

ceeded in cutting her sister's throat ; after this was sent to Rockwood.

M. M.—Female, 50 years old, habits good. There may be hereditary taint in her family, as three of her cousins were insane. The exciting cause of her insanity is said to be typhoid fever. When admitted to Rockwood her insanity was of 17 years' duration and, of course, quite chronic, approaching Dementia. She has, however, periods of excitement, when she has different delusions of persecution. Her stay in Rockwood has been uneventful ; she mutters to herself ; is rather untidy ; wanders up and down the ward. The only work she is capable of doing is knitting. She has fallen off in weight, and is showing symptoms of developing phthisis.

M. J.—Female. When about 20 years old she had typhoid fever, from which her mental disease dates. Her habits were good ; hereditary taint denied. She was not admitted to Rockwood until Feb. 15th, 1877, although said to have been insane for five years. Her symptoms were those of simple melancholia, fancying she had to fight her way through the world ; that her relations were all her enemies and bad characters. She states she suffers from a confusion of ideas, that the other patients are doing things to annoy her when really taking no notice of her, and that she is under the influence and control of some one ; if out driving she would fancy that a conversation was being carried on between herself and the horse. She mistakes the identity of people and is subject to periodical attacks of irritability and violence. These are becoming less marked as her disease advances towards dementia. She is now very reticent about expressing herself relative to her delusions. She knows we regard them as such, hence she tries to hide them from us. She is a very good cottage patient, except for her constant complaints of everybody. Her friends have on different occasions tried to keep her at home, but have always found this inconsistent with their comfort and safety. She has settled down to a life residence in Rockwood.

A. B.—Female ; 35 years old ; habits good ; hereditary taint denied ; cause of insanity, typhoid fever. She had many delusions of persecution, and developed hystero-epilepsy. After a residence of about a year and a half she was discharged improved, and has remained with her friends for over two years.