

Circular by the Commissioners in Lunacy.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, WHITEHALL PLACE; 3rd May, 1865.

THE Commissioners in Lunacy have reason to believe that the Copies of Documents on the admission of patients which are forwarded to their office differ frequently, some in very minute particulars, others in more important respects, from the originals.

The Commissioners cannot too strongly impress upon Superintendents of Asylums, Proprietors of Licensed Houses, and other persons concerned in the copying and transmission of such documents, that the law requires that the copies should be in every point, even to the smallest and apparently unimportant errors of orthography, exact transcripts or fac-similes of the originals, and that unless this be strictly complied with the copies cease to have any value.

It is absolutely necessary that these documents should be forwarded within the time prescribed by law. Any amendment which it is found impossible to make within this period must be made, subsequently, within the 14 days limited by law for such amendment.

All alterations in the original certificates, unless by the certifying medical men, invalidate them; and the initials of the latter must be placed to every change or addition made.

By order of the Board,

W. C. SPRING RICE,

Secretary.

Publications Received.

'Du Suicide, et de la Folie Suicide.' Par A. Brierre de Boismont. Deuxième édition, revue et augmentée. Paris, 1865, pp. 763. *See Part II, Reviews.*

'Manual of the Turkish Bath.' Heat a Mode of Cure and a Source of Strength for Men and Animals. From writings of Mr. Urquhart. Edited by Sir John Fife, M.D., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Newcastle Infirmary,' pp. 419. John Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street, 1865. *See Part II, Reviews.*

Du Bain Turc modifié par l'emploi du calorique rayonnant et de son introduction en Suisse,' par L. A. Gosse, père, Docteur en Médecine. Genève, 1865, pp. 150. *See Part II, Reviews.*

'Thermæ Romano-Britannicæ, or Ancient Roman Baths found in Italy, Britain, France,' &c. With Notices of the Mosaics and Paintings which formed a part of their Decorations. By Robert Wollaston, M.D., Member

of the Royal College of Physicians, London; Member of the Archæological Institute, London. London: Robert Hardwicke, 192, Piccadilly, 1864. *See Part II, Reviews.*

'On the Method of the Study of the Mind: an Introductory Chapter to a Physiology and Pathology of the Mind.' By Henry Maudsley, M.D. Lond., Physician to the West London Hospital, Joint Editor of the 'Journal of Mental Science.' John Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street, 1865 (pamphlet). *See Part III, Quarterly Report on the Progress of Psychological Medicine.'*

'On the Urine of the Insane: a Contribution to Urology.' By Adam Addison, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., Resident Medical Officer, Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum. Reprinted from the 'British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical review' for April, 1865. *See Part III, Quarterly Report on the Progress of Psychological Medicine.*

'Seventh Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland.' Presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty. Edinburgh, 1865. (*This Report will be reviewed in our October number.*)

'Clinical Lectures and Reports by the Medical and Surgical Staff of the London Hospital.' Vol. I, 1864. London: John Churchill and Sons, 1865, pp. 517.

A handsome well edited volume containing the following contributions:—Aneurism of Inominate, &c. (Lithograph) by Dr. Davies. On Leucoderma (coloured lithograph), Mr. Hutchinson. On True Leprosy, Mr. Hutchinson. On Cerebral Amaurosis, Mr. Hutchinson. Extracts from Clinical Lectures, Mr. Hutchinson. On the Treatment of Polysarcia, Dr. Down. On Hospital Gangrene, Mr. Maunder. On Treatment of Stricture, Mr. Maunder. Cases of Ligature of Arteries, Mr. Maunder. Rare Cases of Fracture of the Vertebrae, Mr. Curling. On the Study of Diseases of the Nervous System, Dr. Hughlings Jackson. On the Treatment of Scarlet Fever, Dr. Down. On Relapsing Pemphigus, Mr. Hutchinson. On a case of Hernia, Mr. Couper. Surgical Gold Medal Cases (Various). Gleanings in Medicine, Dr. Andrew Clark. On Still-birth, Dr. Barnes and Mr. Heckford. The Statistics of the Maternity Department, Dr. Barnes and Mr. Heckford. Miscellaneous Cases, Dr. Woodman. Surgical Notes on the Schleswig Campaign, Mr. Little. Dislocation of Lower Jaw, Mr. Couper. Treatment of Rheumatic Fever, Dr. Davies. On Hemiplegia on the right side with Loss of Speech, Dr. Hughlings Jackson. Illustrations of Diseases of the Nervous System, Dr. Hughlings Jackson. Cases of Disease of the Heart, &c., Dr. Ramskill. Cases of Algesia and Hyperæsthesia, Dr. Ramskill. Statistics of the Hospital for 1863, Dr. Powell.

