

regularity with which the same means are employed for the same end is not the least curious feature in these statistics. Hanging has always been the mode most commonly adopted, and 28 out of the ratio of 67 per million suicides of 1865 fall under this head, the proportion having remained almost constant in successive years. Cutting or stabbing and drowning, accounting for an almost equal proportion (12 and 11 out of the 67 per million), come next in the order of frequency; then follow poisoning (7) and gunshot wounds (3), the residue (6) not being specifically described. The ratio of suicides by means of firearms was 3 per million in each one of the eight years, and the other ratios show little or no variation. Dr. Young, in his 'Night Thoughts,' speaks of "Britain, infamous for suicide;" and, judging from a recent comparison in a French statistical journal, we still maintain a very unsatisfactory position as regards some other European states. The ratio of suicides per million of the respective populations in 1864 was 110 in France, 64 in England, 45 in Belgium, 30 in Italy, and 15 in Spain. This must of course be taken *cum grano*, as, notwithstanding the efforts of statistical congresses, international comparisons are still surrounded with great uncertainty.—*Pall-Mall Gazette*.

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#### *Appointments.*

J. O. Adams, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, Kent.

J. Edmundson, M.D., of the Clonmel Auxiliary Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the District Lunatic Asylum, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, vice T. C. Burton, M.D., resigned.

G. Thompson, M.R.C.S., has been appointed a Resident Clinical Clerk in the West Riding Lunatic Asylum, Wakefield.

T. B. Pattinson, M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cornwall County Lunatic Asylum, Bodmin.

#### *Obituary.*

On the 5th of July, aged 83, died William Lawrence, F.R.S., Surgeon to Bethlehem Hospital since 1815, and an Honorary Member of the Medico-Psychological Association.

*"Lawrence (says Brodie, in his autobiography) was one who has since acquired so large and well-deserved a reputation. He was even then (1801?) a remarkable person. I never knew any one who had a greater capacity for learning than he had, nor more industry, nor who at the same age had a greater amount of information—not merely on matters relating to his future profession, but on a great variety of other subjects. From that time to the present, Lawrence and myself have been moving in parallel lines, he having had the largest share of private practice next to myself; and it may be regarded as somewhat to the credit of both of us that there has never been any manifestation of jealousy between us. I have already mentioned that when a young man he had some faculties in great per-*