

residence for our patients at Exmouth, have been experienced by him in the attempt to obtain a license for a private lunatic asylum at Southport. We trust that the Justices at Quarter Sessions will be too impartial to permit the selfish opposition of a few interested persons, whose sympathy with their suffering fellow-creatures is guided by that most sensitive electrometer, the breeches pocket, to shut out the insane from the cheerful and invigorating influences of a residence by the sea side. We have already stated in this Journal how entirely we lived down all the fears and prejudices arrayed against us at Exmouth, and we sincerely trust that Dr. Dickson will be able to do the same. The following choice specimen of mural literature was posted about Southport, for the humane purpose of raising the mad-dog cry :—

“Private Lunatic Asylum.—An establishment of this sort is contemplated in Southport; the site to be either two houses in New Bath-street, or Sea View (Mr. Hargreaves’s house). As such an establishment as this tends to lessen the value of property in its vicinity, to exercise an unfavourable influence on schools, and to produce a depressing effect on all around it, you are requested to sign a petition against it, to the Magistrates, at Kirkdale, which lies for signature at Mr. Welsby’s Office, Nevill-street.”

The Ganglionic Nervous System. By JAMES GEORGE DAVEY, M.D., formerly Superintendent of the County Asylums at Hanwell and Colney Hatch. 8vo., pp. 309. Churchill.

The press of matter having a more direct bearing upon our specialty compels us very unwillingly to abbreviate our review of this interesting and important work to a mere notice. Dr. Davey combats the anatomical views of Dr. M. Hall and Mr. Grainger, and very ably maintains the opinion that there is no necessity for any distinct division of the spinal nervous system for the production of the excito-motory phenomena. His peculiar views are, that the exercise of the functions of the chord are due to the influence of the ganglionic system, and that the external and internal excito-motory phenomena are alike dependent

on the vital stimulus imparted by the great sympathetic nerve, and that, indeed, both the brain and the spinal chord are subordinated to a specific and independent power with which this nerve is endowed. Dr. Davey traces the remote or centric origin of the excito-motory diseases to some abnormal action originating in the organic nerve-matter. Apoplexy he distinguishes as either ganglionic or cerebral. Dr. Davey's work suffers somewhat from want of arrangement, but it is full of interesting and original matter, and will amply repay perusal.

APPOINTMENTS.

- BYRON, Dr. E., to be Medical Superintendent of the Cambridge County Lunatic Asylum.
- MEYER, Dr., to be Medical Superintendent and Chief Physician of the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, Wandsworth.
- ROBERTSON, Dr. LOCKHART, to be Medical Superintendent of the Sussex County Lunatic Asylum, Hayward's Heath.
- WILSON, R. Esq., to be Medical Superintendent of the Northumberland County Lunatic Asylum, Alnwick.
- MAUDSLEY, Dr. H., to be Assistant Medical Officer of the Essex County Lunatic Asylum, Brentwood.