

The Section of Psychological Medicine.

The Section of Psychological Medicine, under the presidency of Dr. Urquhart, appears to have been unusually successful and interesting.

Owing to lack of space, we are unable to deal with the proceedings of the Section in this number of the JOURNAL.

Members of our Association appear to have taken conspicuous parts in other sections. The address given by Dr. Maudsley demands special attention, and a discussion, opened by Dr. Weatherly, in the Section of State Medicine, on the provision of sanatoriums for poor consumptives, was well supported.

The desirability of the close association of the Annual Meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association with the British Medical Section has often been discussed and there is so much diversity of opinion on the point that the result of a general vote would be very useful for the guidance of the Council.

Part II.—Reviews.

Psychological Medicine: A Manual of Mental Diseases for Practitioners and Students. By MAURICE CRAIG, M.A., M.D.Cantab., M.R.C.P.Lond. London: J. and A. Churchill, 1905. Pp. viii, 447.

With the appearance of each new work on mental diseases one is conscious of a hope that here at last is the pre-eminent treatise which can be unhesitatingly recommended as *the* best book in English on the subject. The manual before us is not such a treatise, but, nevertheless, Dr. Craig has produced what is, upon the whole, a commendable work. The keynote of the book is struck in the Preface, when the author states that "the student will be constantly reminded to look upon mental disorders in the same way that he views disease in general," and the stress laid upon the physical signs of the different forms of mental disease bears out this statement, and is an entirely satisfactory feature of the work. It is somewhat inconsistent, however, to impress upon the reader that general paralysis "is a disease of the nervous system, and is not in the ordinary sense of the word an insanity," as if the former statement were not true of every form of mental illness.