

establishment of such an institution as that of Claybury within each of their areas.

We must again repeat our admiration of the public spirit and advanced views, in this matter, of the London County Council.

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*Mental Disease Out-Patients.*

We have pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that an out-patient department for mental disease has now been established for upwards of two years at Sheffield, under Dr. Crochley Clapham.

Dr. Clapham reports that it has been successful in attracting a considerable number of patients, in a fair proportion of whom he believes that the necessity for asylum treatment has been avoided, therein confirming the experience of a similar department at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dr. Clapham is also of opinion that his department has exemplified the greater readiness of such patients to be associated in treatment with other diseases rather than to attend as out-patients to an asylum or lunatic hospital. Those patients who will go to the latter are mostly cases who have been in-patients or are already qualified to become so.

That Dr. Clapham may soon be imitated in other large towns is a wish that will occur to everyone interested in the prevention of insanity.

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*The Registration of Mental Nurses.*

The Royal British Nurses' Association has of late passed through stormy times. It is hardly our province to discuss the difficulties that have arisen, but we must enter with interest into the proposal of Dr. Outterson Wood that mental nurses should be admitted to registration and membership of that Association. Apparent misunderstanding and gross misrepresentation have been in the air. The old, old story of the inferiority of asylum nurses has been retold; the echoes of the bad old times have been re-echoed; the iniquity of Dr. Woods' insidious arguments has been laid bare in the columns of *The Hospital*. It would seem that the work of the Medico-Psychological Association and its most active members for the last decade is as naught. The Handbook, the Educational Committee, the Registrar are but figments of a depraved imagination. Ignorance cries aloud in the market-place, naked and unabashed!