

frequent, or whose disease is of such a nature as to infringe upon public peace or decency." Moreover, of these picked patients that are admitted, Dr. Sibbald tells us 68 are restrained in some way, 100 are in a large building called the hospital, in other words an ordinary asylum, as being unfit to be at large in the village, and the Medical Superintendent has the power of sending any troublesome or violent patient away at once. But the author of *Gheel, the City of the Simple*, almost entirely ignores these facts. Surely, therefore, Gheel is no such great wonder, if we remember that it contains the picked lunatics of a populous country like Belgium. Possibly we may be letting the author into another secret when we tell him that England is one vast Gheel. That only the dangerous lunatics of England—"the suicidal, the homicidal, and incendiary lunatics"—are confined in our asylums. If he looks into the last report of the Commissioners in Lunacy he will find that 11,181 are in workhouses, and 6,987 are boarded out with relations or others. It may still fairly be discussed whether this arrangement is not the best. The working of Gheel itself shows that there are many classes of lunatics unfit to be anywhere but in Asylums, and notwithstanding the sweets of liberty so eloquently descanted on in the work under consideration, it is a very generally received opinion amongst those best able to judge that the restraints of an ordinary English Asylum conduce greatly to cure in recent cases of mania and melancholia. To the chronic and harmless lunatics by all means grant every liberty and indulgence possible, but let us not by a false sentimentality relieve the incurable at the expense of the curable.

In conclusion, we must in justice record that the book is got up in the best style, that it is written throughout in a manner extremely fascinating, and in English of the purest.

PART III.—QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

NOTE.—*The length of the Report of the Proceedings at the Annual Meeting compels us to omit the usual Quarterly Report on the Progress of Psychological Medicine.*