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Note to Dr. S. W. D. Williams' paper "*A few Words in answer to Dr. Edgar Sheppard.*"

With reference to an extract from the *British Medical Journal* (Nov. 30),

which I find as a foot-note in my reply to Dr. Edgar Sheppard, I think it fair to reprint here the following letter, which appears in the same journal of to-day with reference to that paragraph.

S. W. D. W.

Hayward's Heath; December 28.

THE COLNEY HATCH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SIR,—I am very sorry that your first notice of Professor Griesinger's "new and excellent journal" should be the embodiment of a perfectly false statement. The article to which you refer in last week's number of the *British Medical Journal*, was written by Dr. Carl Westphal, the assistant of Professor Griesinger in Berlin; and this gentleman I had the honour (*sic*) of conducting round the Asylum in July last. I now beg leave to give the most distinct denial to Dr. Westphal's statement, that maniacal, or indeed any other classes of patients "were shut up in cells perfectly naked." The greatest care is taken here that the patients are perfectly and efficiently clothed; and the attendants have most rigorous instructions to that effect. I have a distinct recollection of Dr. Westphal's visit, and can affirm most certainly that none of his statements are correct.

With reference to "the discussion of the impropriety of such a procedure" (apart from Dr. Westphal's manner of criticising the treatment pursued in an asylum shown him at the request of the personal friend of the superintendent), I remember none such; but I do remember that Dr. Carl Westphal was particularly anxious to enforce some ideas of his own on lesions of the spinal cord in general paralysis. Most probably, the great interest he takes in his own observations causes him to mistake one's courtesy in listening to what a foreigner has to say for acquiescence in the subject. At whatever Gamaliel's feet I might be inclined to sit, certainly at Dr. Westphal's I shall not be found; and I beg to put in a distinct disclaimer to any participation in his views or arguments.

The Commissioners in Lunacy at their recent visit expressed themselves highly satisfied with the manner in which the patients were treated; but perhaps Dr. Carl Westphal sets himself up for their critic.

The paper referred to rests entirely on questions of fact; and Dr. Westphal's statements of these facts is absolutely and entirely false. As the power of contradicting these statements rests with none so perfectly as with myself, I have judged it right to set the truth clearly forward. I am, etc.,

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Colney Hatch, December 4th, 1867.

* * * We have appealed in vain to Dr. Claye Shaw to modify the language of the above letter; and we now insert it, notwithstanding that the language of the writer in this, and in another communication relating to it, is such as would properly exclude it from publication, because the interests and reputation of his senior officer, Dr. Sheppard, and of the asylum, might be prejudiced if the discourtesy of the writer were to prevent the statement which he makes from being placed before our readers.—*British Medical Journal*, December 28.