

Part IV.—Notes and News.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in London on the 27th and 28th July, 1899. Dr. Urquhart presided on the opening of the proceedings. The following members were present:—A. R. Urquhart (President), J. Beveridge Spence (President elect), Fletcher Beach, G. H. Savage, F. W. Mott, H. Rayner, J. M. Moody, R. Percy Smith, G. F. Blandford, David Nicolson, W. Julius Mickle, G. E. Shuttleworth, H. Forbes Winslow, James Chambers, Heurtley Sankey, D. M. Cassidy, David Bower, James Rutherford, R. L. Rutherford, Conolly Norman, D. Yellowlees, Charles Mercier, Ernest White, T. W. McDowall, Elliot Daunt, J. W. Stirling Christie, A. S. Newington, J. B. Hyslop, T. L. Rogers, W. Douglas, H. Gardiner Hill, J. Peeke Richards, G. E. Mould, F. A. Elkins, J. Sutcliffe, H. Wolseley-Lewis, W. H. B. Stoddart, F. R. P. Taylor, D. J. Sherrard, W. Ernest Jones, Rothsay C. Stewart, J. J. Pitcairn, L. A. Weatherly, R. Langdon-Down, E. B. Whitcombe, A. D. O'C. Finegan, T. S. Tuke, A. W. Campbell, T. Outterson Wood, Alfred Turner, S. R. Macphail, C. E. Hetherington, P. W. Macdonald, A. R. Turnbull, Crochley Clapham, C. K. Hitchcock, W. F. Menzies, H. Corner, R. N. Paton, J. H. Horton, T. Carlyle Johnston, L. R. Oswald, James Middlemass, J. E. M. Finch, H. Hayes Newington (Treasurer), and Robert Jones (Hon. Sec.).

Honorary members present: Sir John Sibbald, C. H. Hughes, G. T. Hine.

Visitors: Dr. Peterson of New York, Professor Pontoppidan of Denmark, J. G. M. Hine, Miss S. Brough, Rev. F. Mann.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. A. E. MacDonald, M. Morel of Mons, J. Bresler of Freiburg, H. A. Benham, Evan Powell, W. R. Watson, and J. A. Oakshott.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the President.

Previous to the election of the Officers and Council, Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN referred to Dr. Goodall's resignation as Editor, and suggested that the question should stand over for the present. This was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT then appointed Drs. Weatherly, Moody, Cassidy, and Seymour Tuke to be scrutineers, and the Officers and new Members of Council nominated for 1899 were appointed as follows:

THE COUNCIL, 1899.

<i>President</i>	J. BEVERIDGE SPENCE, M.D.
<i>President Elect</i>	FLETCHER BEACH, M.B.
<i>Ex-President</i>	A. R. URQUHART, M.D.
<i>Treasurer</i>	H. HAYES NEWINGTON, F.R.C.P.Ed.
<i>Editors of Journal</i>	{ HENRY RAYNER, M.D. A. R. URQUHART, M.D. CONOLLY NORMAN, F.R.C.P.I.
<i>Auditors</i>	{ T. OUTTERSON WOOD, M.D. D. BOWER, M.D.
<i>Divisional Secretary for—</i>	
<i>South-Eastern Division</i>	E. W. WHITE, M.B.
<i>South-Western Division</i>	P. W. MACDONALD, M.D.
<i>Northern and Midland Division</i>	W. CROCHLEY CLAPHAM, M.D.
<i>Scotland</i>	A. R. TURNBULL, M.B.
<i>Ireland</i>	A. D. O'C. FINEGAN, L.R.C.P.I.
<i>General Secretary</i>	ROBERT JONES, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S.
<i>Secretary of Educational Committee</i>	C. A. MERCIER, M.B.
<i>Registrar</i>	H. A. BENHAM, M.D.

Other Members of Council elected at Annual Meeting.

G. STANLEY ELLIOT, M.R.C.P., R. PERCY SMITH, M.D., D. M. CASSIDY, M.D., R. D. HOTCHKIS, M.B., H. T. S. AVELINE, M.R.C.S., W. R. DAWSON, B.Ch.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

The members of the Parliamentary Committee were re-elected with the addition of Dr. David Bower and Dr. C. K. Hitchcock.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE proposed that Dr. Turnbull and himself be appointed on the Committee as additional members. This was seconded by Dr. MACDONALD.

