The registration of lunatics is a subject on which the author has entered into much detail; and it is one, the importance of which will challenge the attention of the reader to the scheme proposed. This scheme, by the way, involves the appointment of special medical officers, whose duties, as proposed district officials, are largely reviewed in the following chapter.

The duties of the Lunacy Commission constitute the subject of chapter x.; and the proposition is, to divide to a certain extent, the Commission into a deliberative permanent central council, and a board of inspectors. To carry out his views, and to secure an efficient supervision of the welfare of the insane generally, whether in asylums, workhouses, or private houses, the author points out the absolute need of an increased staff.

In conclusion, we very heartily recommend the work to our readers. The amount and accuracy of the information contained in its pages, would alone make its publication important during the present unsettled state of lunacy law; and, although, on some points the suggestions of the author for the improvement of the law are open to question, they will always be found worthy of attentive consideration, as emanating from an earnest, thoughtful, and highly instructed mind. The work, we observe, is dedicated by permission, to the Right Honorable the Earl of Shaftesbury.

APPOINTMENTS.

DR. EATON, late of the Stafford Asylum, to be Resident Physician of the District Asylum, Ballinasloe.

MR. ARTHUR R. HARRISON, M. R. C. S., E., and L. S. A., to be Assistant Medical Officer to the Essex Asylum. (*Not Mr. Richardson as reported in the last No.*)

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