there are, at fixed hours, consultations held on poor patients by physicians and surgeons connected with London hospitals.

We can only say that for assistant medical officers to asylums such opportunities are invaluable, for we all know the danger of specialism, and the need for medical men connected with asylums to be able to grasp the whole medical aspect of their cases. We believe there is a great future for this College.

Recent Metropolitan Lunacy Scandals.

The St. Pancras Board of Guardians are reported to have discovered that their pauper lunatics have been sent to Hoxton House and Bethnal House Asylum, where they were paid for at the rate of two guineas per week instead of 19*s.* 3*d.*, which is the rate at other private asylums.

The Relieving Officers, it is alleged, have been in the habit of receiving "tips" of from ten shillings to two pounds for each patient taken to these institutions.

Whether this be true or not, there must be a scandalous want of supervision of the Relieving Officers, who have thus been enabled to put the parish to an unnecessary expense of about £6000 a year.

The Relieving Officers are also stated to have received bribes, varying from one to five shillings, from medical men certifying in lunacy cases.

The procedure in both respects has been the same; the asylum or the medical man who would not give the bribe has been rigidly excluded. No excuse can be made for the medical men, but the parochial authorities are certainly to be condemned for leaving the selection of the certifying medical practitioner and of the asylum to officials of the stamp of the ordinary relieving officer.

We understand that the Lunacy Commissioners are probably to hold an inquiry in regard to these allegations, which have been referred to in the House of Commons, and have been discussed by the St. Pancras Board of Guardians.

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