Dr. CLAPHAM then proposed and Dr. MACPHAIL seconded that Dr. Menzies and Dr. Adair of Wadsley be appointed.

Dr. TURNBULL then proposed and Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE seconded that Dr. Macdonald and Dr. Weatherly be added to the Committee.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE proposed and Dr. BEACH seconded Dr. Whitwell as an additional member.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE proposed and Dr. CLAPHAM seconded Dr. Finegan as an additional member. These nominations were agreed to.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following were elected ordinary members of the Association:—Harmer, William Allan, L.S.A., Resident Superintendent and Licensee, Redlands Private Asylum, Tonbridge, Kent (proposed by G. E. Shuttleworth, Fletcher Beach, and Robert Jones); Law, Charles Donaldson, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., L.F.P.G.S., District Asylum, Inverness (proposed by John Keay, A. F. Turnbull, and Robert Jones); Moore, William David, M.D., M.Ch., Medical Superintendent, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water (proposed by G. H. Savage, David Nicolson, and James Chambers); Spicer, Arthur Herbert, M.B., B.S.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Claybury Asylum, Woodford Bridge, Essex (proposed by G. H. Savage, F. W. Mott, and Robert Jones); Taylor, Inglis, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S. Edin., 5, Bulstrode Street, Welbeck Street, London, W. (proposed by T. Outtersson Wood, Ernest W. White, and Robert Jones).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER presented the balance-sheet, and said that while the expenses had gone up the income had also gone up. The assets keep increasing over liabilities slowly. At this present moment there was a balance in the bank of £663, odd shillings, which he believed had never been equalled before. He further reported that there was something to come off that sum in respect of the last number of the JOURNAL.

Dr. SEYMOUR TUKE reported on behalf of the Auditors.

The PRESIDENT then moved that the accounts be adopted as printed (see p. 828). This was seconded by Dr. Whitcombe, and the PRESIDENT having put it to the meeting, the motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, as Chairman, presented the report of the Parliamentary Committee as follows:—

The Parliamentary Committee begs to report—

1. That it has held several meetings to consider the Lunacy Bill.
2. That it has directed its endeavours towards the alteration or removal of the various points which have been objected to in former years. The principal ones are the shortening of the time of validity of an urgency order from seven to four days, and the pension provisions.
3. In regard to the latter, the Committee addressed a strong protest to the Lord Chancellor against his proposal to fix pensions absolutely to one sixtieth for each year of service. Since then the pension clause has been entirely withdrawn.
4. The Committee, while endorsing the principle of allowances in case of injury,

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THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—For the Year 1898.
REVENUE ACCOUNT—January 1st to December 31st, 1898.

1897. Dr.		Expenditure.		Income.		Cr.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
497	15 10 4	To Journal, Printing, Publishing, Engravings, Advertising, and Postage ...	545	13 5	By Dividends ...	204	2 4
75	5 9	" Examinations, Association Prizes, and Clerical Assistance to Registrar ...	73	3 1	" Sale of Journal ...	38	0 0
47	13 17	" Petty Disbursements, Stationery, Postages, &c. ...	50	12 2	" Advertisements ...	31	9 6
102	0 7 4	" Annual, General, and Divisional Meetings ...	108	4 8	Fees, Certificates of Psychological Medicine ...	44	2 0
48	12 6	" Rent of Premises at 11, Chandos Street, care of Office, &c. ...	48	8 0	" Fees, Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing ...	90	8 0
6	6 0	" Audit and Clerical Assistance ...	6	6 0	" Subscriptions ...	134	10 0
39	3 1	" Miscellaneous ...	77	14 11		558	1 6
		" Library ...	13	19 1			
70	19 7	Balance ...	924	1 4			
£887	17 4		£956	13 10			

BALANCE SHEET—31st December, 1898.

