THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INSANITY.

We note with interest that the January number of this well-conducted Journal is printed and bound in the Utica State Hospital for the Insane. The reason for this is a very commendable one—that of giving occupation to the patients and of maintaining the Journal typographically on a footing of independence. We cordially wish success to our contemporary under the able editorship of Dr. Alder Blumer. In this connection we may observe that the above Hospital completed its semi-centenary on January 16th, 1893.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE EXAMINATION.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE.

At the St. John Ambulance Examination recently held at the Derby County Asylum, Mickleover, on 13th February, the result of which was made known on 6th March, 58 members of the staff went in for examination, of whom 55 successfully passed, including the two head attendants and all the attendants and nurses who were candidates.

Three candidates were rejected on account of having failed to satisfy the Examiner, Dr. J. W. Martin, Sheffield.

Lectures on General and Mental Nursing are to follow preparatory to examination for the nursing certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

AMERICAN MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

We are requested to call attention to the annual meeting of the above Association, so that the alienists of Great Britain and Ireland who are likely to attend the World's Fair at Chicago may have the further inducement to cross the Atlantic in order to be present. The date is June 6th continuing three days. On the 12th the Sessions of the International Congress will begin.

The Secretary of the American Medico-Psychological Association is Dr. Henry M. Hurd, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

THE WORLD'S CONGRESS AUXILIARY.

The International Congress of Charities, Correction, and Philanthropy will be held June 12-18, 1893, at Chicago. Section 4 deals with "The Commitment, Detention, Care, and Treatment of the Insane." The Chairman is Dr. Alder Blumer, the Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, Utica, and the Secretary Dr. A. B. Richardson, Superintendent of the Asylum, Columbus. It is hoped that it will be a truly international gathering for conference on the subjects allotted to this section. All who are interested in them are cordially invited to be present and to take part in the discussions. Those who are desirous of reading papers are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

"THE BLOT ON THE BRAIN."

We are glad to see that a new edition of this valuable work will be issued before long. This is all the more satisfactory when it is notorious that publications bearing upon mental disease meet with little encouragement. On the covers of most of them might be inscribed "Much toil and little gain." Dr. Ireland's writings are calculated to enlighten the reading public in regard to the true nature of many of the striking events which have been performed upon the stage of the world's history, being based upon psychological knowledge and a keen scientific insight into character, and merit success.

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