Secretary of the Ladies' Committee, who has evinced much interest in the Association, and who raised an earnest plea on behalf of the establishment of a Home.

The thanks of the meeting—among whom were Miss Twining, Miss Agnes Cotton, Miss Fremantle, Lady Cotton, and others—were conveyed to Lord and Lady Brabazon and to the Earl of Shaftesbury, who remarked that homes for mental convalescents appeared to him to be a necessity; and, in acknowledging the thanks of the meeting, said that he had been for more than fifty years (as Commissioner in Lunacy) connected with kindred work. Dr. Savage having invited the After-Care Association to hold their anniversary for 1885 at Bethlem Hospital, the meeting separated.

THE REPATRIATION OF FOREIGN LUNATICS.

Copies of Dr. Mercier's resolution on the above subject, brought forward and carried at the May meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, having been sent by the Hon. Secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy and other authorities, the following replies (abridged) have been received:—

Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,
19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,
July 9th, 1884.

SIR,—I am requested by Lord Shaftesbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, with reference to a resolution of the Medico-Psychological Association, relating to lunatics in asylums of nationality foreign to their own. Your letter was communicated to the last Board, and the Commissioners in Lunacy directed me to say that they presume that a copy of the resolution has been sent to the Home Office. They believe, however, that the conclusion arrived at by the Government some years since is unaltered, viz., that it would be inexpedient to institute any international scheme of "repatriation" of lunatics.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
CHARLES SP. PERCEVAL,
Secretary.

H. Rayner, Esq., M.D.

Foreign Office,
July 29, 1884.

SIR,—I am directed by Earl Granville to inform you that your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing a resolution passed by the Medico-Psychological Association, respecting the repatriation of pauper lunatics, was referred to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, who state that they would not be averse to a reciprocal arrangement of the kind with foreign Governments.

From past experience, however, their Lordships anticipate that there would be a great difficulty in making any such general arrangement, and they are of opinion that it would probably be impracticable to confine the arrangement to lunatics, and not to extend it to all distressed foreigners.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
J. PAUNCEFOTE.

H. Rayner, Esq., M.D.,
Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Hanwell.

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W.,
11th July, 1884.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Medico-Psychological Association, that it is desirable that arrangements should be made for the transference of persons confined in lunatic asylums of nationality foreign to their own to the country to which they belong.

I am directed to inquire whether the Association are in a position to furnish the Board with any facts as to the number of English lunatics in asylums in foreign countries.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. N. DALTON,
Assistant Secretary.

To H. Rayner, Esq., M.D.,
Middlesex Lunatic Asylum, Hanwell, W.

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