

thrice daily, with the result that she became brighter, happier, conversed freely, was questioning about her surroundings, her home, and her relatives. She took her diet well all through. "After the weakness from confinement to bed for nearly two months she became busy in sewing, mending, piano playing, and took daily walking exercise specially regulated by accompanying nurse." "Gradually, from the commencement of the ten grains dose thrice daily, the improvement took place in the lessening of the subcutaneous thickening, and the brighter and more cheerful appearance." "A long day can now be spent with sewing, walking, and inside amusements, with judicious rests." "Returned after a two-mile walk, happy and delighted, and, though still with some mental impairment, anxious to return home." "Has been out for the day with her husband driving and walking, returning with no reluctance, knowing that to-morrow she will be leaving for home." "Left for home with husband, under instructions to continue the thyroid treatment, and report at intervals." "Report at end of month very satisfactory."

With the usual vote of thanks for this paper, and to Dr. M'Creery for presiding, the Conference terminated.

THE AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Association for the After-Care of persons recovered from Insanity was held under the presidency of Sir S. Wilks, F.R.S., at his residence in Brook Street, Grosvenor Square. The Secretary, Mr. Thornhill Roxby, reported that there had been a considerable increase in the number of cases dealt with, these having been 186 (55 males) in 1898, as compared with 147 in 1897. The receipts of the Society had also advanced from £561 in 1897 to £652 in 1898. Increased success also had attended the help given in starting these persons again in life.

The meeting was addressed by Sir S. Wilks, the Bishop of Islington, the Archdeacon of Essex, as well as by Drs. Savage, Blandford, and Claye Shaw.

The ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX spoke very favourably of his personal experience of the assistance afforded by the Society to persons in whom he had been interested. The meeting terminated by a vote of thanks to Sir S. Wilks.

RECENT MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

Reg. v. Keating.

Prisoner, a servant æt. 19, was indicted for the attempted murder of her illegitimate child, which she endeavoured to drop into a canal. Dr. Gill, medical officer of the prison, and Dr. Leg, of Prestwich, both stated that on the night of the attempt the prisoner was probably suffering from acute melancholia.—Guilty, but insane.—Manchester Assizes (Mr. Justice Phillimore).—*Times*, November 17th.

Reg. v. Taylor.

Walter Taylor, æt. 56, ex-bailiff, was indicted for attempting to murder Judge Parry. The judge had occasion to deprive the prisoner, on sufficient cause, of his bailiff's certificate. Prisoner forced his way on to the bench and fired three shots from a revolver at the judge, two of the shots taking effect in his honour's head. The third shot was fired as the prisoner was being held down on the floor, indicating that the attempt was a very determined one. For the defence it was shown