We cannot expect to keep good attendants as they are at present paid, when such asylums as Broadmoor and the Coppice, Nottingham, pay £30 for male, and £20 for female attendants at the very beginning of their services. Wages have risen greatly in every trade, and unless we are prepared to take the off-course of society to look after and nurse our insane poor, we must move with the times. In no better way, I venture to think, can we do so than by offering pensions for long and faithful services.

I am, Your obedient servant, THOMAS HOWDEN, M.D

Haddington District Asylum, June 5, 1872.

Rewards to Attendants.

The following letter has been addressed by Dr. Mitchell to Superintendents of Asylums:

Sir,—As Morisonian Lecturer on Insanity to the Royal College of Physicians, it falls to me this year to dispose of three prizes, of £3 each, for meritorious attendance on the Insane. These prizes are derived from a fund left by Sir Alexander Morison, for that purpose. I have also to announce that I am in a position to add to the Morison prizes four others—one of £3, and three of £2 each. There will thus be seven prizes in all to be awarded. I shall be obliged by your bringing this matter under the notice of the Attendants of your Establishment, so that those who may compete who think their services give them a claim. Applications, with Testimonials, should be addressed to me, at the Physicians' Hall, Edinburgh, on or before the 1st of October.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant, ARTHUR MITCHELL.

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This work, the design of which is to bring into notice more prominently than has been done heretofore the distinctive phenomena of Inflammation of the Substance of the Brain Tissue, will be reviewed in our next number.