1897.		Liabilities.		Assets.			
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
49	13 6	Journal Account, balance of ...	32	10 11	Lloyds Bank:—Bankers ...	184	8 3
7	13 8	Petty Disbursements Account, balance of ...	4	16 3	New Zealand Stock ...	335	16 9
1	0 0	Examinations Account, balance of ...	15	13 0	£3 1/2 per cent. value at this date Hack Tuke Memorial ...	346	7 9
5	1 1	Meetings Account, balance of ...	0	7 6	Sales Account, balance ...	142	2 4
4	5 7	Gaskell Fund ...	46	15 0	Subscriptions Account, balance ...	113	18 6
		Rent Account ...	18	8 0	Fees Account, balance ...	18	18 0
		Miscellaneous ...	2	10 0			
1106	18 1	Balance on 1st January ...	1006	18 1			
		Add:—Balance of Revenue Account ...	32	12 6			
			1039	10 7			
		Debit:—Decrease in value of New Zealand Stock ...	£4	13 4			
		" New Zealand Stock (Hack Tuke Memorial) ...	7	0 1			
		" Subscriptions written off ...	7	7 0			
£1074	11 11		1020	10 2			
			£1141	11 7			

H. HAYES NEWINGTON, TREASURER.

E. WOODINGTON, C.A.

T. SEYMOUR TUKE,
T. OUTTERSON WOOD, } Auditors.

as admitted in the Bill, has drawn attention to various objectionable matters in the application of that principle.

5. The Committee appointed a sub-committee of six of its members to confer with a sub-committee of the Parliamentary Committee of the British Medical Association. The joint-committee thus formed has also had several meetings, and resolved to endeavour to delay the passage of the Bill in its present form.

Dr. NEWINGTON continued.—I think we can all recognise one fact, namely, that it is the County Councils Association that is the body that stands in the way of pensions, and that it must be won over. It is proposed to call a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee within a reasonable time after the autumn holiday, to consider whether we should not write a letter to the County Councils Association, in order to raise the question. This would prevent the making of statements in Parliament which cannot be properly contradicted at the time. I really think that if we get to work in the autumn, and work on into the spring, we shall probably overcome resistance and obtain pensions.

In reply to Dr. Macdonald, Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON said:—The money (£20) voted last year, for the purpose of taking Counsel's opinion on one or two important points, if found desirable, was not spent, nothing having occurred to justify the proposed action.

Dr. MACDONALD.—I am sure we most heartily endorse what Dr. Newington has said about attacking the County Councils Association. I think the remarks which fell from the Marquis of Ripon ought not to be allowed to go without notice by us.

The PRESIDENT expressed their feeling of obligation to Dr. Hayes Newington for all he had done, and moved that the Report of the Parliamentary Committee be received and adopted. This was seconded by Dr. WHITCOMBE and became the finding of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. MERCIER having explained the position of affairs in regard to the Nursing Regulations, a long discussion ensued, in the course of which DR. ELKINS asked if the Metropolitan Asylums would be recognised as training schools for nurses and attendants, as hitherto there had been no power to admit nurses from those institutions to examination. He urged the claims of these nurses, and proposed that the Council be asked to recognise the Metropolitan Asylums as institutions for the treatment of mental disorders, within the meaning of the Regulations of the Association. He went on to say:—We admit to Leavesden Asylum a large number of general paralytics, at present about thirty being under care. There are many asylums that have no such number of general paralytics. Then we admit senile cases and between four and five hundred epileptics. Not only that, we have such a large number of suicidal and dangerous cases, that no less than thirty were sent to Leavesden Asylum during 1898. This means that, on account of the overcrowding in the London County Asylums, we sometimes have to keep suicidal and dangerous cases as long as from two to six weeks, and our nurses have to undertake the charge of these cases. I should also like to point out that I doubt whether any asylum in this kingdom can give better training than Leavesden or Caterham. The Association has already granted certificates to Rubery Hill Asylum attendants. I cannot tell why they should be recognised and Leavesden and Caterham not. The Rubery Hill Asylum only receives chronic cases, transferred from the Birmingham Asylum. I should also like to point out that in many of the large county asylums the training of some attendants is confined to the chronic blocks; they know nothing whatever about acute cases, and there is no proof that they do receive proper training. Private asylums are also admitted, yet many of them contain perhaps only forty or fifty patients, and these can hardly be considered as sufficient material for the nurses to be properly trained.

Dr. MACPHAIL.—I have much pleasure in seconding Dr. Elkin's motion, for I have always felt that the Association has treated the Metropolitan Asylums unfairly.

The PRESIDENT.—I did not intervene sooner, feeling that Dr. Elkins should have opportunity of stating his case to a full meeting of the Association; but I am bound to rule that, as the question was settled at the last annual meeting, it is incompetent for him to press his motion without giving due notice.

