amusements, diminishes noise and violence. He comes to no conclusion on the points at issue as regards nursing administration, except a word of praise consequent upon his personal observations, and it is interesting to note that he bears testimony to the efficiency of the pathological work being done in our asylum laboratories. Professor Meyer describes his visits to boarded-out patients in Scotland, and his verdict is favourable, viz. that the insane are well cared for under this system. He concludes that the administration of this great State department affords many suggestions, and deserves the earnest attention of his colleagues in Germany.

Dr. W. W. Ireland.

We heartily join in the congratulations with which Dr. Ireland's many friends greeted him on the attainment of his professional jubilee. This JOURNAL for many years has had the advantage of his kind and careful aid. No contributor has worked more steadily to produce what is of sterling interest to our readers. The volume and the importance of his work have been widely recognised, and it is most fitting that in the evening of his laborious life his colleagues should place on record their appreciation of his worth and abilities. The expression of their esteem has taken the form of an illuminated address of the highest artistic merit, and the sum of money which accompanied that gift has been reported as satisfactory to the committee charged with the arrangements. We understand that it will probably be used in the production of certain of his literary works which still await publication, and venture to hope that a frontispiece portrait of Dr. Ireland will be found in one of the volumes as a souvenir of this interesting occasion.

A Serious Situation.

In our "Notes and News" column we have given at considerable length an account extracted from a local newspaper of recent proceedings of the Monaghan Asylum Committee. The doings of Irish Asylum Committees are often unintelligible and incoherent, but are sometimes tinged with a wild comicality which renders it impossible to take them quite seriously. Here,

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