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trusted,* beri-beri has still before it many years of activity, ere the new asylum buildings are completed which will permit its present home to be vacated. Hamlet's words occur to us with a variation to suit the Irish market: "Fixity of tenure is a blessing, but not as your epidemic may be fixed."

The reports by specialists on the structure and condition of the wooden buildings in which it has found such congenial habitation, together with general experience of this disease, leave little doubt that it will be eradicated only by the total evacuation or destruction of these buildings. Of this there seems little hope in the present condition of things.

The responsible authority, if indeed responsibility can be fixed on any one of the governing bodies concerned, is surely wanting in a proper sense of responsibility in not grappling at once, and effectually, with a perfectly remediable source of disease. That the disease has not been largely fatal is certainly no excuse for this want of promptitude.

In the meantime the notoriety has led to European physicians taking advantage of this experiment in the acclimatisation of disease by visiting and studying it in its domicile.

The only satisfactory point in the whole matter is the fact that the nursing staff, in spite of a number of them having contracted the disease, have bravely taken the risk and steadily performed their duty. This, however, should be an additional incentive for the immediate removal of this disgrace to our sanitation and shame to our humanity.

Between the end of May and the present time there have been, we learn, altogether two hundred cases of beri-beri in the Richmond Asylum.

The Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting at Newcastle was of the most satisfactory character, and fully testified to the widened objects and interests of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Meeting in the buildings of the Newcastle Medical College, the members were brought into touch with the local medical activities, while to many members of the profession, in and around Newcastle, the Association and its objects have become something more than a name. This approximation of the speciality to the profession at large is indeed one of its worthiest aims, and a strong reason for provincial meetings.

* See Mr. Clancy's letter in "Notes and News."

The work done also was of great interest and value. The important humanitarian subject introduced by the President of itself would constitute a good record, but Dr. Newington's psychological study of music, the histological work of Drs. Robertson and Campbell, the therapeutic interest of Dr. Francis' paper on tuberculosis, and the clinical observations reported by Dr. Woods, etc., fairly cover the ground of scientific research.

The ethical discussion, the evidence adduced by the various committees, of medico-legal activity and influence, of contemplated improvements in the teaching and examination of nurses, are satisfactory evidence of our being alive to our duties, to our patients, the community at large, and to ourselves.

The social side of the meeting was as successful as the work, and will long remain as a pleasant memory to those who had the good fortune to share in it.

The Montreal Meeting.

The late date of the meeting of the British Medical Association at Toronto unfortunately precludes our giving any report of the proceedings of the Medico-Psychological Section. The Association, however, was so worthily represented there that we shall be able to submit a very full report in the next issue of the Journal.

The Presidential Address by Dr. Bucke on "Mental Evolution in Man" was of a striking character, and from the list of papers to be read there is little doubt that interesting material will be forthcoming.

The Moscow Meeting.

The Moscow meeting appears to have been satisfactory both in the numbers attending and in the number of papers read. The section "des maladies nerveuses et mentales" received a very strong contingent of our own specialty.

A wave of heat, however, appears to have made attendance in crowded rooms, with the thermometer over 80 degrees, almost unbearable, with the result that the discussions were abbreviated, and the interesting excursions provided were fully attended and appreciated.