

We cannot expect to keep good attendants as they are at present paid, when such asylums as Broadmoor and the Coppice, Nottingham, pay £30 for male, and £20 for female attendants at the very beginning of their services.

Wages have risen greatly in every trade, and unless we are prepared to take the off-scourings of society to look after and nurse our insane poor, we must move with the times. In no better way, I venture to think, can we do so than by offering pensions for long and faithful services.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS HOWDEN, M.D

Haddington District Asylum,
June 5, 1872.

Rewards to Attendants.

The following letter has been addressed by Dr. Mitchell to Superintendents of Asylums:—

SIR,—As Morisonian Lecturer on Insanity to the Royal College of Physicians, it falls to me this year to dispose of three prizes, of £3 each, for meritorious attendance on the Insane. These prizes are derived from a fund left by Sir Alexander Morison, for that purpose.

I have also to announce that I am in a position to add to the Morison prizes four others—one of £3, and three of £2 each.

There will thus be seven prizes in all to be awarded.

I shall be obliged by your bringing this matter under the notice of the Attendants of your Establishment, so that those may compete who think their services give them a claim.

Applications, with Testimonials, should be addressed to me, at the Physicians' Hall, Edinburgh, on or before the 1st of October.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR MITCHELL.

Books, Pamphlets, &c., received for Review, 1872.

1. Wilhelm Griesinger's *gesammelte Abhandlungen*. Two volumes. Berlin, 1872. *See Part II. Reviews.*
2. *Lectures on the Psychology of Thought and Action, Comparative and Human.* By W. D. Wilson, D.D., L.H.D. Ithaca, N.Y., 1871. *See Part II. Reviews.*
3. *On the Relation between Science and Religion.* By George Combe. Fifth Edition. MacLachlan and Stewart. 1872. *See Part II. Reviews.*
4. *On Cerebric and other Diseases of the Brain.* By Charles Elam, M.D. London: J. and A. C. Churchill. 1872.

This work, the design of which is to bring into notice more prominently than has been done heretofore the distinctive phenomena of Inflammation of the Substance of the Brain Tissue, will be reviewed in our next number.

5. The Fallacies of Teetotalism. By Robert Ward, Editor of the "North of England Advertiser." Simpkin and Marshall. 1872.
- In this Book, Mr. Ward ably exposes "the false doctrine of the United Kingdom Alliance," and "the detestable tyranny of the Maine Law or Permissive Bill," and points out the limits of the duty of the legislature in dealing with personal freedom. We think that Parliament has of late exhibited a foolish tendency to legislate upon matters with which it ought not to concern itself, and that from the eagerness of notoriety in some of its members, and from the fanatical views of others, there is some danger lest all the independence and manhood should be legislated out of the community. Social science philosophers, and newspaper writers in search of sensational matter to moralize upon, greatly encourage this tendency; so that, if matters follow their present course, we may expect that it will be enjoined by Act of Parliament at what hour in the day a man shall wash himself, and what sort of soap he shall use. Though we agree with Mr. Ward, then, in deprecating too minute and meddling legislation, we do not entirely endorse the opinions which he expresses with regard to the value of alcohol. After all, there are very few persons who would not do very well without it, and who would not probably be the better for doing without it. Perhaps the best argument in favour of its use is that life would be intolerable except for its vices.*
6. Twenty-sixth Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, 1872.
- Fourteenth Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, 1872.
- (Will be noticed in our next number.)*
7. The West Riding Lunatic Asylum Medical Reports. Edited by J. Crichton, Browne, M.D. Vol. ii., J. and A. Churchill, 1872.
- (Will be noticed in our next number.)*
8. A Study of some Points in the Pathology of Cerebral Hæmorrhage. By C. Bouchard, M.D. Translated from the French, with notes by T. J. MacLagan, M.D. MacLachlan and Stewart, 1872.
- (We are glad to see an English translation of this important and original monograph, to which we shall recur on another occasion.)*
9. Verhandlungen der Berliner Medicinischen Gesellschaft aus den Jahren, 1867 und 1868. Berlin, 1871.
10. Chorinsky. Eine gerichtliche psychologische Untersuchung. Von Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm Hagen. Erlangen, 1872.
11. On Dipsomania. By J. G. Davey, M.D.
- This is a reprint from the Transactions of the St. Andrew's Medical Graduates' Association. Dr. Davey is as vigorous as ever on behalf of Phrenology, and thinks it extraordinary that eminent authors should ignore it as they do. The direct object of the paper will be shown, however, by the following quotation:—*
- "Children are not asked if they will go to school; they are sent. The ordinary dipsomaniac may, as a general rule perhaps, be encouraged to put himself voluntarily away from temptation, and under the necessary treatment, in a sanatorium; but when he will not do so, he should be done with as if he were suffering from the acute form of the malady, from delirium tremens; that is to say, he should be secluded in spite of himself, or by compulsion. For this much a wise and considerate legislature will ere long, make due provision. Our American cousins have in this matter given us a wise and humane example; for at the 'Washington Home,' at Boston, opened in 1857 as an Inebriate Asylum, the results which have followed its operation have been most successful."*

12. Dissertation on the Use of the Stethoscope in Obstetrics. By Æneas Munro, M.D.
The Vomiting of Pregnancy. By Æneas Munro, M.D.
13. Statistics of Mortality among Prisoners, with Pathological Observations. By David Nicolson, M.B. Adlard. 1872. (*Reprinted from the British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review.*)
14. Hades! Its Physiological, Psychological, and Theological Aspects. By Hugh Hastings, M.D. (*Those who are anxious to learn what will happen to them after death, may buy for 3d. Dr. Hastings' little pamphlet. To know all about the Physiology, Psychology, and Theology of Hades, for so small a sum, cannot but be considered a wonderful bargain; moreover, it will add some interest to the hereafter, to discover, when they enter upon it, whether Dr. Hastings was right.*)

Appointments.

GILLESPIE, W. H., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.M., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Dorsetshire Lunatic Asylum, Dorchester.

MAJOR, H. C., M.B., C.M., late Clinical Assistant at the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, has been appointed an Assistant Medical Officer to that institution.

SHONE, R. L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed second Assistant Medical Officer to the Essex Lunatic Asylum, Brentwood.

SPENCE, J. B., M.D., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Staffordshire Lunatic Asylum, Burntwood, *vice* E. C. P. Fox, M.B., resigned.

WARD, J. B., M.D., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Warwick County Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Warneford Lunatic Asylum, Oxford, *vice* Thomas Allen, L.R.C.S.Ed., M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

THE IRISH MEMBERS OF THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—We are glad to hear that a General Meeting of the Irish Members of our Association has been summoned to meet in the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Dublin (whose Hall has been kindly granted for the occasion), on Wednesday, the 9th instant, for the purpose of organizing such branch meetings during the year in the Sister Kingdom as have been held on this side of the Channel and in Scotland; and for the consideration of matters more immediately affecting the interests of our Irish brethren. This is a step in the right direction, and from which we augur the best results.
