massed together in our County Asylums, the violent and unrestrained habits, accompanied by extreme muscular weakness, of many, the low vital energy of nearly all, and the probably increased fragility of the bones in some cases, it is almost a marvel that more accidents do not occur.

Statistics of Insanity.

In the last Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy for England we are glad to see the following remarks with regard to the tables suggested by the Medico-Psychological Association:—

Regarding the system of registering the facts of insanity at present pursued in the county and borough asylums, and in the lunatic hospitals in England and Wales, we have satisfaction in stating that the tables suggested by the Medico-Psychological Association, and recommended for that purpose in our Report of 1868, are now in use in 36 asylums, and also in the criminal asylum at Broadmoor; as well as, partially, in four more; and the superintendents of five asylums in which the tables have not been used, have expressed their intention or willingness to employ them in future. They have not been, nor have any intention been expressed that they will be, adopted in the asylums at Hanwell, Lancaster, and Stafford. We have on previous occasions intimated our opinion that, for the purpose of obtaining correct records of insanity, and for facilitating statistical comparison, it is most important that a uniform system of registration should be employed. We trust that the visitors of the asylums last referred to will assist the endeavours of the Commissioners to attain their object by adopting the tables recommended by them.

PART II.—REVIEWS.

The Prophetic Spirit in its Relation to Wisdom and Madness. By the Rev. Augustus Clissold, M.A. London: Longman & Co., 1870. pp. 326.

"Science," says the author of this book, "is everywhere invading the province of revelation; the material is everywhere superseding the immaterial; the natural the supernatural. This is particularly the case with the school of medico-psychology. Certainly, the present course of human

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