

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

New Method of Treating the Insane.

Dr. Charles A. Lee, of Peckskill, New York, recently read an interesting paper before the Social Science Association of this city, upon the "Care of the Chronic Insane."

This paper contained several new and valuable suggestions with regard to the treatment of the different kinds of insanity, that is, insanity produced by different causes.

Dr. Lee is convinced, from personal observation and experience, both in this country and Europe, that the policy of providing for all classes of insane in one uniform manner and in the same building ought to give place to the more rational system of segregation—a plan embodying special provision for each general class; that, inebriates, epileptics, acute and chronic cases, demand accommodations varying according to the different general classes indicated in the above and that the attempt to solve this problem by divisions of classes by wards have only been partially successful.

He urges that the insane, namely, the inebriate, the epileptic, the acute and chronic insane, should be entirely separated from each other; and that each class should be placed under the exclusive management and control of an competent superintendent or single administrative head, as more likely to promote the individual interests of the respective classes than the present plan of aggregating them in a single establishment.

Dr. Lee instances the successful adoption of this plan of segregation in the case of the "Asylum and Cottage" system pursued in the Fitz James Asylum at Clermont, France, and also mentions a similar plan, so far as relates to chronic insanity, has been recently adopted in Massachusetts and in Toronto, Canada.

Steps in the same direction are making in this State by the establishment of an Asylum for the Chronic Insane only; one for inebriates at Binghamton, and one in this city for the special treatment of epileptics.

The doctor thinks that wide departures from the present plan of hospital architecture might be practicable and expedient for the different classes of patients, varying from substantial boarding houses for inebriates, through the present modernized hospital structures for acute epileptic insanity, to farm cottages for the chronic and incurable.

Finally, Dr. Lee very forcibly and justly discusses the correctness of the principle which guides the present practice with regard to the insane, namely: that the mere fact of insanity justifies and demands the commitment of the insane patient to the walls of a lunatic asylum, and whether it is ever proper to deprive anyone, sane or insane of his liberty, unless for his own protection or the protection of society.

He says, with truth, that while it may be proper to confine the insane in hospitals for the purpose of curing them, when curable, or to protect the public and themselves from the effects of their violence; yet there is a very large number of chronic and incurable cases now confined in our asylums who would be far healthier and happier if they were at large, or at least allowed comparative freedom from restraint, and given some light employment under proper supervision.

The concluding paragraphs of Dr. Lee's paper we copy *verbatim*, as they contain a just and strong reproof of the present system of hospital treatment in cases of insanity.

A Fatal Spree Among Officers.

The Lawrence (Kansas) Republican publishes the following communication: In the winter of 1864 I was stationed at Vicksburg, Miss. While there the officers were idle, and drank, as usual, a great deal of bad liquor.

One night, when on one of our protracted sprees, in a hall on Washington street, Captain Jessup and Captain Sholes thought they would play "William Tell." Sholes measured off ten paces, planting himself against the wall telling Jessup to shoot at a tin cup which he placed upon his head.

Jessup was known as the best pistol shot in the regiment, but remonstrated a little against running such a great risk of his life, but was prevailed upon by Sholes to try his skill.

He fired, and just as he pulled trigger, Sholes raised him up a little and the ball penetrated his forehead, killing him instantly. I knew Jessup for more than a year afterwards. He was almost a raving maniac, to think he had killed his best friend all for nothing else than having too much whisky aboard.

The Last Case on Record Proving that "Murder will Out." A letter has been received by Judge G. W. Johnson, of Louisville, from a party in New Orleans, developing a cold-blooded murder committed in the first named city, about five years ago.

The writer states that his conscience will no longer permit him to keep the bloody secret, and he is willing to go to Louisville if the affair is investigated, and testify against the guilty parties. The victim was a soldier, who had \$500 on his person, which instigated the parties to murder him. He was inveigled into an assignation house kept by an old negro woman, where he was quickly dispatched and his body thrown into a privy vault in the rear of the premises.

The informant points out the exact locality, and requests Judge Johnson to lay the matter before the authorities and cause them to have the remains disinterred, when he will go to Louisville at once, and divulge all the facts in the case and point out the guilty parties. This mysterious affair is to be investigated.

A new well being located on the Irwin Farm, on Upper Cherry Tree Run, about one and one-half miles west of Mill Farm, and four miles south of Tinsville. The third sand rock is coarse, and about fifty feet thick. The well is owned by the Petroleum Mining Company of Philadelphia.

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HARRISBURG, DEC. 18, 1867.

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Due July 1st, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING LOANS WILL BE REDEEMED, WITH INTEREST, TO DATE OF PAYMENT, ON THE PRESENTATION AT THE FARMERS' & MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, OF PHILADELPHIA, VIZ:

Loan of March 27th, 1839, due July 1st 1868.

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