The terms of the regulations, left over for consideration from the last annual meeting were then fully debated, and adjusted as follows :

REGULATIONS FOR THE TRAINING AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN NURSING AND ATTENDING ON THE INSANE.

The Educational Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of seeing that the regulations made from time to time by the Association for the training and certification of attendants and nurses are faithfully carried out.

TRAINING.

1. A probationary period of three months is required to be served before an attendant is considered to have formally begun training.
2. Except as hereunder provided, every attendant must be trained in an institution for the treatment of mental disorders for not less than two years, including the probationary period, before he can become a candidate for examination. The two years must be complete on or before the date of the examination.
3. The Council may recognise any institution as an Institution for the Treatment of Mental Disorders for the purpose of these Regulations, and may determine with respect to any such institution, whether the whole period of training may be passed therein ; or if not the whole, then what length of training in such institution may count as part of the two years required by Regulation 2.
4. In cases of exceptional character, in which a person has had large experience of nursing the insane, but has been unable, through no fault of his own, to comply precisely with these Regulations, application may be made to the Registrar to lay the circumstances of such case before the Council, which may, in its discretion, order that such candidate be admitted to the examination. Provided that every such application be accompanied by a recommendation from a member of the Association, and by evidence that the applicant has had experience of nursing and attending on the insane in an institution.
5. The system of training required by the Association consists of :
 - (a) Systematic lectures and demonstrations by the Medical Staff of the Institution. At least twelve lectures, each of one hour's duration, must be given in each year of training ; and no attendant will be admitted to examination who has not attended at least nine lectures in each year.
 - (b) Clinical instruction in the wards by the Medical Staff.
 - (c) Exercises under the Head and Charge Attendants in the practice of nursing and attendance on the insane.
 - (d) Study of the ' Handbook of Nursing ' issued by the Association. Other books may be used in addition.
 - (e) Periodical examinations, the nature and frequency of which are left to the discretion of the Superintendent, but one examination at least should be held in each year.
6. The scope of training must be such as to impart a knowledge (1) of the main outlines of bodily structure and function, sufficient to enable attendants to understand the principles of nursing, and of " first aid," especially with regard to the accidents and injuries most likely to occur among the insane ; (2) of the general features and varieties of mental disorder ; (3) of the ordinary requirements of sick nursing, and especially of the requirements of nursing and attending on the insane. For particulars see the syllabus of the examination.

EXAMINATIONS.

7. The candidate shall obtain from the Registrar a schedule, which shall be filled up and signed as required, and returned to the Registrar at least four weeks before the examination. The Registrar has no power to admit to examination any candidate whose schedule does not show that he has complied in every respect with these Regulations, and no such candidate will be permitted to enter for the examination. The schedule must be signed by the Superintendent or Acting Superintendent.
8. If, between the signing of such certificates as are required by the schedule, and the time of the examination, the candidate should be guilty of misconduct, such as if committed before the signing of such certificates, would have precluded

the granting thereof, such misconduct shall be at once reported to the Registrar, and by him be reported to the President. On such report the President may, if he think fit, order that the examination of a candidate be postponed; in which case he shall inform the Council at its next meeting, both of the fact and of his reasons for thus acting. The Council shall consider the matter, and may order that the candidate shall be refused admittance to the ensuing or any examination, and in that case shall give notice to the Registrar, who shall be empowered to return the examination fee, and shall take steps as shall in his judgment carry out the order of the Council.

9. Examinations for the purpose of granting certificates of proficiency to successful candidates shall be held by the Association under the following conditions:

- (a) Examinations shall be held twice yearly, on the first Monday in May, and the first Monday in November.
- (b) An examination shall be held at every Institution in which there are candidates.
- (c) The examinations shall be partly written and partly *vidæ voce* and practical, the questions in each part being confined to the subjects in the syllabus.
- (d) The papers shall be set, and the written answers examined by Examiners in Nursing appointed by the Association for this purpose.
- (e) The examinations shall be conducted as follows: the written examinations, which must not exceed four hours in duration, shall take place on the days fixed, under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Institution, who is responsible for the observance of the Regulations.
- (f) The *vidæ voce* and practical examinations shall be conducted by the Superintendent and a Coadjutor on as early a date after the fixed day as can be arranged.
- (g) The Coadjutor shall be the present or past Superintendent or the Acting Superintendent or a Senior Assistant Medical Officer of not less than five years' standing of another institution, and must be approved by the President of the Association.
- (h) The Coadjutor shall take a share at least as great as that of the Superintendent in the actual examination of candidates.
- (i) Candidates must satisfy the Examiners in both departments of the examination.
- (k) The Superintendent shall send to the Registrar after each examination a list of the candidates who have satisfied the Examiners in the *vidæ voce* and practical part of the examination.

