

life which may blossom as Christian in this world, and sow the seeds of a development that will yet be more god-like, and that of a life that will be immortal in heaven."

On Sanitary Legislation and Administration in England.

By HENRY WYLDBORE RUMSEY, F.R.C.S. (Pamphlet,
Churchill.

An able address read before the Association for the promotion of Social Science.

Mr. Rumsey has made himself thoroughly acquainted with the legislative bearings of Sanitary Science, and his opinions are well reasoned and expressed. We are opposed on principle to centralization, and should be glad to see sanitary science more prone to submit its dicta to the investigations upon which physical science must ever depend. What have we done as yet to establish the foundations of this science? When a trial takes place, having for its object the suppression or removal of a nuisance, gas works or a manure manufactory for instance, we find medical men divided in opinion as to the salubrity of respiring sulphuretted hydrogen, and the effluvia of putrifying animal matter. Surely the science is scarcely ripe for any new and stringent system of legislation. We had better, for the present, cobble our sanitary grievances by the aid of common law.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the ASYLUM JOURNAL.

Leeds, 9th March, 1858.

Sir,—The perusal of Dr. Tuke's paper on "forced alimentation" in the last two numbers of the Asylum Journal, has induced me to forward you this short account of the apparatus I employ for that purpose; it is very simple, most efficacious, and not likely to get out of order, and I should hardly have supposed it novel, if Dr. Tuke in giving an account of the various means resorted to had not omitted any allusion to it.

I employ an ordinary œsophagus tube, to which I attach a piece of quarter-inch India rubber tubing, a yard in length, with a gutta percha funnel at the end of it.

Standing in front of my patient, seated on a chair, I introduce the œsophagus tube into the stomach, and holding the funnel a convenient height, pour what is required to be administered into it. It will generally pass readily, but if there appears to be any obstruction, it is only necessary to elevate the funnel above my head to cause the whole of its contents to descend into the stomach.

I believe that any one who has once used this simple apparatus, will ~~not~~ again resort to pump or syringe of any kind, which are apt to get out of order, and often become clogged with thick nutritious liquids..

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
G. PYEMONT SMITH.

OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to have to record the decease of two medical superintendents of county lunatic asylums, which which have occurred during the quarter, namely that of

Mr. JOHN SEPTIMUS ALDERSON, M.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and formerly Medical Superintendent of the York and the Nottingham Asylums; and that of

Dr. JOHN STEWART ALLEN, Medical Superintendent of the Joint Counties Asylum at Abergavenny, and formerly Resident Physician to the St. Mary-le-bone Infirmary.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. JOHN D. CLEATON, M.R.C.S. Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancashire, to be Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Wakefield.

Dr. D. M. M'CULLOUGH, Assistant Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Asylum, to be Medical Superintendent to the County Asylum, Abergavenny.

Mr. ROGERS, M.P.C.S., formerly Assistant Medical Officer at the Asylum at Rainhill, and Assistant Surgeon in Her Majesty's Forces, to be Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum at Rainhill.