A table showing clearly the marked and easily recognised varieties of cases of congenital, epileptic, general paralytic, puerperal, and senile insanity would be of practical use when taken in conjunction with the ages of the resident patients at the end of each year.

I do not at all see why this series of tables should be limited to thirteen. The recognised incompleteness of the present series has caused them to be supplemented in many reports by exceedingly useful tables.

I regret to have to say that the proposed series savours more of the actuary than the physician.

The proposed tables were at last general meeting referred for discussion to the quarterly meetings. They have been discussed at three meetings in the north, and, as a whole, the tenor of the remarks was not favourable. They have never been discussed at the London meetings, although placed on the agenda—a matter much to be regretted.

I trust that this matter may receive careful consideration from the English County Asylum Superintendents who form the bulk of the members, who might be inconvenienced if the tables prove to be exceeded in value by the labour of making them.

I would, while expressing my thanks to the Statistical Committee, respectfully suggest that the subject of statistical returns be reconsidered, and that a greater aim and wider scope be included. There *should* be no difference of opinion of note as to a series of tables about to be promulgated by a *select* Committee of a Society such as ours is at present.

I venture to hope that as I contributed a paper on the subject of statistics in our Journal in 1873, and as the report of the asylum I superintend contains at least as much statistical information as most reports, the above remarks will not be imputed either to lack of scientific zeal or to laziness.

Garlands Asylum, May 25th, 1882.

I am, &c.,
J. A. CAMPBELL, M.D., F.R.S.E.

[The English Statistical Committee had not at the above date concluded its labours. Dr. Campbell will find most of his suggestions do not apply to the Tables in their revised form, as proposed at the last meeting of the Committee.—EDS.]

ASSAULT ON DR. ORANGE.

Our readers will have learnt with great regret from the newspapers that, on Monday, June 6th, Dr. Orange received a severe blow on the head from a patient in Broadmoor, the Rev. H. J. Dodwell, the man who fired a pistol at the Master of the Rolls several years ago. Mr. Dodwell had made a request to Dr. Orange respecting a letter which he said he wished to write to a brother residing abroad, and while the doctor was seated in a chair and was engaged in looking over some papers which Mr. Dodwell had asked him to read, the latter, who was standing by his side, suddenly and without the slightest warning dealt him a heavy blow on the crown of the head with a stone slung in a handkerchief. Happily Dr. Orange, although somewhat stunned, was able to hold his assailant, and prevent him from inflicting any further injury, until he was secured by the attendants. The motive which prompted the act appears to have been similar to that which instigated the firing of the pistol at the Master of the Rolls. Dodwell says that more than a year ago he had made up his mind that as the firing of a pistol not loaded with ball at the Master of the Rolls had not proved sufficient to obtain for him what he imagined was justice, he should be forced to commit some still more serious act, and he came to the conclusion that nothing less than an act of murder would be sufficient to deliver him from the conspiracy of which he insanely imagines himself the victim.

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We are glad to know that Dr. Orange has been steadily recovering from the effects of the blow. No bad symptoms appeared, but quietly staying in bed was enjoined by his medical colleagues, Drs. Nicholson and Isaacs, and Dr. Bastian.

We are sure that the feeling of every member of the Association will be in accord with our own, in expressing regret that Dr. Orange should have been subjected to so dangerous an attack, and satisfaction that he has escaped (as at the present time he appears to have done) any serious consequences. The case affords another proof of the risks to which the superintendents of our asylums are liable.

Appointments.

MITCHELL, RICHARD BLACKWELL, M.B., C.M.Ed., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Fife and Kinross District Lunatic Asylum.

HAMMOND, THOMAS, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., to be Resident Clinical Assistant to the West Riding Asylum.

WOOLLETT, SIDNEY WINSLOW, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., to be Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Banstead Asylum.

COX, LLEWELYN FREDERICK, M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer Wilts Asylum, to be Medical Superintendent of the North Wales Counties Asylum, Denbigh.

HITCHCOCK, CHARLES KNIGHT, M.D., M.A.Cantab., to be Resident Clinical Student at Bethlem Royal Hospital for six months.

HOLDSWORTH, ARTHUR T., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Leicestershire and Rutland County Asylum.

SALTER, JOHN REYNOLDS, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., to be Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent Asylum.

COMPTON, THOMAS J., M.B., C.M.Aberd., to be Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Norfolk Asylum.

MCWILLIAM, ALEX., M.A., M.B., C.M.Aberd., to be Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Norfolk Asylum, *vice* T. J. Compton, promoted.

BLAXLAND, HERBERT, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., to be Medical Superintendent of Calland Park Hospital for the Insane, Parramatta, New South Wales.

HUMPHREY, G. MURRAY, M.D.Cantab., F.R.C.S.E., to be Senior Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots.

MACBRYAN, HENRY C., F.R.C.P.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer South Yorkshire Asylum, Wadsly, to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Staffordshire County Asylum, Burntwood, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

DAVIS, A. N., L.R.C.P., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Portsmouth Asylum, *vice* J. F. Woods, M.R.C.S., resigned.

Change of Address.

Dr. Brushfield's new address is The Cliff, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

We regret that a review of Luys on the Brain, the American Retrospect, and the Psychological Retrospect, have been unavoidably left over to the October number.—[EDS.]

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