CERTIFICATES.

10. Certificates of proficiency will be granted under the following conditions:

- (a) The certificate shall be in the form appended.
- (b) Certificates shall be dated, shall bear consecutive numbers, and shall be sealed with the seal of the Association.
- (c) Certificates shall be signed by the Examiners, by the Examining Superintendent and his Coadjutor, and countersigned by the President and Registrar.

REGISTER.

11. A Register shall be kept by the Registrar of the Association; and that Register shall contain the names of all persons who have received a certificate.

12. When a person registered has, either before or after he is so registered, been convicted before a court of competent jurisdiction in Her Majesty's dominions or elsewhere of an offence which, if committed in England, would be a felony or misdemeanour, or an offence under the Lunacy Acts then in force, or has been guilty of conduct which, in the discretion of the Council, renders such person unfit to hold a certificate, that person shall be liable to have his name erased from the Register.

13. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent or other member of the Association having knowledge of the facts to at once transmit a report of the circumstances of the case of a person alleged to be liable to have his name erased under Regulation 13 to the Registrar, who shall lay the same before the Council for

consideration, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Council of such conviction or such conduct as aforesaid, the Council may direct the Registrar to erase the name of such person from the Register and the certificate of such person shall be forfeited.

Provided that the name of a person shall not be erased on account of a conviction for an offence which, though within the provisions of Regulation 13, does not, in the opinion of the Council, either from the trivial nature of the offence or from the circumstances under which it was committed, disqualify a person from holding a certificate.

14. When a person holding a certificate is reported to the Registrar under the provisions of the preceding regulations, the Registrar, under the provisions of the preceding Regulations, shall forthwith send notice to such person calling upon him to show cause why he should not be dealt with by the Council, and shall transmit to him a copy of the following Regulation :

15. Any person holding a certificate who is alleged to be liable to have his name erased from the Register and whose case has been reported to the Council may make a statement to the Council either personally or in writing, but before any such statement will be received by the Council such person must deposit his certificate with the Registrar. In case the Council determine to take no action in the matter the certificate will be returned to such person. If any such person shall fail to deposit his certificate within fourteen days after receiving notice of this Regulation, and shall be unable to account to the satisfaction of the Council for the delay, such person shall be deemed to admit the truth of the charges made against him, and the Council may thereupon act as if the same had been proved to their satisfaction.

16. Any person shall be deemed to have received the notice required in Regulation 15 twenty-four hours after such notice has been posted in a registered letter to his last known address.

17. The Council may at any time direct the Registrar to restore to the Register any name erased therefrom in any case in which it may seem to them just or expedient so to do, or they may in any case direct the certificate to be suspended for a period in lieu of directing the name of the holder thereof to be erased.

FEEs.

18. Each candidate is required to send 5s. with the schedule filled up and signed to the Registrar. In case a candidate fails to pass the examination the fee will not be returned to him, but he will be admitted to a subsequent examination on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d.

GENERAL.

19. These Regulations shall apply to all attendants who present themselves for examination after a date to be fixed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Educational Committee. [The meeting, having remitted to the Chairman and Secretary of the Educational Committee the fixing of this date, the same to be as early as possible having due regard to the avoidance of inconvenience, the date has been fixed at 31st October, 1900.]

20. In these Regulations unless the context be inconsistent therewith—

“The Association” means the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

“The Council,” “The President,” “The Registrar,” mean the Council, President, and Registrar, respectively, of the Association.

“Institution” means an institution for the treatment of mental disorders as defined in Regulation 3.

“Register” means the register of the names of holders of the certificate of competence in nursing and attending on the insane.

“Superintendent” means the medical superintendent of an institution for the treatment of mental disorder.

Words importing the masculine gender only include the feminine.

CERTIFICATE REFERRED TO IN REGULATION 10 (a).

