

through altogether had it not been that the President proved equal to the occasion, and stepped into the imminent deadly breach. We doubt if it is entirely respectful, it certainly is unfair, to a President to require him to act as stop-gap. However, Dr. Campbell proved capable and ready to meet the difficulty, and his extempore speech needed no apology. His Presidential Address was full of interest. Instead of attempting to survey man from China to Peru, he wisely limited the scope of his remarks to the district where he has done such admirable work for the insane.

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*Private Care.*

The section of psychology rarely lets an opportunity slip of crystallising opinion in the form of a resolution. This year Dr. Rayner moved for what would be a distinct improvement in the Lunacy Law of England. We commend the resolution in that it promotes the medical treatment of a class of cases at present productive of considerable difficulties. The provision for the temporary care of incipient and non-confirmed insanity which has proved so valuable in Scotland, should be pressed upon the attention of the Government at the proper time. Meanwhile the matter has been referred to the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association.

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*The Woodilee Asylum.*

We regret to have inserted an inaccurate paragraph referring to an action, brought by the Barony Parish of Glasgow, against the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy regarding the position of this Asylum, in the last number of the Journal (page 684). The Barony Parish Council contended that the asylum was a Public Asylum, or if not a Public Asylum that it was a Parochial Asylum, and that in either case it did not require a license from the General Board. The Parish Council further maintained that if such a license was required, the General Board were not entitled as a condition of granting the license to enforce Rules, prescribing among other things the number of the Managing Committee, and insisting that the Committee shall act independently of the instructions of the Council. This action was decided by Lord Low on the 11th January, 1896,