

porary derangement was the result; but how awful to contemplate if all had to pass through the harrowing routine of waiting in a filthy cell, whose entire surroundings are sufficient to drive a sane man mad, until the jail physician has made his report, and has satisfied the higher official of the correctness of his diagnosis. No; if we desire to remedy this evil we must first begin by providing extra asylum accommodation; and, again, our government ought to insist on inspection of lunatics as soon as possible after committal to the common jail of the district, and if declared insane, instant removal to a proper asylum for their care and treatment.

Death has been very busy in the ranks of the profession in England. Recent exchanges announce the death of Mr. Carden, of Worcester, a surgeon of eminence who, had he lived, would in all likelihood, have received the honour of election as President of the British Medical Association. Mr. Carden is known to the profession as having suggested and practised a method of amputation by the single flap, which is recognised and very generally adopted at the present day, and holds a prominent place in surgical literature.

Mr. Holmes Coote, Senior Surgeon to St. Bartholemew's Hospital and Lecturer on Surgery, died on the 22nd December under very distressing circumstances. For some months past symptoms of brain disease made their appearance, induced by over work, and the unfortunate gentleman had to be isolated in a lunatic asylum. His malady was regarded as temporary, and his colleagues, hopeful of his recovery, attended to his hospital work, which enabled him to retain the title and emoluments of office. Mr. Coote was a skillful anatomist, and active teacher, and a surgeon of considerable resources. His writings are clear and exhaustive, many of which will be found in "Holmes' Surgery". He died at the early age of fifty-six.

A NEW ANTIPERIODIC.

M. Doran has stated in a note to the Academy of Sciences of Paris (*Comptes Rendus*) that he has never known the *Laurus nobilis* to fail in quotidian or tertian intermittents. Cases yielded to it that were fruitlessly treated by quina. He has no doubt that in quartan ague it would be equally efficient.—*The Doctor*.