

PRIX AUBANEL.

La Société Médico-Psychologique de Paris décernera, au mois d'Avril, 1875, le prix Aubanel, de la valeur de 2400 francs, à l'auteur du meilleur Mémoire sur la question suivante:—

“ Des Troubles de la Sensibilité Générale dans les diverses variétés du délire mélancolique, et plus spécialement dans le délire hypochondriaque et dans le délire de persécutions.”

Les concurrents devront surtout rechercher l'influence que ces troubles peuvent exercer sur la genèse et sur la forme du délire.

Les Mémoires, écrits en Français, porteront une épigraphe, reproduite dans un pli cacheté, renfermant le nom et l'adresse de leur auteur.

Ils devront être adressés, avant le 31 Décembre, 1874 (terme de rigueur), à M. le Dr. Inotet, Secrétaire Général de la Société Médico-Psychologique, rue de Charonne, 161, à Paris.

Les membres titulaires sont seuls exclus du concours.

THE LIMERICK DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

We had sincerely hoped that it would not again have been necessary to refer to any further evidence of trouble and disorganisation in the above institution in the sister country; but unhappily since the notice which appeared of the proceedings in regard to its conduct in our July number, and the steps taken by the Lord Lieutenant to correct the irregularities complained of in its internal government, instead of a new order of things and a cessation of hostilities as a matter of course resulting therefrom, quite the contrary has been the case, inasmuch as a new investigation was recently entered upon by the Local Board of Governors into certain cruelties towards a patient by an attendant, stated to have occurred more than a year ago, and this on the information of a *former inmate*; but after going into the whole matter the inculpated attendant appeared plainly to have been more sinned against than sinning, and to have been singularly forbearing when seriously assaulted by the patient who was said to have been injured by him. Again the Board of Governors, not satisfied with the appointment of a new medical superintendent, have peremptorily called upon the Lord Lieutenant to give them authority, amongst other powers required by them, “for the punishment and dismissal” (no less) of the medical superintendent, and most strange to state the Lord Lieutenant has so far yielded to the high handed Governors as to inform them, through a recently published letter of the Under Secretary, that he will “bring under the notice of the Privy Council the various objections made by the Governors to their rules,” a yielding on the part of his Excellency which we cannot but think more than questionable under all the circumstances of the case, and ill-calculated to promote future well-being of the Public Institutions for the Insane in Ireland, which hitherto, with but one or two remarkable exceptions, have borne the highest character.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

*The following Books and Pamphlets have been received since our last announcement. Reviews and notices of them will appear in the next number of the Journal:—*

1. Twenty-seventh Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.
2. Fifteenth Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland.
3. The West Riding Lunatic Asylum Reports. Edited by J. Crichton Browne, M.D. Vol. III. Smith, Elder, & Co., 1873.
4. Spirit and Mind Polarity; or, The Disentanglement of Ideas. By Arthur Young. First Part. Houlston & Sons.
5. Lectures on Madness in its Medical, Legal, and Social Aspects. By Edgar Sheppard, M.D. J. & A. Churchill, 1873.