large consumers making up) the asylum community and the large consumers in the general community. I am advised by experienced engineers that among the latter (*e.g.*, the villa residents) 60 gallons per head per diem would be rather an under than an over-estimate.

10. In my opinion 40 gallons of water daily per head of the entire asylum community is decidedly too low an allowance for an asylum community of 300 persons. I doubt very much whether 50 gallons is enough. My experience leads me to recommend that for such a community 60 gallons should be regarded as the minimum quantity when a site for an asylum is being chosen, or when a Board is about to expend money upon, or to become a party to, any arrangement for the satisfactory supply of water to its asylum.

11. For a larger asylum probably a somewhat lower allowance per head would be sufficient; but it would appear from the figures given above that in any case the allowance must be a higher one than that proposed by the Lunacy Commissioners.

12. It should be clearly understood what is intended by the word "minimum." If the water supply is only occasionally restricted to an insufficient "minimum," no great hardship is caused; but no consumer expects to be limited to the "minimum" supply at all times. If the *minimum* supply is that which is procurable during three or four months of dry season yearly, then, to be satisfactory, it must be equivalent to a supply which is *sufficient* for all necessary and proper purposes.

LUNACY IN LONDON.

The London County Council has to encounter great difficulties in dealing with the yearly increasing numbers of insane patients. The Asylum Committee require to exercise skill, tact, discretion in no ordinary degree. Already the accommodation of the various asylums is overstrained, and that in spite of temporary measures. A "normal" rate of increase of 600 patients per annum is an appalling fact; but it must be faced. The whole question was considered at the Nottingham meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, and we shall return to a consideration of the question on the publication of Dr. Rayner's paper on the "Housing of the Insane."

LUNACY IN EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh has been called upon to consider the impossibility of continuing the present arrangements in respect of the insufficiency of the accommodation for the pauper insane. A new asylum is to be built, and an order has been issued by the General Board of Lunacy, with the approval of the Secretary for Scotland, dividing the former Edinburgh City Lunacy District into two new districts. The pauper division of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum will thus be relieved of the pressure on its space by the removal of all patients chargeable to the parishes of Edinburgh, and will in future only receive cases from the parishes of Leith and Duddingston.

DUNDEE AND DUMFRIES ROYAL ASYLUM.

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed of late, in reference to the constitution of the Directorate of these Institutions. At Dundee, the proposal has been made that the Parish Council should acquire the asylum; while at Dumfries a Bill is being promoted in Parliament for the reconstruction of the Board of Management.

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