This is to certify that A. B., having been duly trained, has, after examination

by us, shown that he has attained proficiency in nursing and attendance upon the insane.

(Signed)	_____	}	Examiners.

	_____	}	Examining Superintendent. Coadjutor. President. Registrar.
(Countersigned)	_____		

Dr. MERCIER read the following OPINION, which formed part of the Report of the Educational Committee:

"The position of the Council of the Medico-Psychological Association seems to be very similar to that of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, although the latter is a statutory body. It has been repeatedly held that the functions exercised by that Council under regulations similar to those proposed being discretionary, and not merely ministerial, the Council are not liable to an action for the erroneous exercise of their discretion in the absence of *mala fides* and after due inquiry (see *Allbut v. General Council of Medical Education*, 23, Q.B.D. 400; *Partridge v. same*, 25, Q.B.D. 90; *Alinson v. same*, 1894, 1, Q.B. 750). If the Council be likened to the committee of a club, the same principle applies, and the court will not interfere against the decision of the members professing to act under their rules, unless it can be shown, either that the rules are contrary to natural justice, or that there has been *mala fides* in arriving at the decision (see *Dawkins v. Antrobus*, 17, Ch. D. 615; *Baird v. Wells*, 44, Ch. D. 666).

"The question of privilege would only occur (1) if the proceedings of the Council were published, and made the subject of an action for libel, when probably such report would be privileged (see *Allbut's case*, S.C.); (2) if an action for libel were brought against the superintendent or other member reporting the misconduct of an attendant to the Council. In such a case I am clearly of opinion that the report would be privileged. I have slightly recast the draft regulations sent to me with the view of making them more elastic, and more definite in their application. As now drafted they are generally on the lines of the Medical Act, 1858, and Dentists Act, 1879, which is an advantage, as those Acts have received judicial interpretation.

"(Signed) FRANCIS R. Y. RADCLIFFE.

"1, Mitre Court Buildings, Temple;
"April 11th, 1899."

Dr. McDOWALL proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Educational Committee, and especially to its secretary, Dr. Mercier, for much time and thought expended in placing these regulations before the meeting. This was cordially approved.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH presented the report of the Library Committee as follows:—We beg to report that a "Catalogue of Authors" has been drawn up, and is in the hands of the publishers, and we have much pleasure in presenting a copy to the Association. A catalogue of "Subjects" will be drawn up shortly. We ask for a grant of £15 to cover cost of publishing the catalogue.

The PRESIDENT, having thanked Dr. Beach for the catalogue presented, proposed the adoption of the report of the Library Committee; Dr. Whitcombe seconded. It was agreed to, and the Committee, consisting of Drs. Rayner, Uttersson Wood, Macevoy, and Fletcher Beach, was reappointed.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary read the following report:—The membership of the Association is 590: 540 ordinary, 41 honorary, and 18 corresponding members. Twenty resigned during the year, and five died.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Dr. MERCIER withdrew the motion standing in his name relative to reporting the business of various meetings.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE moved that the number of the direct representatives of the Association on the Educational Committee be increased, with the results reported on page 827.

Dr. FINEGAN withdrew his motion relative to the Irish Local Government Board, brought up from the meeting of the Irish Division, pending reports to be made to the Council to be laid before the next annual meeting.

Dr. DOUGLAS asked whether the Association had empowered the co-operation of the British Medical Association to watch the progress of the Lunacy Bill next year, which would be a considerable assistance to both associations.

The PRESIDENT.—It was found in practice that a joint committee was rather difficult to work, but the committees of both associations have power to confer together.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON.—I take it that the Parliamentary Committee has power to take such steps as it thinks fit with regard to impending legislation.

PRIZE ESSAY.

The PRESIDENT having intimated that the prize had been awarded to Dr. F. G. Crookshank, who was unfortunately prevented from being present, the meeting was adjourned till the afternoon.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

