

religions of the patients admitted, viz., Maronites, members of the Greek Church, Protestants, Roman Catholics, Druses, Moslems, and Jews.

A pleasing feature of the asylum in Syria is the satisfactory report brought back by English visitors. All unite in speaking in the highest terms of the estate and the buildings now in use. Everthing is reported to be in excellent order and very well kept, and the impression given is that the Hospital is well organised and a really good work is being done. There is, however, great need for additional buildings, seeing that acute and noisy cases have been refused, owing to the lack of suitable separate accommodation. The existing buildings consist of two blocks intended for twenty patients each, one for males, the other for females. There is therefore practically no classification of patients, and at night and during the cold weather, when patients are unable to be in the grounds, a noisy patient is very disturbing to the others.

Recent advices states that two new blocks are to be begun at once, which is highly satisfactory. Until there is more accommodation it can hardly be expected that any well-to-do patients will be sent, so that any donations given towards new buildings will be especially useful, and will assist the Hospital to obtain some revenue from paying patients.

The institution is at present dependent on voluntary contributions from Great Britain, America, and the Continent, and we are glad to see that members of the Medico-Psychological Association have taken an active part in forwarding this movement.

A copy of the Report and further particulars may be obtained from the English Secretary, Mr. F. C. Brading, 35, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The *British Congress on Tuberculosis*, which opens in London on July 23rd, promises to be a great success. Dr. Fletcher Beach has been elected a Vice-President, and Drs. Spence and Weatherly are on the Organising Council, the latter being also a member of the General Purposes Committee. Drs. Jones, Mott, Eric France, and Weatherley are Delegates representing the Medico-Psychological Association.

With regard to the *Tuberculosis Committee* appointed by the Association, we understand that several meetings have been held, and much interesting and valuable information has been collected. The great extent of the inquiry will not permit of a report being presented at the annual meeting in Cork.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE UNFIT.

America is the place for experimental legislation. Laws are enacted, and, from time to time, are allowed to drop into desuetude with a certain alacrity. To be sure, it was but lately that a learned judge in an English Court entered on a disquisition in reference to witchcraft. Still, that showed some tenacity of ancient formularies, for witchcraft was discredited for ever by one Reginald Scot, Esq., some three hundred years ago. The very latest sensation in law-making is the Bill proposed in Minnesota for the prevention of the marriage of the unfit, and we hope to obtain some account of its provisions and of the debate in the State Legislature in due course.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

Dr. Robert Anderson, the Assistant Commissioner of Police in London, has written an article in the *Nineteenth Century* for February on "Our Absurd System of Punishing Crime." He finds that there is an increase in "professional" crime which might be suppressed, and ought to be dealt with in a more intelligent way than at present. Dr. Anderson is of opinion that this real danger to the Commonwealth is mainly due to the lenient sentences which have become the

rule consequent on the decrease of ordinary crime. In effect, he concludes that professional criminals should be deprived of the liberty they abuse, even for life. It is evident that the free discussion of these problems must precede any such changes in the law as Dr. Anderson and others advocate, and we trust that our Association will take its part in guiding public opinion on questions of such importance to the nation.

THE ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The *Asylum News* of June 15th contains a full account of the annual meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association. The President, Sir James Crichton-Browne, addressed a representative assembly, and congratulated the Association on a satisfactory condition of the affairs. We need not reproduce the transactions of the meeting, for the *Asylum News* should find its way into all our Hospitals for the Insane. Under the favourable auspices and able guidance which this organisation has secured, the welfare of the insane, and of those most intimately connected with them, is surely advanced, and our readers will do well to study the address of the President and the report of the Association on the occasion of the fourth annual meeting.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

EXAMINATION FOR THE NURSING CERTIFICATE.

Five hundred and twenty-one candidates applied for admission to the May examination for this certificate. Of this number 410 were successful, ninety-seven failed to satisfy the examiners, eleven withdrew, and the result of the examination of three candidates in South Africa is not yet to hand.

The following is a list of the successful candidates:

Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield.—Males: Charles Giles, James Motterhead, Arthur Potts. Females: Elizabeth Armit, Ann Alice Brereton, Florence Harriet Mary Austin, Dora Grocott Corry, Mary Davenport, Elizabeth Gardiner, Miriam Stubbs, Tamar Jane Tunley.

Counties Asylum, Carlisle.—Males: Charles Bellas Mark, John Rae. Females: Fanny Carrick, Janet Crosbie, Elizabeth Ann Reay, Caroline Sanders.

County Asylum, Exminster, Devon.—Males: Robert Norman Bastin, Francis Budd, George Connett, Albert Edward Dymott, John Endicott, Charles Newcombe, John Snow, John Salter, William Walters. Females: Jessie Goldsworthy, Kezia Catherine Somerwill, Mary Elizabeth Tuplin, Charlotte Louise Wiscombe.

County Asylum, Bridgend, Glam.—Males: Walter Evans, Daniel Hughes, Gwilym Mado Booth, John Morgan, Dan Perry. Females: Mary Armitage, Elizabeth Cole, Elizabeth Davies, Louisa Ann Edwards, Eva Clare Hughes, Margaret Ann Morse, Margaret Morgan, Sarah Anne Price, Mary Jane Williams.

County Asylum, Chartham, Kent.—Male: William Henry Wakefield Ingram. Females: Mary Furlong, Euphemia Shirley, Amy Stickles.

County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancs.—Males: Edwin Cridland, George Horace Danby, John Thomas Francis, Morton Graham, Rayner Hudson, Samuel Charles Humber, Albert Manning, Richard Rigby, Harry Selfe, Edward Stoakes. Females: Sarah Elizabeth Davies, Catherine Harris, Annie Hooper, Maggie Jones, Bertha Priscilla Jupp, Kathleen Kennedy, Gertrude Annie Lowe, Annie Nicolson, Jane Caroline Slyfield.

London County Asylum, Claybury.—Males: Harry Aslett, William Brumby, Edward J. Cox, Henry Augustus Dangerfield, John Dolphin, John Fadden, Richard Harrison, Arthur James Osborn. Females: Angela Andrews, Margaret E. Aitchison, Annie Elizabeth Ball, Laura E. Browne, Catherine Dalgarno, Ada Dear, Amelia Garner, Edith Gant, Florence Hamlett, Amy Ellen Heard, Mary Rosina Hudd, Grace Miller Kerr, Agnes Masterton, Jessie Overend, Eleanor Emma Skinner, Margaret Jane Smith, Kate Sullivan, Jenny Taylor, Lily Weaver, Florence Vera Whitefoot.

London County Asylum, Cane Hill.—Females: Elsie Gabriel, Daisy Halliday.

Middlesex County Asylum, near Tooting, S.W.—Males: James Groves, Thomas