

The next step was a deputation to the Lord Chancellor arranged by Dr. Shuttleworth at very short notice for September 1st. Notwithstanding the holiday season, ten representative members of the Parliamentary Committees of the Asylum Workers and the Medico-Psychological Associations waited upon his lordship, and were introduced by Sir John Jardine, M.P., K.C.I.E., and speeches were made commending the Bill to his favourable notice by Drs. Shuttleworth, Hayes Newington, and Bower. In reply, his lordship expressed his cordial sympathy with asylum workers in their arduous and trying duties, and said he was personally quite ready to support a measure for the improvement of their prospects, but it would be necessary for him to consult his colleagues in the Cabinet with regard to the Bill.

Owing to the House of Lords having adjourned for ten days some delay occurred in the communication of the Lord Chancellor's decision with regard to the Bill, which was to the effect that the Government, while promising general support, thought it better that an independent peer should take charge of it in the Upper House. Lord Monk-Bretton has been good enough to accept this responsibility, and the second reading of the Bill has now been set down for Thursday, October 7th.

At the time of writing it seems probable that there will be certain difficulties to surmount in the House of Lords, and it behoves everyone who wishes well for the Bill to use all available means to obtain the support of peers within his or her sphere of influence.

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*The Pentacost Dancers.*

The *Review of Hypnotism* for July contains a notice of a meeting at Cardiff on the first of May last of a body claiming the above title. The meeting was in the Park Hotel and delegates from all parts of the Kingdom are said to have attended.

The meeting is summed up as a pandemonium of hysteric religion, the spectacle being more extraordinary than that of the dancing Dervishes.

Can any of our readers furnish a more detailed account of the sect and its meetings? The existence of such an organised body in the twentieth century, in the midst of our civilisation, is a phenomenon as surprising as extraordinary, and demands some scientific attention.