visit to the University Clinic at Moscow was made in company with Dr. Moquelevitch, of Moscow, and whether the gentleman who took us round was named Dr. Korsakoff or some other name I now forget, but I trust the description of that person in my article as a "most courteous and able specialist" will be allowed to stand correct.—ROBERT JONES.]

"THE NANNERCH INSTITUTION."

This is the title of a proposed new Institution for the Treatment of Mental Diseases, near Mold, North Wales. We have received a circular, asking our co-operation in forming there "*A Private Asylum and Retreat for Middle-Class Patients.*" A Form of Application for Shares accompanies the circular. The Shares are £1 each; the Debentures £10.

The circular is signed by the General Manager, J. Herbert Wilkinson, the offices being at 5, Norfolk Street, Manchester. We believe these documents have been widely circulated.

No doubt medical men, being aware that the new Lunacy Act forbids the granting any fresh licenses for private asylums, must have felt no small surprise in receiving a circular which entirely ignores this fact, and proposes to obtain the subscriptions of persons applying for an allotment of Shares.

We immediately wrote to Mr. Wilkinson for an explanation. The reply was to the effect that the Company purpose to make a special application for a License as soon as "we get the necessary capital." All we can say is that it might have been just as well to make this application for a License before, not after, issuing the Form of Application for Shares, or obtaining the capital.

Obituary.

DR. T. B. CHRISTIE.

Dr. Thomas B. Christie, C.I.E., died on the 15th January, 1892. He had but recently retired from the post of Medical Superintendent of the Royal India Asylum, Ealing, and expired at his residence, Madeley road, not far from the institution which he had directed so long. He was formerly Superintendent of the North Riding Asylum, Clifton, near York. Dr. Christie had an apoplectic attack some years ago, and had been in failing health for some time. His sudden death came, however, as a shock at last, when his friends hoped that with care and the absence of professional work he might enjoy some years of peaceful life after his retirement.

DR. E. S. WILLETT, J.P.

Dr. Edmund Sparshall Willett became the proprietor of the Wyke House Asylum, Isleworth (Middlesex) in 1856, and remained so until his death, on February 20th, at the age of 64. "No private asylum stood higher in public estimation, and it was well known that his patients were treated with all that generous consideration which hospitable Englishmen are accustomed to show towards their private guests. Dr. Willett was an ardent sportsman, and no one was more popular than he in the hunting field and at the covert side. As a Magistrate he knew well how to temper justice with mercy, and his poorer neighbours all found in him a generous friend, ever ready to help them with money and good counsel."—

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