

their interest in this *English swindle*. Also great wonder must it cause to see a man of Griesinger's reputation—a well-known opponent of the non-restraint system— suddenly openly attaching himself to the new system.”

Great wonder must it also cause in England to hear a physician of Dr. Newmann's reputation denying a fact patent to all the world, but which he has never taken the trouble personally to investigate. In the forty-two English county asylums the insane are treated without mechanical restraint; without the imaginary fast-holding by attendants which our foreign opponents love to picture; with a small fractional per-centage of seclusion, which the wise disapproval of the Commissioners is daily reducing to a minimum. Why does Dr. Newmann not come to England and inform himself on this question, which he thus presumes to prejudge? We shall gladly give him bed and board at Hayward's Heath, and unrestricted access at all hours to the wards, and we can assure him that a week's clinical study here will send him home a wiser man as well as a more humane practitioner of the healing art. A fellow-townsmen and acquaintance of Dr. Newmann, Dr. Grempler, of Breslau, recently spent an afternoon at Hayward's Heath in order to remove home a German young lady who was for some weeks a private patient here. Both Dr. Grempler and the patient (who left us convalescent) can tell Dr. Newmann of *the English swindle*, from personal observation and experience of this asylum.

Dr. Newmann in this pamphlet promises, in the fulness of his zeal, a separate work on the non-restraint system. Unless he desire to cover his fair fame with that shame which is the portion of the false witness against truth, he will first avail himself of our hospitable offer of entertainment and clinical instruction in the principles and very keystone of the art which he thus proposes to expound.

Notes on New Books and Pamphlets received.

1. 'Pathologie und Therapie der psychischen Krankheiten.' By Dr. Maximilian Leidesdorf, pp. 167. Erlangen, 1860. (Price in London, 8s.)

This is a readable book, written in easy German. The treatment of each form of mental disease is appended to its description. The ninth and last chapter, about one fourth of the book, is devoted to the pathology of mental disease. Dr. Leidesdorf is a lecturer on psychology in the University of Vienna; and, as will be seen by Dr. Mundy's statistical table, published in the last number of this Journal, is superintendent of a private asylum near Vienna. Dr. Leidesdorf, we see, is strong on the question of straight-jackets and

well-padded straps for the limbs. We would direct his attention to our remarks in this number on Dr. Newmann's and Dr. Griesinger's writings on the non-restraint system.

2. 'Traité pratique des Maladies Mentales.' Par le Dr. L. V. Marcé, Médecin des aliénés de Bicêtre, pp. 666. Paris, 1862. (Price in London, 7s.)

We propose to give a review and abstract of this work in an early number.

3. 'Die Irrenheilstalt in ihren administrativen, technischen und therapeutischen Beziehungen nach den Anforderungen der Gegenwart dargestellt.' Von Dr. Med. G. Seifert, pp. 97, with plates. Leipzig and Dresden, 1862. (Price in London, 5s. 6d.)

4. 'Pläne der neuen Irrenanstalten zu Göttingen und Osnabrück.' (With 10 plates and 50 woodcuts), pp. 115. Hannover, 1862. (Price in London, 10s. 6d.)

5. 'Meerenberg.—Asile Provincial d'Aliénés dans le Voisinage de Harlem.' (With plates.) Harlem, 1862. (Price in London, 14s.)

We propose in an early number to notice these three essays on foreign asylum architecture.

6. 'Wie sind die Seelenstörungen in ihrem Beginne zu behandeln?' Von Dr. Albrecht Erlenmeyer, pp. 112, 4th edit. Neuwied, 1863.

This is a prize essay, by the learned editor of the 'Archiv für Psychiatrie,' on the treatment of mental disease in its early stages. It is divided into four chapters :

I. A critical review of the ordinary treatment in general practice of the early stages of mental disease.

II. Mental pathology of insanity :

1. Emotional disturbance.

2. Intellectual disorder.

III. The general principles of mental therapeutics.

IV. The special medicinal and moral treatment of the varieties of insanity.

We would instance the section treating of removal to an asylum as a well-balanced judgment on this important point.

