ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ASYLUMS.

The following circular has been forwarded to the Superintendent of every Asylum in Britain, except Private Asylums. Should any Superintendent not have received one, he is requested to communicate with the undersigned:—

1. Average number of Patients resident during last year (1883).
2. Persons having their Meals in Asylum in addition to Patients.
3. Do you give Beer or any Alcoholic other than medicinally? And if so what is the allowance?
4. If not, do you give any substitute?
5. What was the average weekly cost, per Patient, in 1883, for supplying Alcoholics (including Brewery expenses, when Beer is brewed in Asylum)?
6. What was the expenditure during the above year in—(1) Beer, (2) Porter, and (3) Wine or Spirits, respectively?
7. Are your Attendants and Servants allowed Beer?
8. If not, what, if any, substitute or equivalent do you give?
9. If Beer and other Alcoholics have been disused as a beverage in your Asylum, will you briefly state your views as to the result upon the health of the Patients and the discipline of the Wards?

Please address reply at early convenience to

DR. D. HACK TUKE,
Hanwell, W.

Appointments.

GRANT, HENRY L., Assistant Medical Officer at Garlands Asylum, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Buckingham County Asylum, Stone, near Aylesbury.

HUGGARD, W. R., M.A., M.D., appointed Assistant Physician to the West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Paralysis and Epilepsy.

KING, THOS. RADFORD, M.D.Ed., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent, Hokitika Hospital, New Zealand.

PHILLIPS, SUTHERLAND REES, M.D., M.Ch.Q.U.I., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, St. Ann's Heath, Chertsey.

SCOTT, J. W., late Surgeon R.N., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Hants County Asylum, Knowle, Fareham.

SHELDON, THOS. STEELE, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., Appointed Medical Superintendent of the Chester County Asylum.

SMITH, WM. BEATTIE, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Acting Medical Superintendent of Sunbury Lunatic Asylum, Victoria.

TATHAM, C. J. WILLMER, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., appointed Assistant Medical Officer, Warneford Asylum, Oxford.

ERRATUM.

In the April number—page 40, line 2, for "certain" *read* "uncertain."

We regret being obliged to postpone to a future number a review of the Collected Articles of the late Professor Laségue, of Paris. His "Études Médicales," edited by M. Albert Brun, are in two large tomes, and are a mine of scientific wealth.

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