that, for the cases suggested by Dr. Brushfield, it is not only sufficient but preferable; for drinking abundantly of new milk will be found not to suit so well as skimmed, which is more easily digested, and can be taken in larger quantities. Prejudice and custom at least (and who can disregard them?) have firmly fixed the opinion that an Englishman can't do without his beer.

The most important conclusions are that the average cost of all stimulants at Brookwood is far below the average of asylums; that the cost is lower than at the neighbouring asylum, and that in asylums where beer is done away with in ordinary diet, the cost for extra stimulants is high. These facts seem to us to show that Dr. Brushfield is not arguing without facts in his favour. But apart from that, the action of the Chairman is open to criticism on account of its being without precedent, because he enters on the discussion of medical questions, because a Chairman has no separate authority apart from the Committee over which he presides, and because the proceeding is calculated to undermine the authority of the official head of the administration.

SOCIETÀ FRENIATRICA ITALIANA.

The Third General Congress of this Society will meet at Reggio d'Emilia, from the 23rd to the 29th September.

Dr. Biffi, Corso S. Celso, Milan, is the Honorary Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, 1880.

The thirty-fifth ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the College of Physicians, Pall Mall, London, on Friday, July 30, 1880, under the Presidency of George W. Mould, M.R.C.S.

Appointments.

ATKINSON, R., B.A., F.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum.

TREW, W. S., M.B., C.M., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Warwick County Asylum.

FULLERTON, R., B.Ch., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the City and County Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, near Bristol.

TAYLOR, H. G., M.B., M.R.C.S.E., etc., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties, *vice* Playfair, resigned.

WALMSLEY, F. H., M.D., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Leavesden Asylum.

DR. J. R. DE WOLF, late of Halifax, Nova Scotia, requests that all communications for him should be addressed to the care of J. Sandifer, Esq., 186, Strand, London.

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P. 88, line 20, for 5050, 4950, *read* 5050.
P. 105, line 38, for 100 and 150, *read* 133 and 200.

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