

The *réunion* of the Association in Manchester has afforded another proof of the wisdom of meeting occasionally in the provinces. Much regret was felt on account of the enforced absence of Mr. Rooke-Ley. Mr. Mould exerted himself to the utmost to make the meeting a success, and entertained the members of the Association in the most hospitable manner. On Friday, the day following the meeting, a party met at Cheadle, on Mr. Mould's invitation, and visited the Manchester Royal Asylum and the Villas on the Estate. Too much praise cannot be awarded to Mr. Mould for the perseverance, energy, and judgment (to say nothing of his scrupulous regard for the Lunacy Acts and the bye-laws of the Commissioners) with which he has carried out what, in the first instance, was largely experimental, but which has proved in his able hands to be a great success. We are sure that with all who inspected the outlying houses there was but one feeling of satisfaction and admiration, while even those who had visited them before were afresh impressed with the importance of the example which Mr. Mould has set to others engaged in the same work. We only express the sentiments felt by those who examined this remarkable cluster of home-like residences for the insane, when we express the hope that the genial and able director of this institution and of its appendages, will long be spared to continue his labours, and that the system which he has shewn to add so greatly to the comfort of the insane may be extended by other superintendents of asylums wherever practicable.

The dinner of the Association took place at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, March 13th, the President, Dr. Newington, in the chair, many members of the medical profession in Manchester attending.

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#### LUNACY CONSOLIDATION BILL.

There appears to be no reason to doubt the easy passage through Parliament of the Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate certain of the Enactments respecting Lunatics," and which has by the House of Commons been referred to a Select Committee. It will be the means of greatly facilitating a knowledge of Lunacy Law. There are 342 clauses, occupying 164 pages.

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#### CORONER'S CENSURE OF A SURGEON.

An insane father in Cambridgeshire killed his two children in February last. Mr. Baldwin, F.R.C.S., of Royston, a Magistrate for the above County, received a telegram from the medical man in attendance, Dr. Kidd, stating that Walter Lawrence, of Litlington, was suffering from homicidal mania, and it was necessary to remove him to the Fulbourn Asylum that day. When he arrived at the house, where he was met by the relieving officer of the district, he found that a policeman had already been, but had not taken any action in the matter. After