

readily established, however, that malaria is the prevalent modifying influence in the class of cases cited. This can be done by the timely and judicious employment of our most reliable anti-malarial agent, quinine.

These facts are worthy of careful study and investigation. The study of climatology should engage the most earnest efforts of our schools and colleges throughout the country. A clearer understanding of the influences of climate in the production and modification of diseases would go far toward solving problems hitherto unexplained.

ALLEGATIONS OF HARSH TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.

During the last few years the reading public has been often shocked by reports of great cruelty and sometimes deaths from harsh treatment of the insane in public asylums for the care of that unfortunate class. One of the most recent of such reports has come from the Cook County Asylum for the pauper insane, in which an inmate named Burns is alleged to have died in consequence of the kicks and blows inflicted by two or three of the men employed as attendants. The post-mortem showed evidences of most extensive bruises, with fracture of one rib and the sternum. The primary judicial proceedings developed evidence that the Asylum is greatly overcrowded with patients and managed with a very inadequate number of attendants, many of whom, owing to the small wages paid and the repulsive nature of the work, are taken from the more rough and ignorant classes of society. While such conditions exist, it is unreasonable to expect that exhibitions of ill temper and inhuman violence will not often occur. No time should be lost in making such additional accommodations as will suitably provide for all the inmates; and no medical man should consent to take the superintendency of such an institution unless he is permitted to select and employ a sufficient number of intelligent and humane nurses or ward attendants to maintain order and reasonable discipline without exhibitions of ill-temper or the infliction of personal violence on the poor inmates.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

TIMES AND REGISTER.—We learn from *The Medical Register*, April 27, 1889, that a union has

been effected between *The Register*, *The Philadelphia Medical Times* and *The New York Dietetic Gazette*; and that on May 4th the united journals will appear under the title of *The Medical Times and Register*, with Dr. William F. Waugh, of *The Times*, as chief editor. Dr. John V. Shoemaker retires, on account of the pressure of other literary engagements, but the remaining writers hitherto engaged on the three, will continue their work for the combined journal.

OHIO STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The forty-fourth annual meeting of this Society is to be held in Youngstown, Ohio, May 22d, 23d, and 24th, 1889. A full programme of work has been arranged, and railroads promised the usual reduction in fares, on the certificate plan. P. S. Connor, M.D., President, Geo. A. Collamore, M.D., Secretary, Toledo, Ohio.

THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY of Wisconsin will hold its next annual meeting in Milwaukee, commencing on the first Tuesday in June, 1889. For further information apply to J. T. Reeve, M.D., Appleton, Wis.

THE INDIANA STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting in Indianapolis, May 1st and 2d, 1889. A good number of members were present. Dr. J. F. Hibberd, of Richmond, Indiana, as Chairman of a Committee, stated that there are 4,163 registered physicians in that State. Of this number 3,243 are regular physicians, of whom about 1,300 are members of the State Medical Society; 287 are classed as eclectic; 199 as homeopaths; 142 as physiomedical, and 192 unclassified. On the second day of the meeting the following were chosen as officers of the Society for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. D. Hatch, of Lawrenceburg; Vice-President, Dr. S. T. Yount, of Lafayette; Secretary, Dr. E. S. Elder, of Indianapolis; Assistant Secretary, Dr. T. C. Kennedy, of Shelbyville; Treasurer, Dr. F. C. Ferguson, of Indianapolis; and Committee on Necrology, Dr. J. F. Hibberd, of Richmond.

THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (PA.) MEDICAL SOCIETY will hold its fortieth annual meeting in Easton, June 20, 1889, at which time a complimentary dinner is to be tendered to Dr. Traill Green, the founder of the Society, and one of the most meritorious members of the profession in the State.