

as essential to their proper treatment. We recognise that in so large an Institution there must be some devolution of the latter duty upon the subordinate Medical Staff, but the Medical Superintendent should still remain in full touch with all his patients, and be thoroughly conversant with the progress of every case. We must add also that there has not been on Dr. Philipps' part the strict observance of the requirements of the Lunacy Law which we regard as most important. We refer more particularly to the reception, as boarders, of persons undoubtedly insane, and who should have instead been admitted as duly certified patients in conformity with the provisions of the Act.

The recently revised Regulations of the Hospital, which will shortly be submitted for the sanction of the Secretary of State, contain a provision requiring the Medical Superintendent daily to visit all parts of the Institution and see every patient, the due observance of which requirement will, we trust, ensure the full and accurate personal knowledge and appropriate treatment of each case, and prevent the recurrence of such defects in administration as have been indicated in the course of our inquiries. All of which we submit to the Board.

(Signed) C. S. BAGOT, }  
 (Signed) F. NEEDHAM, } Commissioners in Lunacy.

October 30th, 1895.

[On the 14th Feb. the House of Commons took steps for procuring the public issue of the foregoing Report on the motion of Mr. John Ellis.—Ed.]

#### THE CERTIFICATE IN MENTAL NURSING: RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE OF TRAINED SERVICES.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Joint Counties Asylum, Carmarthen, in January last, it was decided that a bonus of £1 10s. should be added to the wages of every attendant in the service of the asylum who should pass the examination for the above Certificate, at the end of each completed year of service after taking the Certificate. The thirteen candidates successful at the examination last May were presented at a Quarterly Meeting with their Certificates, framed by the Committee's directions, and with the medals.

The plan of recognising by a pecuniary addition (varying in amount in different institutions) the value of trained services has been adopted already at several (a dozen or more) asylums.

#### MALE NURSES (TEMPERANCE) CO-OPERATION.

The report of this Association for the year 1895-6 shows that the average earnings of each member working throughout the year was £101 16s., after paying all expenses. This result, moreover, is arrived at not by excessive, but by moderate charges and a careful limitation of the costs of management, which in too many nursing institutes deprive the workers of a very large percentage of their earnings.

This Association therefore appears to be worthy of support, both by the medical profession and the best class of male nurses.

#### ASSOCIATION OF ASYLUM WORKERS.

We have been favoured with a copy of the Executive Committee's memorandum to asylum workers.

"The Association has been initiated under the most favourable auspices, and bids fair to become a National movement. The hope is justified that the *Asylum Workers' Association* will, at no distant date, hold a place in the public estimation and regard similar to that held by the *Hospital Nurses' Association*. The Association is fortunate in the many expressions of sympathy and goodwill it has already received from the official and general public.

"President:—Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., F.R.S. Vice-Presidents:—The Lord Bishop of London, Cardinal Vaughan, C. S. Bagot, Esq. (Lunacy Commissioner), Dr. Needham (Lunacy Commissioner), Dr. Wallis (Lunacy