint of a valuable paper read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society, and printed in the Transactions of the Society.*

'Handbuch der Medicinischen-Statistik.' Von Dr. Fr. Oesterlen. Tübingen, 1865, pp. 968.

Dr. Oesterlen is already well known in Germany for his careful compilations,

resembling those of Dr. Carpenter in their finish and completeness, on Therapeutics, Hygiene and Medical Logic. The perusal of this present treatise on Medical Statistics might benefit those who entertain lingering doubts of the value of the application of the science of statistics to the art of medicine. It is most ably and carefully executed.

‘Secle und Leib in Wechselbeziehung zu einander sechs Vorträge von J. L. C. Schroeder van der Kolk.’ Braunschweig, 1865, pp. 192.

The literary executors of this distinguished psychologist are not consulting his reputation in these unfinished essays which they are publishing. We formerly expressed our regret at the appearance (after his death) of a fragmentary treatise on the pathology and therapeutics of mental disease. The present essay is even more unworthy of the author's great name.

1. ‘Dictionnaire encyclopedique des Sciences Médicales,’ publié sous la direction de MM. les docteurs Roige-Delorme et A. Dechambre. Paris, 1865.

2. ‘Nouveau Dictionnaire de Médecine et de Chirurgie pratiques.’ Directeur de la rédaction le docteur Jaccoud. Paris, 1865.

These two large Dictionaries of Medicine are now publishing simultaneously by the rival houses of Victor Masson and Baillière.

The third volume of the ‘Dictionnaire Encyclopedique,’ shortly to be issued, will contain an article on Asylums, from the pen of M. Parchappe, the Inspector-General of Asylums in France. We can hardly, we fear, anticipate much novelty or information in this promised article.

The ‘Nouveau Dictionnaire’ contains, in the third volume, an article on Asylums, ‘Asiles d’Aliénés,’ by M. Pain, Médecin adjoint de l’asile privé des aliénés de Clermont (Oise). The article is a fair representation of the present views on asylums held in France. Like most of his countrymen, M. Pain is entirely—to judge by his appended bibliography—ignorant of the German and English literature of his subject; ignorant and content, apparently, to be so.

‘Die Irrencolonien in Zusammenhang mit den ähnlichen Bestrebungen auf dem Gebeite der Armen und Waisenspflege und mit besonderer Rücksicht auf die Verhältnisse im Königreiche Hannover dargestellt.’ Von Dr. Med. Gustav Brandes. Hanover, 1865, pp. 169.

The original chapters in this essay refer to the colonisation of the poor and orphans; the little that relates to the Insane is simply a statement of the oft-repeated facts relating to Gheel, the Colony of FitzJames, &c.

‘Ueber Geistesstörungen und Irrenanstalten.’ Von Hugo Henne. St. Gallen, 1865, pp. 128.

This is merely a popular essay by an Assistant Physician to one of the Swiss asylums. The matter is unobjectionable.

‘Tetanus. Eine physiologische Studie.’ Von Dr. Johannes Ranke, Privatdocent in München. Leipzig, 1865, pp. 468.

A most carefully compiled treatise on the subject of Tetanus, based on the most recent physiological researches of the German School. We cannot too highly commend the ability and diligent labour expended by this promising physician on his subject. There is no similar treatise on Tetanus in the medical literature of Europe.

‘Traité des Maladies Mentales Pathologie Therapeutique.’ Par W. Griesinger. Traduit de l’Allemand (2e édition) par le Dr. Doumic, Médecin de la Maison centrale de Poissy. Paris, 1865, pp. 592.

This is an excellent translation of Prof. Griesinger's able treatise. We understand that a Russian translation is in the press. The work is also being translated into English for the New Sydenham Society.

'De la Melancholie.' Par le Dr. E. du Vivier. Paris, 1864, pp. 250.

*This can hardly be termed a medical treatise, still less is it a philosophical one. The author's motto is misplaced, or rather the promise of it is unfulfilled—
"oportet adducere medicinam ad philosophiam, et philosophiam ad medicinam."*

'Introduction a l'etude de la Medicine experimentale.' Par M. Claude Bernard. Paris, 1865, pp. 400.

It is impossible to speak too highly of M. Claude Bernard's contributions to the science of physiological medicine.

County Asylum Reports, 1864-5.

(Concluded from the 'Journal of Mental Science,' October, 1865.)

The Committee appointed by the Medico-Physiological Association to report upon "ASYLUM STATISTICS" desire respectfully to call the attention of the Superintendents of the County Asylums to their First Report (with Tables) on "ASYLUM STATISTICS," presented at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, and published in the Journal of Mental Science for October, 1865, and to renew their urgent request that in the annual Reports for 1865 these few and simple tables be adopted, and so the first step be taken towards forming a definite standard for Comparative Asylum Statistics.

59. First Annual Report of the Inverness District Lunatic Asylum, May, 1865.

60. Report of the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Montrose, for 1865.

61. Annual Report of the Bombay Lunatic Asylum, at Colaba, for the year 1864, by Assistant Surgeon W. Niven, M.D., Superintendent of the Asylum, Bombay, 1865.

62. Report of the Sligo and Leitrim Hospital for the Insane, 1864.

63. Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Directors of James Murray's Royal Asylum for Lunatics near Perth, June, 1865.

64. Twelfth Annual Report of the County and City of Worcester Pauper Lunatic Asylum, 1865.

65. Tavole statistiche triennali, 1862-3-4, del manicomio centrale maschile in S. Servolo di Venezia. Venezia, tipografia Armena di S. Lazzaro, 1865.

Appointments.

"Office of Commissioners in Lunacy, 19, Whitehall Place, S.W. ;
"13th December, 1865.

"SIR,—I am directed to state that Mr. Spring Rice has resigned the office of Secretary to this Commission, and that Charles Palmer Phillips, Esq., Barrister-at-law, has been appointed Secretary in his place.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"THOS. MARTIN (*for the Secretary*)."