

SUPERANNUATION AT THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND JOINT LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The following is a copy of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Lunacy Committee, held on the 28th June, 1897:—

Resolved—That the Committee of Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum are of opinion that any officer who is in constant attendance, medical or otherwise, on patients in the wards of a lunatic asylum, and who, in such capacity, has completed an aggregate of 25 years' service, ought to have the option of retiring after the age of 50, with a pension calculated upon the basis set forth in the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896.

Resolved—That a copy of the above resolution be sent with a suitable letter to Earl Beauchamp, all peers resident in the two counties who have seats in the House of Lords, and also to all the members of Parliament for the two counties, asking them to support this resolution in their respective Houses.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL NURSING CERTIFICATES AT CLAYBURY ASYLUM.

Dr. Collins, the Chairman of the London County Council, on the 30th August distributed these certificates to the male and female staff, with an appropriate address on the duty of kindness and gentleness to patients.

IRELAND ON IDIOCY.

Twenty years have elapsed since the publication of Dr. Ireland's book *On Idiocy and Imbecility*. He now desires to give to the world a comprehensive treatise on the *Mental Affections of Children—Idiocy, Imbecility, and Insanity*, which would expose his more mature views and the results of the latest scientific enquiries. As monographs of this kind seldom command a large sale, Dr. Ireland wishes to obtain 200 subscribers before publishing, so that he may be free from pecuniary risks. No book on idiocy has as yet come to a second edition, and there is no book on insanity in children in the English language, though there is one both in German and in French. Dr. Ireland has already sent circulars to the members of the Medico-Psychological Association, and nearly 20 per cent. of these members have already kindly subscribed, but it will be more difficult to get the second hundred. The book will contain about 300 pages octavo, with illustrations, and the price to subscribers will be eight shillings on delivery. Write for copies to Dr. W. W. Ireland, Mavisbush House, Polton, Midlothian.

MALE NURSES' (TEMPERANCE) CO-OPERATION.

The third annual report of this society testifies to the success which it has attained.

The average earnings per man for the year, after paying all expenses, has been £101 18s. 2d.

The staff has been more than doubled, so that now more than one hundred men are steadily employed and further increase is contemplated.

A sick fund has been established during the year.

We heartily wish success to this development of co-operation, and trust it will continue to maintain the high standard of character which distinguishes its members.