Dr. URQUHART.—I desire, in vacating the Presidential chair, to end my year of office as I began, with an expression of hearty thanks to the Association. One does not undertake these duties without a very considerable amount of diffidence, thinking of the able manner in which they have been performed by those who have gone before; and there is also a smack of regret that it has been considered timely to enrol one among the seniors. I can only say for myself that it has always been my aim to serve the Association to the best of my ability, well aware that I should have that consideration and indulgence which has been my support during the many years of my official connection with it. To be voted to the office which I am now leaving is indeed very high honour. I retire with gratitude, to make way for one who has been to us a tower of strength. I do not need to introduce the President to you, for you all know what he has done for this Association. As Registrar he took up the work under some pressure, but he has brought it to a pitch of perfection. It is easy for Dr. Benham, comparatively speaking, to succeed to the position of Registrar, because the business has been reduced to system and method. It is particularly pleasing to me personally to have this opportunity of bidding Dr. Spence welcome to the Presidential Chair—to repeat our lively assurance of our confidence, esteem, and satisfaction in seeing him in the place which he is to occupy this afternoon. I ask him now to take the chair with the full knowledge of his great ability and high hopes of his future.

Dr. BLANDFORD.—I wish to propose that this Association shall grant a vote of thanks to Dr. Urquhart for the admirable way in which he has discharged the duties of President during the past year. I need not dwell upon his virtues. You all know how much time and attention he has given to the office during that period.

Dr. MICKLE.—I have much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Dr. Urquhart. In him we have had a typically successful and good President. Not only has he been intimately associated with the Association's affairs for a very long time, but he is well known all over the world as one of the editors of our JOURNAL, and as a leader in our specialty. In him we have one who is intimately acquainted with all the methods of controlling and guiding discussions, and I am sure that the fact that he attained great honour at an early age is one which gives us and must give him much satisfaction.

Dr. SPENCE.—I am sure that we who know Dr. Urquhart's geniality, great ability, and indefatigable industry will join now in offering him our very hearty thanks for the way in which he has carried out the duties of President during the past year. He has made it very difficult for any one to succeed him, so that all one

can do is to look back upon Dr. Urquhart's career in the chair and try and model one's course of conduct upon the admirable example he has set all who follow him.

Dr. URQUHART having acknowledged the honour, the PRESIDENT read his address (see page 635).

Dr. SAVAGE proposed, and Dr. T. L. ROGERS seconded, a vote of thanks to the President for his address, which was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. WHITCOMBE then described a case of rapid *ante-* and *post-mortem* decomposition (see page 758)

The Association held its annual banquet at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, at 8 p.m., and had the honour of entertaining a number of distinguished guests.

MEETING OF JULY 28TH.

The PRESIDENT (Dr. J. B. Spence) took the chair, and called upon Dr. Mott to introduce a discussion upon "Syphilis in relation to Insanity" (see page 683).

The PRESIDENT then called upon Dr. Stoddart, who read a paper upon "Anæsthesia in the Insane" (see page 699).

The meeting adjourned at 1.45 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETING.—At the Langham Hotel at 2.30.

The PRESIDENT called upon Dr. Mercier to introduce the subject of "Punishment the Painful Consequence of Conduct" (see page 724).

The PRESIDENT called upon Dr. G. E. Mould to read his paper upon "Insanity and Marriage" (see page 737).

Dr. MIDDLEMASS read a joint paper by himself and Dr. Elkins upon "Night Nursing and Supervision in Asylums" (see page 713).

Dr. SUTCLIFFE read notes on "Sulphonal" (see page 740), and the PRESIDENT closed the meeting.

[Owing to the author's inability to be present, his arrival from America having been delayed, the paper promised by Professor C. H. Hughes, of St. Louis, on "Christopathia" was not read. We hope, however, to print it in an early number of the JOURNAL.—ED.]

Dr. URQUHART moved a vote of thanks to the President. This was seconded by Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN and agreed to.

The PRESIDENT.—I thank you very much, and I also offer my heartfelt thanks to those who really have been the mainsprings of the success—the Treasurer, Dr. Hayes Newington, has done an immense amount of work, as also has Dr. Robert Jones, the Secretary. I regret that a vote of thanks was not proposed to the Officers of the Association at yesterday's meeting for their services during the year, but I feel sure I may now say that we are all greatly obliged to them for the way they carry out their duties in the interests of the Association.

