

on having survived after having been attacked by a patient, scythe in hand, by a patient with a knife, and by a patient with a stone, in the course of his thirty-two years' service; and join with him in believing that if the public were aware of such facts they would be more liberal in dealing with asylum officials.

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#### A QUESTION OF CONVENIENCE.

Dr. J. A. Campbell also suggests that some arrangement should be made to economise time and effort by fixing the meetings of Council of the Medico-Psychological Association for the same week as the Council of the British Medical Association, especially as the first-named are now often held in London. This suggestion deserves the most careful consideration, and it will no doubt be laid before the Association at no distant date.

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#### SANITARY APPLIANCES.

Mr. John Lanyon, of Belfast, who has attained eminence in his profession as an architect, and whose plans for asylums have been so favourably commented upon, has sent us drawings and model of an "Anti-fouling and Contagion Water-closet," which is a new pattern of the ordinary "wash-down." Mr. Lanyon has designed this sanitary appliance with full knowledge of the requirements of public buildings, and it is largely in use in mills, warehouses, &c. Messrs. Shanks and Company, Barrhead; and Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Trent Pottery, Hanley, are the makers.

Mr. Lanyon has also designed a slow combustion stove, which shows three bright fires, burns the impure air of the room, and distributes fresh heated air. It has been tested by the Army Medical Staff in Belfast, and favourably commented on.

A new waterproof fabric has been placed upon the market by the Pegamoid Company, 144, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. It has many advantages, and should have a careful trial in asylums.

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#### COMPLIMENTARY.

We observe that Professor Ludwig Meyer of Göttingen attained his seventieth birthday on the 27th December last. We heartily join in the congratulations with which the event was greeted by his many friends. The name of Conolly was brought into prominence on the occasion, for Professor Meyer has devoted his long official life to a consistent effort to work on the principles Conolly laid down, and to induce his colleagues to adopt his practice.

We have also to congratulate Dr. G. Marriott Cooke on his promotion to Whitehall. Dr. Cooke had the advantage of serving under the late Dr. Sherlock, and has maintained the Worcester Asylum at a high level of excellence. He has taken an active interest in the affairs of the Medico-Psychological Association, and his many friends, especially those of our specialty, have every confidence in Dr. Cooke's ability and desire to forward the best interests of the insane and those responsible for their welfare.

Another honour has been done to a distinguished member of our department of medicine. Sir John Batty Tuke has been raised to the knighthood in recognition of his long and brilliant services. We wish him many and happy days, and look forward with much interest to the Address on Psychological Medicine which he is to deliver at the Edinburgh meeting of the British Medical Association.