

have sanitary appliances of the best. Lifts are provided in both ward buildings for the use of invalids. Certainly the city of Philadelphia is generously atoning for her neglect of this department hitherto. With its new equipment, Blockley can easily take rank, as it should, with the State hospitals of Pennsylvania.

THE RICHARD GUNDRY HOME.

The widow of Dr. Richard Gundry, so many years in charge of asylums in Dayton, Athens and Columbus, Ohio; and who for the past twelve years, and until death in April last, was Superintendent of Maryland Hospital for the Insane, has opened a private home for nervous and mental diseases at Catonsville, Maryland. The home was ready for the reception of patients June 23d.

Dr. Richard F. Gundry, a son of the late Dr. Gundry and recently an assistant at the Athens State Hospital, Ohio, will be resident physician. His training and experience are all in the direction of the work to be done, and, says one who knew her, "with such a noble and humane woman in charge as Mrs. Gundry, it is needless to assure the profession that the patients intrusted to their keeping will receive the best of care. A woman of kinder heart or keener sympathy for the insane never lived than Mrs. Gundry, and with these qualities she combines the practical good sense of a mature and experienced matron of more than thirty years. Patients will receive not only good treatment, but the protection and sympathy of the most sensible and largest hearted asylum housewife with whom I have had the good fortune to meet."

THE BOARDING-OUT SYSTEM IN AUSTRALIA.

Vigorous efforts have been made by Dr. W. Beattie Smith of the Ararat Asylum, Victoria, to secure (under recent code of regulations) boarding-out places for suitable cases, where proper guardians could be had and easy supervision by asylum management maintained, as is done in connection with some of the Scotch asylums and to a limited extent in mass. The effort has not been wholly successful. There were received thirty-one applications for guardians, but to only fifteen of them were patients granted. The other sixteen were refused because of personal unsuitability, unsuitability of premises and the cool and calculating manner in which benefit of having patient was reckoned upon the basis of so much a meal.