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 OBITUARY.

Our associates will be truly grieved to learn that psychology has lost so devoted an adherent, and the cause of the insane so true a friend as Dr. Van Leuwen, held in the high esteem as a personal friend by many of them; his reputation has been known to all. He introduced the non-restraint system on the continent, and to the last was its ardent and unswerving advocate. His report on French asylums entailed upon him a discussion with the French alienist physicians, which was continued so lately as last year. With excellent temper and judgment, and with knowledge derived from personal experience and observation, he defended the English and attacked the French system of lunatic management. His report is an able document in favor of the non-restraint system, and well deserves re-publication in an English form. Personally, Dr. Van Leuwen was a most amiable man, and his loss is deeply felt by a wide circle of friends. The following account is from a Jersey paper.

Dirk Hans Van Leuwen was a native of Utrecht, Holland. We are uninformed as to the date of his birth, but suppose him to have been not more than 37 years of age; possibly a year or two younger. His father, still living, fills the office for the province of Utrecht, which we may correctly describe as that of *Procureur du Roi*. He was educated at Leyden, and subsequently studied at Berlin and Vienna. He had early turned his attention to the treatment of the insane, and in the year 1848, accompanied by Dr. Everts, he visited England, and inspected a number of the English asylums. On Dr. Van Leuwen and Dr. Everts returning to Holland, they were appointed to the medical superintendence of the new asylum at Meerenberg, near Haarlem, where they proceeded to carry out the principles of non-restraint. The treatment of the unfortunates in that asylum appears to have been eminently successful, but the wear and tear consequent upon so much bodily labour

and mental anxiety told with terrible effect upon a constitution naturally delicate, and Dr. Van Leuwen found himself under the necessity of resigning the appointment and seeking in less arduous duties, and under a milder climate, the restoration of his health. Accordingly, about four years ago he came to Jersey. Soon after his arrival in the island, Dr. Van Leuwen was appointed by the States to proceed on a mission to the continent, to examine the asylums in France, and elsewhere. His report, dated the 1st of November, 1853, containing 104 closely printed pages, is replete with the most valuable information; and is a remarkable memento of the author's industry, talent, and conscientiousness.

After this mission, Dr. Van Leuwen commenced general medical practice near "the first tower," on the St. Aubin's road. He subsequently removed to Grove place. His health fast failing, he lately resolved to try the effect of returning to his native air. He left Jersey, accompanied by his wife, on the 6th of May. He was so exhausted, that with the utmost difficulty the long journey from Jersey to London, and from London to Rotterdam, was accomplished. By the time of his arrival in the Dutch port, it was too evident that his hours were numbered. Hastily taken to the railway, the dying man sped with the wings afforded by modern science towards his native place. He arrived at the terminus, and from thence was conveyed in a carriage to the home of his childhood. Retaining his mental faculties to the last moment, he pointed out to the companion of his journey the objects of interest between the railway and the town. A few minutes more and he will cross his father's threshold, but not in life. The carriage stops. There is the house. There his father. He places his wife's hand in that of his father. "Be kind to her" are his last words. They lift him to bear him to his boyhood's fireside, but they bear a corpse!

To the Editor of the Asylum Journal.

Sir,—You will oblige me by admitting into the next number of the Journal, a correction of a statement you have made, that may create some misapprehension as to my own published views.