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Letter from Baron Mundy, M.D., of Moravia.

PARIS; January 1st, 1865.

SIR,—Since my resolution, proposed at the last General Annual Meeting of the Association (14th July, 1864), was accepted, all I have heard from friends, and experienced by facts, induced me to believe that, under the actual circumstances, it would be impossible to carry out my motion practically and with a useful result.

I therefore give you duly notice that, for my part, I withdraw my motion, hoping that in a future and more proper time a better man than I, and perhaps an Englishman, will carry out what I honestly endeavoured.

The members of the committee will kindly excuse the lateness of this notice, caused by a prolonged scientific journey on the Continent.

I feel obliged to renew my thanks to all the members who took interest in my motion, and, in particular, to Dr. Robertson, who seconded it, as well as to all the proposed members of the Committee.

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. MUNDY, M.D., *of Moravia.*

DR. HARRINGTON TUKE,
Hon. Sec. to the Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane.

Publications Received.

'Clinical Observations on Functional Nervous Disorders.' By C. Handfield Jones, M.B. Cantab., F.R.S., Physician to St. Mary's Hospital. John Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street, pp. 385. *See Part II, 'Reviews.'*

'Pathological and Practical Researches on the various forms of Paralysis.' By Edward Meryon, M.D., F.R.C.P., late Lecturer on Comparative Anatomy

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'Medical Errors. Fallacies connected with the Application of the Inductive Method of Reasoning to the Science of Medicine.' By A. W. Barclay, M.D. Cantab. and Edin., Physician to St. George's Hospital. John Churchill and Sons, 1865. *See Part II, 'Reviews.'*

'Sur les Divers Modes de l'Assistance Publique appliquée aux Aliénés. Discours prononcé dans les séances de la Société Médico-Psychologique à Paris, le 26 Décembre, 1864, et le 16 Janvier, 1865.' Par le Docteur J. Mundy, de Moravie, Membre Etranger de Ladite Société et de celle des Aliénistes de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, pp. 60. Paris, 1865. *See Part I, Original Articles,' "On the means of Extending the Public Asylum System: a Sequel."*

'The Legal Doctrine of Responsibility in relation to Insanity.' (A Paper read at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, held at York, September, 1864.)

'Climacteric Insanity.' By Francis Skae, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., formerly one of the Assistant-Physicians to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. (Read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, January 18th, 1865).

'A General Review of the subject of Capital Punishment.' By William Tallack, Secretary to the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment (pamphlet).

'Speculative Philosophy.' An introductory Lecture delivered at the opening of the Class of Logic and Rhetoric in the University of Glasgow, November 1, 1864. By John Veitch, M.A. Blackwoods, Edinburgh, 1864.

'The Insanity of George Victor Townley.' By C. Black, M.D. Lond., &c., &c. London: F. Pitman, 20, Paternoster Row, 1865, pp. 34 (pamphlet).

'Du Suicide, et de la Folie Suicide.' Par A. Brierre de Boismont. Deuxième édition, revue et augmentée. Paris, 1865, pp. 763. (*Will be fully reviewed in our July number.*)

'For and against Tobacco.' By Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., &c. &c. John Churchill and Sons, 1865, pp. 75. *A most able essay.*

'Ideas, Opinions, and Facts.' No. I, "Clerical Celibacy;" No II, "Convents and Lunatic Asylums." Robert Hardwicke, 192, Piccadilly, 1865. (*Two of a promised series of religious controversial tracts. Their literary merits are small.*)

'The Spirit of Nursing: an Essay.' By Harry Jones, M.A., Incumbent of St. Luke's, Berwick Street, Soho. Robert Hardwicke, 192, Piccadilly (pamphlet). *A reprint from the author's 'Holiday Papers.' An interesting and suggestive essay.*

'Mary Ryan.' Return to an Address of the Honorable the House of Commons, dated 23rd February, 1865, for "Copy of Official Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government relative to the abduction of a nun named Mary Ryan." *See 'Journal of Mental Science,' January, 1865; "English Patients in Foreign Asylums: a Sequel."*

'The Personal Responsibility of the Insane.' By James F. Duncan, M.D., T.C.D., &c., &c. Dublin, 1865, pp. 98.

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'On Primary Cancer of the Brain: an Inquiry into its Pathology, with Statistics as to its Frequency, and Illustrative Cases. By G. Mackenzie Bacon, M.D., Assistant-Physician, Cambridge County Asylum. John Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street (pamphlet).

Appointments.

G. Fielding Blandford, M.B. Oxon., M.R.C.P., has been appointed Lecturer on Lunacy at St. George's Hospital.

F. Sutton, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Norfolk County Asylum.

J. A. Eames, M.D., to be Resident Physician to the Letterkenny Lunatic Asylum.

James Davidson, M.B. Aberdeen, to be Resident Medical Officer of the Banffshire District Asylum.

J. B. Tuke, M.D. Edin., Assistant-Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Fife and Kinross District Asylum.

Obituary.

At 81, Curzon Street, on the 10th of March, Thomas Turner, Esq., M.D. Cantab., F.R.C.P., late Commissioner in Lunacy, and formerly Treasurer of the College, and Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

In the 'Journal of Mental Science,' for January, 1856, *our late Editor paid the following tribute to Dr. Turner's merits, and which, now that he has gone to his eternal rest, we gladly endorse.* "*Dr. Turner*" (*wrote Dr. Bucknill*) "*retires from the Commission full of years and honours; and all who have the pleasure of knowing this thoroughly kind-hearted and accomplished physician will unite in heartily wishing him the enjoyment of many years of health and well-earned repose. Dr. Turner's visits of inspection to asylums were always agreeable incidents to superintendents, and were often instructive. His demeanour on such occasions was gentlemanly and considerate. He was influenced by no narrow or one-sided views of his duty, and he was ever prepared, not only to defend the interests and to promote the well-being of the patients, but also to acknowledge the just claims and to appreciate the difficulties of those who had charge of them.*"

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane will be held in London, probably on the first Thursday in July, under the Presidency of William Wood, M.D. F.R.C.P.,

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