

was not responsible when suffering from the fits, and was not safe to be at large. Guilty, but insane.—Winchester Assizes (the Lord Chief Justice), June 28th.—*Times*, June 30th.

One of the numerous instances of crime committed by a man who ought not to have been at large.

ASYLUM NEWS.

THE NEW EDINBURGH ASYLUM.—Competitive plans for the asylum to be erected by the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board were exhibited to the public during the week of the British Medical Association meeting. We have already indicated that the system of construction developed at Alt Scherbitz was adopted, and the architects who sent in plans have worked in strict accordance with instructions. Mr. Hippolyte J. Blanc has been successful in securing the first place in order of merit, and his designs are to be adopted with certain modifications in detail. We hope to give a full account of the completed plans at no distant date.

QUEBEC MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The physicians attached to the asylum of the province of Quebec have organised themselves into an Association for the advancement of the specialty. Dr. Vallée has been appointed president, Dr. Burgin vice-president, and Dr. Chagnon secretary. The first meeting of the society was held at the St. Jean de Dieu Asylum on July 14th, 1898, and we have been favoured with an account of the proceedings, which will find place in our next issue.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM DR. PERCY SMITH.

In the July Number of the *JOURNAL* I notice on page 653 a statement reported as made by the Chairman of the meeting of the Northern and Midland Division, held at Cheadle on May 25th, to the effect that "every hospital had pensioned its superintendent on retirement." I think it is right to correct this statement and say that no superintendent of Bethlem Hospital has ever received a pension. This has, however, not been the fault of the governing body, but owing to the fact that the superintendents have gone into other spheres of work, with the exception of Dr. Helps, who died while still superintendent.

OBITUARY.

HENRY CASE, M.R.C.S.

We record, with regret, the death of Mr. Henry Case, at Folkestone, on the 15th of June. He had but recently retired from the office of medical superintendent of the Leavesden Asylum, which he had held since 1876. Born in 1843, and medically educated at the Middlesex Hospital, at which he held with credit the post of house surgeon, he became subsequently house surgeon to the West Herts Infirmary and to the Hampstead Smallpox Hospital, and assistant medical officer to the Leavesden Asylum, of which, on Dr. Claye Shaw's removal to Banstead, he was entrusted with the chief charge.

For upwards of twenty-one years he held this important appointment, and discharged with zeal and efficiency its onerous duties, maintaining throughout the best relations both with his colleagues and patients, and, despite the number of the latter, having an intimate knowledge of their cases, and himself directing their medical treatment. For some years, and until increasing work compelled his relinquishment of the office, he was also lecturer on psychological medicine at the Middlesex Hospital.