VISIT TO NORMANSFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Association finished in a very pleasant manner by a visit to Normansfield on Saturday, July 29th. It is to be regretted that so few members were able to avail themselves of the invitation of Mrs. Langdon-Down to visit her, and to partake of her hospitality. The party met at Richmond, and proceeded up the river in a steam launch. Dr. Reginald Langdon-Down took charge, and pointed out interesting spots to those not so familiar with the locality as he is. On arriving at Normansfield, the visitors were received by Mrs. Langdon-Down and Dr. Percival Langdon-Down, and conducted through the grounds and buildings. It is unnecessary to refer in detail to the many things of interest which there came under notice, but mention should be made of two villas which are occupied as preparatory schools by defective children. These buildings are quite separate from the rest of the institution, and the children do not associate with others worse mentally than themselves. Another villa is occupied by epileptic children, who are neither insane nor congenitally defective. The separation of these children from undoubtedly weak-minded cases marks a very important advance in the treatment of a most unfortunate class of persons, for the building

is really a school where special arrangements can be, and as a matter of fact are, adequately made for their education.

The company had lunch, and the President thanked Mrs. Langdon-Down for her gracious hospitality. Some members then returned to town, but the greater number proceeded on board the steam launch up the river, where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

IRISH MEETING.

A meeting of the Irish Division was held on Tuesday, July 25th, at Antrim Asylum, Dr. Hetherington, Londonderry, presiding. There were also present: Drs. Rambaut (Dublin), Dawson (Dublin), Nolan (Downpatrick), Wm. Graham (Belfast), S. Graham (Antrim), Amelia Grogan (Mullingar), Dorah Allman (Armagh), and Finegan (Mullingar), Hon. Sec.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:—Fitzgerald, James J., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Carlow (proposed by Dr. Thomas P. O'Meara, Dr. W. S. Gordon, and Dr. Grogan); Ellison, Fras. C., M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Castlebar (proposed by Dr. E. M. Courtenay, Dr. W. S. Gordon, and Dr. Arthur Finegan); M'Kelvey, Alexander Niel, L. and M.R.C.P. and S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Omagh (proposed by Drs. C. Hetherington, W. S. Gordon, and Arthur Finegan); Smyth, Walter, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Antrim (proposed by Drs. William Graham, W. S. Gordon, and Arthur Finegan); Patrick, John, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Belfast Asylum (proposed by Drs. W. Graham, W. S. Gordon, and Arthur Finegan); Graham, R. A. L., B.A., M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Belfast Asylum (proposed by Drs. W. Graham, W. S. Gordon, and Arthur Finegan); Keegan, Lawrence Edward, M.D. (Univ. Dub.), L.R.C.P. & S.I., Medical Superintendent, Newfoundland Asylum (proposed by Drs. Conolly Norman, Henry Cullinan, and William Dawson); Kennedy, F. J., L.R.C.P. and S.I., L.M., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Enniscorthy (proposed by Drs. Thomas Drapes, W. S. Gordon, and Arthur Finegan); Allman, Dorah Elizabeth, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Armagh (proposed by Drs. George Lawless, Amelia Grogan, and Arthur Finegan); Allen, John Gower, L.R.C.P. and S.I., Part Proprietor, The Retreat, Armagh (proposed by Drs. Lawless, Gordon, and Finegan); Strangman, Lucia F., L.R.C.P. and S.I., L.M. Rot., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Cork (proposed by Drs. O. Woods, William Scanlan, and Arthur Finegan); Kirwan, J. St. L., M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Ballinasloe (proposed by Drs. Fletcher, Mills, and Arthur Finegan).

The Secretary read several letters from members, regretting their inability to attend. The PRESIDENT of the Association wrote that he had been most anxious to attend, but at the last moment he found it was impossible for him to do so.

A letter was read from Dr. A. R. TURNBULL, Secretary of the Scottish Division, drawing attention to the recommendation in regard to the payment of expenses of the Secretaries which the Scottish Division had formulated, for the consideration of the Council. Dr. Turnbull stated that the Scottish Division was unanimous in recommending the payment of the expenses of Secretaries, and that he had forwarded this recommendation to the various divisions in the hope of co-operation.

Dr. FINEGAN said that in this important matter he was sure the Council would be very much guided by the action that would be taken at the Irish Meeting. He thought they should try to strengthen the hands of the Scottish members, with whom alone the question had originated.

Dr. NOLAN inquired as to whether financial resources of the Association would warrant this, and as to the amount of means to credit.

Dr. DAWSON asked what the expenses of the Secretary would be?

After further discussion, the Secretary having made some explanatory remarks, Dr. NOLAN said he thought they should defray the expenses of the Secretaries, and moved:—"That the expenses of the Divisional Secretaries of the Medico-