

name came prominently before the public at the time of President Carnot's assassination. He translated Taylor's monumental work, published various medico-legal studies of his own, and was one of the editors of the *Archives d'Anthropologie Criminelle*. He was a charming writer, and wrote several volumes on his travels and on music. He was also an accomplished musician and composer. Almost his last labour was the translation of Dr. Arthur Macdonald's *Le Criminel-Type*, lately noticed in the Journal. His courteous assistance and refined hospitality were always at the service of English visitors, and his death will sever a link between French and English science. He died last autumn at the age of 49.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH.

##### *Proposed International Commission on Lunacy.*

Mr. Kenny asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the magnitude of the annual increase in the number of lunatics, as shown in the Parliamentary paper issued during the recess, he would take measures to promote an International Commission of Inquiry into the subject of the general increase of insanity, with the object of devising means to arrest its progress.—Sir Matthew White Ridley replied that he had no evidence in his possession to lead him to believe that any practical result would follow the appointment of such a Commission, but he was prepared to receive representations on the subject from the hon. member.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20TH.

##### *Treatment of Lunatics in Ireland.*

Mr. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said, in reply to a question, that the subject of the admission and treatment of inmates in workhouses in Ireland engaged his careful attention during the recess in connection with the general question of workhouse administration in Ireland. It was true that in some workhouses harmless epileptics were sent to the lunatic wards, and the Local Government Board often pointed out to guardians that this was not a desirable arrangement. It had been frequently explained in answer to questions in the House that destitute persons of unsound mind were sent to Irish workhouses without either legal warrant or committal, and if unable to take care of themselves they were detained and not allowed to take their discharge. Restraint was only employed in workhouses, as in all civil hospitals, by order of the responsible medical officer, who directed that it should be imposed when he deemed it necessary for the safety of the patient or those about him. The Local Government Board had, however, always advised guardians that when a lunatic in a workhouse was so violent as to require restraint the guardians should endeavour to have him or her committed to the asylum. He might add that the Government had under consideration the introduction of a Bill for facilitating amalgamation of workhouses and for making better provision for certain classes of the destitute poor in Ireland.

##### *Lunacy Statistics.*

Sir Matthew White Ridley, answering a question put to him by Mr. Hobhouse, said that the increase in the number of lunatics in England and Wales during the years 1885-93 was 15.5 per cent. and in Ireland 21.8 per cent. The increase in England and Wales during 1893 and 1894 was 2.5 and 2.3 per cent. respectively, and in Ireland during 1894 and 1895 together it was 5.7 per cent. He was not in possession of the figures for Scotland. The question of the causes to which this increase was due had engaged the attention of the Lunacy Boards of all three countries.

## MONDAY, MARCH 9TH.

*Inveterate Misdemeanants and Inebriates.*

The Lord Advocate informed Mr. Pickersgill that the question as to how far the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Inveterate Misdemeanants and Inebriates can be given effect to is at present engaging the consideration of the Secretary for Scotland in conjunction with the Home Secretary.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH.

*The Care of Pauper Lunatics.*

Mr. Brookfield asked the President of the Local Government Board whether any representations had reached him in favour of extending the Exchequer contribution of 4s. per head in respect of pauper lunatics in county asylums to the maintenance of pauper lunatics returned to workhouse wards after curative treatment, and whether he would carefully consider the feasibility of making the necessary alteration in the law with this object in view.—Mr. Chaplin replied: I have received a large number of communications in favour of a grant being made by the County Councils in respect of certain classes of pauper lunatics maintained in workhouses, and the subject is receiving my consideration.

## NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

*Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing.*

Ninety-five candidates applied for admission to the November Examination for this Certificate. Of this number 84 were successful, eight failed to satisfy the Examiners, and three withdrew.

The following is a list of the successful candidates:—

*Warwick County Asylum.*—*Females:* Harriett Buswell, Ada Cowland, Ruth Coates, Jane Jones, Harriett Kirk, Gertrude Ladbroke, Fanny E. Robbins.

*North Riding Asylum, Clifton, York.*—*Females:* Angela Brooks, Alice Cooper, Sylvia Large, Elizabeth Yates. *Males:* Charles Best, Ralph Colegrave, Robert Frain, Hogarth John Lord, Walter Over, John Ryan, William Stenning, George White.

*Bristol Borough Asylum.*—*Females:* Annie Charlotte Flook, Eva Smith. *Male:* Joseph Albert Bryant.

*Bethnal House Asylum, London.*—*Males:* William Robert Hegerty, Frederick Meek, John Morrison, Alfred William Street, Wilfred Williams.

*Coton Hill Asylum, Stafford.*—*Females:* Bertha Addison, Sarah Crinean, Mary A. Cartwright, Lizzie Hall, Louisa Smith. *Male:* William Emery.

*County Asylum, Stafford.*—*Females:* Alice Maud Haimes, Mary A. Brough, Sarah Dunn, Fanny Dukes, Annie Poulston, Theresa Wilson.

*St. Luke's Hospital, London.*—*Females:* Fanny Sexton, Florence Stuart Zerfass.

*Halliford House Asylum, Sunbury.*—*Male:* Thomas Burrows.

*Moorcroft Asylum, Uxbridge.*—*Male:* Alfred Hall.

*Argyle and Bute District Asylum.*—*Female:* Mary Peters. *Males:* William Rattray, William Allan, Malcolm Haggart.

*Burgh Asylum, Paisley.*—*Females:* Charlotte Gray, Agnes Kröger, Jessie Paterson. *Males:* Thomas Freebairn, John Mitchell, John D. McLeod.

*Perth District Asylum.*—*Females:* Margaret Cameron, Grace Munroe, Jane Stuart, Catherine Ward. *Males:* John Fraser, James McKenzie, Robert Stuart.

*Roxburgh District Asylum.*—*Females:* Alice Keith, Jane Ann McFarlane. *Males:* Charles Henderson, John Thomson.