This is an excellent translation of Prof. Griesinger's able treatise. We understand that a Russian translation is in the press. The work is also being translated into English for the New Sydenham Society.

'De la Melancholie.' Par le Dr. E. du Vivier. Paris, 1864, pp. 250.

This can hardly be termed a medical treatise, still less is it a philosophical one. The author's motto is misplaced, or rather the promise of it is unfulfilled—"oportet adducere medicinam ad philosophiam, et philosophiam ad medicinam."

'Introduction a l'etude de la Medicine experimentale.' Par M. Claude Bernard. Paris, 1865, pp. 400.

It is impossible to speak too highly of M. Claude Bernard's contributions to the science of physiological medicine.

## County Asylum Reports, 1864-5.

(Concluded from the 'Journal of Mental Science,' October, 1865.)

The Committee appointed by the Medico-Physiological Association to report upon "ASYLUM STATISTICS" desire respectfully to call the attention of the Superintendents of the County Asylums to their First Report (with Tables) on "ASYLUM STATISTICS," presented at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, and published in the Journal of Mental Science for October, 1865, and to renew their urgent request that in the annual Reports for 1865 these few and simple tables be adopted, and so the first step be taken towards forming a definite standard for Comparative Asylum Statistics.

- 59. First Annual Report of the Inverness District Lunatic Asylum, May, 1865.
  - 60. Report of the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Montrose, for 1865.
- 61. Annual Report of the Bombay Lunatic Asylum, at Colaba, for the year 1864, by Assistant Surgeon W. Niven, M.D., Superintendent of the Asylum, Bombay, 1865.
  - 62. Report of the Sligo and Leitrim Hospital for the Insane, 1864.
- 63. Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Directors of James Murray's Royal Asylum for Lunatics near Perth, June, 1865.
- 64. Twelfth Annual Report of the County and City of Worcester Pauper Lunatic Asylum, 1865.
- 65. Tavole statistiche triennali, 1862-3-4, del manicomio centrale maschile in S. Servolo di Venezia. Venezia, tipografia Armena di S. Lazzaro, 1865.

## Appointments.

"Office of Commissioners in Lunacy, 19, Whitehall Place, S.W.;
"13th December, 1865.

"SIR,—I am directed to state that Mr. Spring Rice has resigned the office of Secretary to this Commission, and that Charles Palmer Phillips, Esq., Barrister-at-law, has been appointed Secretary in his place.

"I am, Sir,
"Your obedient servant,
"Thos. Martin (for the Secretary)."

Joseph Bayley, M.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Resident Medical Super-intendent to the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum.

- T. N. Brushfield, M.D. St. And., Medical Superintendent of the Cheshire Lunatic Asylum, has been elected to the office of Medical Superintendent of the Surrey Additional Lunatic Asylum, at Brookwood, near Woking.
- J. T. Hingston, M.R.C.S.E, late Assistant Medical Officer North Riding of Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum, has been elected House Surgeon of the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum.
- 11. R. Ley, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Salop and Montgomery Counties' Lunatic Asylum.

Samuel Hyde Macpherson, M.R.C.S., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Borough Lunatic Asylum, St. Augustine's, Norwich.

## Obituary.

At Church Stretton, Shropshire, Samuel Glover Bakewell, M.D. Edin., aged 55, on the 30th August.

At Bethlehem Hospital, William Helps, M.D. St. And., F.R.C.P. Edin., Resident Physician of the Hospital, aged 37, on the 7th November.

At Hardingstone, on the 17th December, Edin Wing, M.D. Lond., late Medical Superintendent of the General Lunatic Asylum, Northampton, aged 47.

## Notice to Correspondents.

English books for review, pamphlets, exchange journals, &c., to be sent either by book-post to Dr. Robertson, Hayward's Heath, Sussex; or to the care of the publishers of the Journal, Messrs. Churchill and Sons, New Burlington Street. French, German, and American publications may be forwarded to Dr. Robertson, by foreign book-post, or to Messrs. Williams and Norgate, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, to the care of their German, French, and American agents, Mr. Hartmann, Leipzig; M. Borrari, 9, Rue de St. Pères, Paris; Messrs. Westermann and Co., Broadway, New York.

The copies of *The Journal of Mental Science* are regularly sent by *Book post* to the ordinary Members of the Association, and to our Home and Foreign Correspondents, and we shall be glad to be informed of any irregularity in their receipt.

The following EXCHANGE JOURNALS have been regularly received since our last publication:

The Annales Medico-Psychologiques; the Zeitschrift für Psychiatrie; the Correspondenz Blatt der deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychyatrie; Archiv für Psychiatrie; the Irren Freund; Journal de Médecine Mentale; Archivio Italiano per le Malattie Nervose e per le Alienazioni Mentali; Medicinische Ahrenlese; Medizinische Jahrbücher; Zeitschrift der K. K. Gesellschaft der Aerzte in Wien;