

OCCASIONAL NOTES OF THE QUARTER.

*International Lunacy Statistics.**

The efforts of the Medico-Psychological Association to enforce in England and Scotland a uniform system of Asylum Statistics have at length achieved complete success, and are already used in all the English county asylums with the exception of those for Middlesex. In a review on the state of lunacy in 1867, in the January number of this Journal, we observed:—

The efforts of the Medico-Psychological Association to enforce the use of an uniform system of medical statistics in the public asylums receive again the most favourable mention in this last Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy. The second series of these tables are referred to, and in Appendix K. to this Report the whole ten tables recommended by the Medico-Psychological Association are printed. The Commissioners add that a 'compilation of facts on insanity, registered according to this series of tables, in all institutions for the treatment of insanity in this country, would be of the greatest utility in statistical comparison, and supply the chief requisites for a scientific application of the results of medical statistics. They trust, therefore, that the Visitors and Superintendents of all such establishments may, as early as practicable, introduce therein this system of medical registration.' The Medico-Psychological Association are deeply indebted to the Commissioners in Lunacy for this important recommendation, which will probably insure the general and early use of their statistical tables in the English public asylums.

A more elaborate effort in the same direction has been made by a committee appointed at the *Congrès Aliéniste International* of 1867. They have just published an admirable series of thirty-one tables, with an explanatory introduction by M. Lunier, 'Inspecteur-Général du Service des Aliénés et du Service Sanitaire des Prisons de France.'

M. Lunier acknowledges, in handsome terms, the obligations the International Congress are under to the previous

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labours of the Medico-Psychological Association in this direction:—

La Commission, d'ailleurs, avait pris comme point de départ les tableaux statistiques que MM. Constans, Rousselin et moi avons préparés pour la France, sur la demande du ministre de l'intérieur; mais elle a fait aussi d'utiles et nombreux emprunts aux documents qui venaient d'être publiés par les soins de l'association des médecins d'asile en Angleterre, à la statistique d'Illenau faite sous la direction de l'un de ses membres, le savant et vénérable docteur Roller, et enfin au dernier rapport médical que j'ai publié en 1863 sur l'asile de Blois.

The French series of tables are much more elaborate than those published by the Medico-Psychological Association, and so far less adapted for general use. We annex the contents of each of the series of tables for the purpose of comparison. Although in a simpler form, the tables of this Association afford, it will be seen, nearly all the information given by the more elaborate forms of the *Congrès Aliéniste International*.

I. THE TABLES OF THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

I. Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year.

II. Showing the Admissions, Re-Admissions, and Discharges from the Opening of the Asylum to the present date.

III. Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and proportion of Recoveries per cent. of the Admissions for each Year since the Opening of the Asylum.

IV. Showing the History of the Annual Admissions since the Opening of the Asylum, with the Discharges and Deaths, and the Numbers of each year remaining.

V. Showing the Causes of Death during the Year.

VI. Showing the length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and in those who have Died during the Year.

VII. Showing the Duration of the Disorder on Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year.

VIII. Showing the Ages of the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year.

IX. Condition as to Marriage in the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year.

X. Showing the probable Causes, Apparent or Assigned, of the Disorder in the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year.

II. THE TABLES OF THE CONGRÈS ALIÉNISTE INTERNATIONAL.

A. STATISTIQUE MÉDICALE.

1	Mouvement général de la population	}	Aliénés admis pour la 1 ^{re} fois dans un asile.
2	Durée de la maladie avant l'admission		
3	Mois de admission		
4	Etat civil		
5	Dégré d'instruction		
6	Age au moment de l'admission		
7	Age au moment de l'explosion de l' maladie		
8	Circonstances aggravantes et complications		
9	Causes présumées de l'aliénation		
10	Professions		
11	Culte		
12	Lieu d'origine—Densité de la population		
13	Lieu d'origine—Configuration du sol		
14	Curables et incurables	}	Aliénés guéris pendant l'année.
15	Après rechute		
16	Age au moment de la guérison	}	Aliénés décédés dans l'année.
17	Durée du séjour dans l'asile ou du traitement		
18	Durée de la maladie avant l'admission		
19	Mois des sorties pour guérison	}	Aliénés restants le 31 décembre.
20	Causes présumées de l'aliénation		
21	Age dans le mois du décès	}	
22	Durée du séjour dans l'asile		
23	Mois du décès		
24	Maladies qui ont déterminé la mort		
25	Maladies incidentes et infirmités observés pendant l'année		
26	Causes présumées de l'aliénation	}	
27	Age au 31 décembre		
28	Curables et incurables		
29	Aliénés occupés; nature des occupations		

B. STATISTIQUE ADMINISTRATIVE.

- 30 Mouvement général de la population.—Assistance à domicile.
 31 Départements d'origine ou de naissance des restants le 31 décembre.

English Patients in Foreign Asylums.

In the *Journal of Mental Science*, for April, 1863, we published an "Occasional Note," *English Patients in Foreign Asylums*. We there stated, that a communication had been recently made to us by a well-informed foreign physician,