We regret, however, to find so distinguished an author and co-editor walking in the dark ways of the old restraint system, when he might so easily learn and do better. An expenditure of three to four pounds sterling would bring him from Bendorf to England and back ; and we shall gladly take him also in at Hayward's Heath, and teach him how the non-restraint system is really prac-

tised. Now here, in this fourth edition of his essay, he recommends, for the treatment of recent melancholia, strong rooms and shutters, and means of restraint to deprive the unfortunate victim of his ignorance of the modern treatment of mental disease of the free use of his limbs. And so again, in the special treatment of recent mania, he speaks of the use of the straight-jacket as the preferable means of bringing the patient back to his right mind!

7. 'Practical Notes on the Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment in Cases of Delirium Tremens.' By Thomas Laycock, M.D., &c., &c. Edinburgh, 1862 (pamphlet). See "Report on English Psychological Literature." (*In the July number.*)

8. 'On the Cerebro-spinal Origin and the Diagnosis of the Protrusion of the Eyeballs termed Anæmic.' By Thomas Laycock, M.D. Edinburgh, 1863 (pamphlet). (*In the July number.*)

9. 'Earlwood, and its Inmates. A Lecture.' By the Rev. Edwin Sidney, M.A.

Mr. Sidney, in this interesting letter, does full justice to the improved management at Earlwood which followed the appointment of our associate, Dr. Langdon Down, to the office of superintendent there. The Earlwood Idiot Asylum, as we can testify from frequent personal observation, is a model for the rest of Europe. There is no similar home for the idiot on this continent.

10. 'Notes on Hospitals in Northern Italy, and on Pellagra.' By Thomas B. Peacock, M.D. (From the 'British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review' for January, 1863.)

Dr. Peacock visited, on his tour last autumn, the asylum of San Servolo, at Venice, which we have previously described in the pages of this Journal (January, 1858). He records the continued good management of the institution, and its freedom from restraint. "I did not observe," he says, "any patient under restraint, nor any chairs or other appliances for restraint."

11. 'Cases of Syphilitic Insanity and Epilepsy.' By James F. Duncan, M.D. Dublin, 1863 (pamphlet). See "Report on English Psychological Literature." (*In the July number.*)

12. 'On various Superstitions in the North-west Highlands and Islands of Scotland, especially in relation to Lunacy.' By Arthur Mitchell, A.M., M.D., Deputy Commissioner for Lunacy in Scotland. Edinburgh, 1862 (pamphlet.) See "Report on English Psychological Literature." (*In the July number.*)

13. 'Medical Psychology: comprising a brief Exposition of the leading Phenomena of the Mental States, and of the Nervous Apparatus through which they are manifested, with a view to the better

understanding and elucidation of the Mental Phenomena or Symptoms of Disease.' By Robert Dunn, F.R.C.S.E., pp. 87. London, John Churchill and Sons.

A judicious compilation of the present views of mental physiology, to which we shall, in our next "Report on English Psychological Literature," revert. The writer's views of the physiology of the brain are, however, a little behind date.

14. 'Uebersicht der öffentlichen und privaten Irren- und Idioten-Anstalten aller Europäischen Staaten zusammengestellt von Sanitäts-Rath Dr. Albrecht Erlenmeyer,' pp. 145. Neuwied, 1863.

A similar survey of the asylums of Europe as was begun by Dr. Mundy in the last number of this Journal. Dr. Erlenmeyer's pamphlet will form a valuable aid to members of this association travelling abroad who may wish to visit the asylums they pass *en route*. His account of the asylums of England is short and not very accurate, and is apparently compiled from the Commissioners' reports.

We regret that the second part of Dr. Mundy's tabular view is deferred to the next number of this Journal (July).

15. 'Influence réciproque de la Pensée, de la sensation et des mouvements végétatifs; memoire lu a la Société Medico-psychologique.' Par M. le Dr. J. P. Philips (pamphlet.) Paris, 1862.

Appointments.

We regret extremely to find that we have been in error as to the appointment of Medical Superintendent to the Stirling District Asylum, which was announced in our last number (January, 1863). No such appointment has been made.

We received a letter from Dr. Yellowlees very soon after the publication of the Journal, contradicting the announcement, and requesting to know how the information reached us.

Our MSS. had, unfortunately, been destroyed before the receipt of this letter; but, to the best of our belief, the announcement was cut out of one of the penny daily papers, which now teem with such medical notices. It was made by us without suggestion or information from any party whatever.

We are not personally acquainted with Dr. Yellowlees, nor with