

Gibson, the learned judge directed an acquittal, on the ground that the patient of whom advantage had been taken was a secondary dement and not a congenital case, Stead's Act from its wording being held only to apply to the latter. The framers of Stead's Act probably did not intend this, and there is no reason why the secondary dement, and indeed every other lunatic, should not have the full benefit of this enactment.

Lord Ashbourne's bill further provides that the sixteenth section of the Act 38 and 39 Vict., cap. 67, shall be extended to include persons committed to asylums under the Act 30 and 31 Vict., cap. 118. In other words, the property of this class (known to the Irish law as "dangerous lunatics" and forming the greater number of the admissions to public asylums in Ireland) can, when this bill becomes an Act, be rendered available for their support.

Notes and Queries.

Sense of Smell in Nietzsche.

THE sense of smell is so closely related to the sexual instinct in a large number of animals, that there has long been thought to be a direct relation between them, and the relation of defect of smell and of sexual power in general paralytics was investigated many years ago without success. It may be doubted, therefore, that Nietzsche's acute sense of smell is, as Dr. Watson suggests, a reversion to a lower type; if it were so it should be rather accompanied by enhanced sexual instinct. The conclusion is that it was entirely pathological—a morbid sensory irritability, cultivated and exaggerated by habit.

Recovery.

Is it possible to arrive at a general understanding as to what constitutes *recovery* on the discharge of a patient from asylum care? A recurrent case may *recover*, yet there is every probability of relapse sooner or later. An acute case may *recover* sufficiently to take his place in the world, yet some indelible trace of his disorder may remain. A patient may be reported as having *recovered* after removal from the asylum, while he remains on the register, yet there may be doubts as to the value of such a report.

What constitutes a *recurrent case*? Should the term be used