

Association, having been for several years Irish Secretary. Dr. Courtenay has passed through a full apprenticeship in our specialty. He was Clinical Assistant at the West Riding Asylum, and subsequently was Assistant Medical Officer at the Derby Asylum, Mickleover. Since June, 1873, he has been Medical Superintendent of the Limerick District Asylum. His administrative work there was of a very high order. The condition of excellence to which he had brought that institution renders it at present comparable—and in some respects favourably comparable—with a good English or Scotch asylum. The energy and ability that this connotes must be evident to those who know what Irish asylums are, and what the difficulties are which in that country surround the work of such a reformer as Dr. Courtenay.

Dr. Courtenay's appointment has received an approval almost universal.

The Irish Government is to be congratulated on having shown in Dr. Courtenay's case not only special recognition of distinguished merit, but an openness of mind which has enabled it to see merit even in an asylum physician, and a magnanimity which has led to a choice being made from among a comparatively friendless and unimportant body of specialists, instead of, in the ordinary way, from among the politicians. The ice has been broken. Dr. Courtenay is the first asylum superintendent who has ever been made an Inspector, and the first Inspector since the now forgotten Dr. White, dead nearly half-a-century, who had even a claim in courtesy to be called an asylum officer.

The new Inspectors have a big task before them—nothing less than the entire reorganization of their department. It is a task that will require patience, tact, unwearying industry, and unwavering courage. Both are young men, both have shown themselves energetic men. They come to their new work fortified with the prestige of success, and nerved by the knowledge of the high esteem in which they stand with the profession and the public. We wish them God-speed, and we are confident we shall not be disappointed in expecting from them such work as will redeem the character of the Irish asylums, and will, with the co-operation of the Irish resident physicians, bring our specialty, hitherto so much neglected in Ireland, to the same level to which it has attained elsewhere in Europe and America.

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**TENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS, BERLIN, 1890.  
INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICO-SCIENTIFIC  
EXHIBITION, BERLIN, AUGUST, 1890.**

In connection with the Tenth International Medical Congress, to be held in Berlin, August 4th-9th, 1890, there will be an International Medico-Scientific Exhibition.

The undersigned Committee of Organization has been authorized, by the representatives of the medical faculties and leading medical societies of the German Empire, to make the preliminary arrangements. We therefore cordially invite all who may wish to exhibit or participate in the above Exhibition; all exhibits, however, to be of a scientific nature.

The exhibits expected will be as follows:—

1. New or improved scientific instruments for biological and special medical purposes, including apparatus for photography and spectral analysis pertaining to medicine.
2. New pharmacological chemical substances and preparations.
3. New pharmaceutical substances and preparations.
4. New food preparations.
5. New or improved instruments for internal and external medicine, and allied specialties, including electrotherapy.
6. Plans and models (new) of hospitals, houses for convalescents, disinfection, and general bath-houses.

7. New appliances, such as pertain to nursing the sick, including the methods of transportation and baths for the sick.

8. Apparatus (new) for hygienic purposes.

The Special Committee on "Exhibition" consists of the following gentlemen: Commerzienrath Paul Dörffel, H. Haensch, Director Dr. J. F. Holtz, Director Dr. L. Loewenherz, Regierungsrath Dr. J. Petri, H. Windler, and the Secretary-General of the Committee of Organization. The names of the associate members of the Exhibition Committee, as well as the names of the heads of departments, will be made known shortly; also the conditions for exhibitors.

For applications for exhibits and information please address, Dr O. Lassar, Secretary-General, Bureau of the Tenth International Medical Congress, Berlin N. W. Carlstrasse No. 19.

Please designate all mail matter relating to the Exhibition, "Exhibition Affairs," and also enclose a visiting card or card of the firm, on which the name and residence is plainly written or printed.

The Bureau is open for the present from 5-7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee of Organization of the Tenth International Medical Congress: Dr. Rudolf Virchow, President; Dr. E. von Bergmann, Dr. E. Leyden, Dr. W. Waldeyer, Vice-Presidents; Dr. O. Lassar, Secretary-General.

#### PROPOSED HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE IN LONDON.

Since the Occasional Notes of the Quarter were written, the London County Council has discussed (March 11th) the report of the Special Committee, proposed for adoption by Mr. Brudenell Carter, and declined the proposal, but referred it to the Asylums Committee.

The amendment was moved by Dr. COOPER:—"That the consideration of the report be adjourned for six months, and that it be referred to the Asylums Committee for consideration and report."

Dr. BOTT seconded the amendment, and contended that there was universal dissatisfaction felt by medical men at the manner in which the Committee had selected their witnesses.

Mr. AUSTIN urged the absolute necessity of the proposed hospital.

Mr. PARKER YOUNG said the important question of the locality of the hospital had not been discussed.

Mr. CARR-GOMM spoke generally in support of the recommendations.

Mr. MARTINEAU stated that the written communications of 55 superintendents were on the whole favourable to the scheme.

Mr. BRUDENELL CARTER, in reply, said that the report of the Committee would not be forwarded by being referred to the Asylums Committee.

The amendment was submitted and carried, and afterwards agreed to as a substantive resolution.

#### CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE. M.P.C. EXAMINATION.

The following candidates for this certificate passed the examination held at Bethlem Hospital, December 19th and 20th, 1889:—

BOYD, JAMES PATON, M.B., C.M.Glas.; Glasgow.

BRISTOWE, HUBERT CARPENTER, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng.; Bethlem Hospital.

EARLS, JAMES H., M.D.; London.

GAUDIN, FRANCIS NEEL, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond; Surrey.

PATTERSON, ARTHUR EDWARD, M.B., C.M.Aberd.; London.

PITCAVIN, JOHN JAMES, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; London.