

be a piece of detached bone, broken off by muscular action, or by the strain on the ligaments at the time of the accident. He lay several weeks with the leg in splints, but without recovering the use of the knee. The case was one of doubt, many of the surgeons who saw it thinking it a case of loose cartilage. As the boy was a harmless imbecile and much improved, we applied for his admission to the Cambridge Hospital, and he was discharged on trial. The case was operated upon by Dr. Humphry with very great skill, and the foreign body proved to be a piece of detached bone with articular cartilage on one side. The case has now gone on without a bad symptom, and the boy will shortly return to the asylum. Dr. Humphry considers the case unique."

*Second Annual Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Joint Counties Asylum, Carmarthen.* FRANCIS WILTON, Esq., Medical Superintendent.

THIS new asylum for the counties of Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke, contained, on the last day of the year, 60 males and 39 females, in all 99 patients. The medical superintendent reports that in the early part of August several patients were attacked with choleraic diarrhoea, from which three died.

The asylum has not been opened for the reception of patients very many months; but Mr. Wilton has already introduced recreation of all kinds; and croquet, dropball, football, quoiting, and cricket, have been the out-door games; whilst battledore and shuttlecock, bowls, cards, bagatelle, draughts, &c., have formed the principal in-door amusements. Moreover, the Commissioners report most favorably on the asylum, which has not been opened without great and many difficulties.

*The Report of the Committee of Visitors, Superintendent, and Chaplain, of the Cheshire Lunatic Asylum.* HENRY LEWIS HARPER, M.D., Medical Superintendent.

THIS asylum contained, on the 31st December, 238 males and 243 females, in all 481; and the committee "feel gratified in being able to report that under the superintendency of Dr. Harper," who has recently succeeded Dr. Brushfield, "the affairs of the asylum have been conducted in a satisfactory manner." The asylum is quite full, and the numbers are increasing at the rate of 40 per annum; therefore application was made to the guardians of all the unions in the county to know whether they could receive certain of the lunatics into their unions, under the section in the recent Act of Parliament; but in no case was there the requisite accommodation, consequently the committee are about to enlarge the asylum.

Dr. Harper remarks, in his report, that one patient, a man, on