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SOME PRESENT METHODS OF TREATMENT OF
PATIENTS AT THE ASYLUM FOR INSANE,
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HISTORY.

IN the autumn of the year 1894 my attention was drawn to a couple of pamphlets written by Drs. Kirkley, of Toledo, and Rohe, of Baltimore, which detailed their observations of some gynecological work done upon insane women and their conclusions arising out of their brief experience in this new departure. There being a normal population of five hundred and fifty insane women in London Asylum, and as a large number of these became insane during the puerperium, it was reasonable to suppose that there must exist among such an aggregation many unsuspected cases of pelvic disease.

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