

the annoyance and suffering entailed by a prolonged struggle in getting "the truth" made manifest, is almost to be expected, although a more combative attitude might be of advantage to others.

The sympathy shown by this Association has been fully appreciated by the person principally affected, and has probably not been without influence on some of those who were associated in the infliction of what appeared to be a gross injustice.

The Handbook for Attendants.

The *Handbook* has now been thoroughly revised, and is in process of printing. The publishers will probably be enabled to have it ready for distribution soon after this number of the JOURNAL is in the hands of our readers. As their stock has been exhausted for some time, and the demand continues urgent, we make special acknowledgment of the energy and labour bestowed upon the production of the fourth edition by the Committee, and we trust that the improvements made will still further secure that confidence of teachers and nurses which has been so freely bestowed in the past.

PART II.—REVIEWS.

The Eighth Annual Report of the State Commission in Lunacy of the State of New York, U.S.A., October 1st, 1895, to September 30th, 1896. Pp. 1335.

THIS report, like its predecessors, affords much interesting reading to all who are eager to study the treatment of the insane from all points of view. The statistical parts of the bulky volume show that insane people group themselves in incidence of particular forms of disease, in recovery, in death, very much on the same lines in New York as they do here. The chief point of interest, however, lies in noting where general administration differs in the two countries. It may be said at once that the whole volume testifies to care and study of the patient, and to his interests being carried out in the most praiseworthy method. This particular report brings with it the record of a completed scheme, begun