

## BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

We have received the following circular which Dr. Miller has addressed to the Medical Superintendents of Asylums in England and Wales.

WARWICK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,  
HATTON, NEAR WARWICK;

*November 12th, 1901.*

Dear Sir,—At the April meeting of the North and Midland Division of the Medico-Psychological Association I introduced the subject of the desirability of forming a bureau of information regarding asylum administration.

At the last meeting of the Council in July, a motion was unanimously carried to the effect that I should proceed with the work. Before going further I think it desirable that I should explain the nature of my scheme, and obtain the vote of my fellow superintendents as to whether they are willing to assist me in the matter, as it would be impossible to carry out my object without the assistance of, at all events, a very large proportion of my fellow workers.

The object of the Bureau would be—

1. To receive the original query from any superintendent desiring information.
2. To send out the queries to all asylums.
3. To receive the replies and tabulate the answers in the manner prescribed in the original query.
4. To send the replies to the questioners and to those who have responded to the query.
5. To preserve and publish, if desirable, for circulation among the members these replies, keep them up to date by annual corrections, and to forward a copy to each contributor.
6. A subscription of 10s. 6d. to be charged for the first year, the accounts to be audited by the Association auditors, and the question of future subscription to be considered by the members of the Bureau.

Are you willing to assist me by allowing your queries to pass through my hands on the understanding that—

1. You receive a statement showing the result of your query tabulated to your wishes;
2. That a copy of such tabulated statement be sent to all from whom replies are received;

And that all information in the Bureau be at your service when required?

Believe me, yours faithfully,  
ALFRED MILLER.

## ‘HANDBOOK FOR NURSES AND ATTENDANTS.’

We are requested to state that as the 15,000 copies of the Handbook which have been printed up to the present date are almost sold out, the further issue of 5000 copies has been sanctioned by the Council. It is considered undesirable to introduce at the present moment any such alterations as would necessarily constitute the re-issue of a new edition, since such a step would, to a certain extent, put out of date the many thousand copies now in use. It is felt that the time has not yet come for a thorough revision. Nevertheless the Council considered that some instructions for the prevention of the spread of consumption in asylums might well be added, and a sub-committee (Drs. Spence and Weatherly) was requested to draw them up. They will be printed on a separate sheet and can be readily pasted on the inside of the covers of the book. These will be supplied gratis with the re-issue, and to bring up the existing copies to the same level of usefulness it has been arranged that copies in the same form will be supplied by the publishers (Messrs. Baillière and Co., 8, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden) on receipt of a stamped and addressed wrapper. It is suggested that medical superintendents should cause such application to be made in respect of all the copies now in use at their respective asylums.