THE "WESTMINSTER REVIEW" AND PRIVATE ASYLUMS.

The number for December contains a reply to an attack on Private Asylums in a previous number of the same Journal. The attack was made by an ex-M.P., Mr. W. G. Corbet, well-known for his essays on the increase of insanity in this country. There appears to have been of late a recrudescence of the bitter feeling against these establishments. A remarkably coarse and ignorant attack recently appeared in one of the London evening papers, which, however, only made itself ridiculous by taking as an illustration of the ill-deeds done by Private Asylums, an institution which is a Registered Hospital!

The reply to Mr. Corbet's article has happily fallen into hands able to repel the attack, those, namely, of Dr. Pietersen. The language is calm and dignified, and as the writer had all the facts at his command there was no occasion for him to do more than bring them into prominent relief. The paper has reached us while the Journal is going through the press. We cannot therefore do more than refer our readers to the "Westminster Review" itself. The stigma which still attaches to licensed houses and their proprietors adheres to them with singular tenacity, on the principle, we suppose, of once giving a dog a bad name.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The next General Meeting of the Association will be held on the third Thursday in February, 1895, at Worcester. Further details will be given in the circular to be issued later on.

FLETCHER BEACH,
Hon. General Secretary.

THE SCOTTISH DIVISION

Of the Association will hold a Meeting in Glasgow on the second Thursday in March next.

A. R. TURNBULL,
Divisional Secretary for Scotland.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Western Division will be held at Bristol on Thursday, April 4th, 1895.

P. W. MACDONALD,
Divisional Secretary.

Appointments.

BATHURST, LULLUM WOOD, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the London County Asylum, Hanwell.

EASTERBROOK, CHARLES C., M.A., M.B., C.M., appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh.

GOODFREY, C. G., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Eng., L.F.P.S.Glas., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Acting Medical Superintendent to the Ballarat Lunatic Asylum, Victoria, South Australia.

MACDONALD, G. B. D., M.B., Ch.M.Aberd., appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Woogaroo Asylum, Queensland.

PAWLETT, T. L., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Cornwall County Asylum, Bodmin.

WATT, NEISH PARK, M.A., M.B.Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Dundee.

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