'Vital and Economical Statistics of the Hospitals, Infirmaries, &c., of England and Wales for the Year 1863.' By Fleetwood Buckle, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond., House Surgeon, West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. John Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street (pamphlet).

Dr. Buckle here gives us a valuable series of comparative tables illustrating the internal economy of the various medical charities in the kingdom. This collection of facts is most valuable to all interested in the government of medical establishments, such as hospitals, asylums for the insane, workhouse infirmaries, &c., &c.

'The Optical Defects of the Eye.' By J. Z. Lawrence, F.R.C.S., M.B. Lond., Surgeon to the Ophthalmic Hospital, Southwark. CONTENTS:—Optics—Physiological Optics—Myopia—Hypermetropia—Astigmatism—

Presbyopia—Paralysis of Accommodation—Asthenopia—Strabismus. London: Robert Hardwicke, 192, Piccadilly, 1865, pp. 112.

'Anniversary Address' delivered before the Anthropological Society of London, January 3rd, 1865, by James Hunt, Ph.D., &c., &c. Printed for Private Circulation, 1865.

'A Letter to the Members of the British Medical Association, on the Subject of their Future Journal.' By Robert B. Carter, F.R.C.S. (pamphlet).

'An Address to the Working Classes of Salisbury,' delivered 23rd March, 1865, to Close the First Session of the Penny Readings. By J. Stevenson Bushnan, M.D. Salisbury: Frederick A. Blake, Market Place, 1865.

'Notes on a Case of Suicidal Mania,' read at Clifton, April, 1865, before the Bath and Bristol Branch of the British Medical Association. By James George Davey, M.D., &c., &c. Bristol: 1865 (pamphlet).

County Asylum Reports, 1864.

1. The Annual Report of the Dorset County Lunatic Asylum, Charminster, Dorsetshire, for the year 1864.

2. Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Lunatic Asylum for the City and County of Bristol, as presented to the Town Council, on the 1st January, 1865, together with the Reports of the Medical Superintendent and Chaplain.

3. Lunatic Asylum for the County and Town of Nottingham. The Coppice near Nottingham (supported by voluntary contributions), into which Patients, not being Paupers, are received, who are unable to pay the whole expense of their care and maintenance. Ninth Annual Report, 1864.

4. Seventh Annual Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Cambridge-shire, Isle of Ely, and Borough of Cambridge Pauper Lunatic Asylum, for the year ending the 31st December, 1864. With Appendices.

5. Essex Lunatic Asylum Reports and other Documents, printed by order of the Court of Quarter Session, 3rd January, 1865.

6. The Ninth Annual Report of the state of the United Lunatic Asylum for the County and Borough of Nottingham, and the fifty-fourth of the original Institution, formerly the General Lunatic Asylum, 1864.

7. The Report of the Committee of Visitors, Superintendent and Chaplain of the Cheshire Lunatic Asylum, made to the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at Nether Knutsford in and for the County of Chester, on Monday, April 10th, 1865.

8. The Report of the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum, from January 1st, 1864, to December 31st, 1864; also the State of the Accounts for the year.

9. 1864. Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Cornwall Lunatic Asylum, established at Bodmin, A.D. 1820, presented to the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions, on Tuesday, January 5th, 1865.

10. Annual Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Surrey Lunatic Asylum.

11. St. Luke's Hospital for Lunatics, established A.D. 1751. Reports for the year 1864.

12. The Sixteenth Annual Report of the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum, Denbigh, for the year 1864.

13. Cumberland and Westmoreland Lunatic Asylum, Annual Report for the year 1864.