

remember the case of Elliot at the Barming Heath Asylum. He would also like to know whether the term "county asylum" would include "borough asylum."

The CHAIRMAN said that it would be well for this latter point to be made quite clear. It was to be sincerely hoped that every member of the Association would endeavour to press upon individual Members of Parliament the recommendations now made, so that when the Bill came forward for consideration in the House of Commons there might be an adequate number of supporters of their views in that House.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR ASYLUM PENSIONS.

Dr. R. H. W. Wickham, Medical Superintendent of the Borough Asylum, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has forwarded us the following for publication.—[Eds.]

- 1.—Pensions should be obligatory.
- 2.—Asylum officers to be retired at 60, and at such less age as they may desire, or as may seem to the Committee of Visitors necessary, always provided that, except in the case of infirmity directly caused by the service, no officer should be eligible for a pension who is not both 40 years of age and who has not served for ten years in the asylum.
- 3.—The pension at 60 years of age and after 20 years of service, both inclusive, to be two-thirds of salary and all allowances.
- 4.—One-fortieth of the two-thirds to be deducted for each year below the age of 60.
- 5.—One-sixtieth of the two-thirds to be deducted for each year below the 20 years period of service.
- 6.—The pension to be chargeable, as at present, on the county or borough rates. To charge it on the Treasury Grant would be practically charging it to maintenance, and would introduce a new element into the discussion.

#### Examples.

1.—Superintendent: Salary, &c., £1,100. Aged 45. Service 18 years.		
	£ s. d.	60 years—45 years = 15 or $\frac{15}{60}$ age.
Two-thirds of £1,100...	733 6 8	20 years—18 years = 2 or $\frac{2}{60}$ service.
Deduct.....	299 8 10	$\frac{15}{60}$ of £733 6s 8d = £275 0 0
		$\frac{2}{60}$ of £733 6s 8d = 24 8 10
Pension due .....	£433 17 10	Total deduction ... £299 8 10
2.—Nurse: Salary, &c., £69. Age 51. Service 13 years.		
	£ s. d.	60 years—51 years = 9 years or $\frac{9}{60}$ age.
Two-thirds of £69 .....	46 0 0	20 years—13 years = 7 years or $\frac{7}{60}$ service.
Deduct.....	15 14 4	$\frac{9}{60}$ of £46 = £10 7 0
		$\frac{7}{60}$ of £46 = 5 7 4
Pension due.....	£30 5 8	Total deduction ... £15 14 4