

I may add, by the way, that I am not conscious of having experienced any ill effects, even though the bulk of the 6,800 miles I have ridden has been on a solid-tired machine. With this machine I often do forty miles on an afternoon, and feel quite fresh and active next morning. In fact, the whole of my experience of cycling has been of the most pleasant and enjoyable kind, and I do not anticipate it will soon be otherwise.

I can unhesitatingly corroborate Mr. A. B.'s statements regarding the present state of his health, though he seems to be stating the case for cycling rather too strongly. Physically he is most robust—a man of 54, he looks barely 45—and he appears to be more stable mentally than he has been at any time during the seven years I have known him. It does not seem improbable, therefore, that this new hobby has taken the place of the morbid recreations of former years, and so removed one of the most potent exciting causes of his attacks.

OCCASIONAL NOTES OF THE QUARTER.

The Annual Meeting.

The fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, held in London on July 23rd and 24th, under the presidency of Dr. Mickle, was fully occupied with the business and scientific work provided. Indeed, time did not permit of the completion of all that was intended.

The Presidential Address, which was only delivered in part, is now presented in full; and we congratulate Dr. Mickle on fulfilling the expectations which his honourable position in the world of medicine induced us to form. His careful survey of a field which is of the deepest interest to psychologists, his elucidation of difficult medico-legal questions, and his balanced appreciation of a long series of clinical facts all command our respectful attention. Dr. Mickle has given us of his best, the garnered sheaves of an abundant harvest.

Dr. W. F. Robertson showed a series of microscopical preparations, which again gave ample proof of his skill and patience in elucidating the facts of pathology. Other papers of deep interest were read, and the results of research and reflection were unsparingly communicated, and submitted

for the criticism of the meeting. The Association was also favoured with an original paper by Dr. Channing, whose presence as representative of the United States was duly appreciated. His opinions as to the significance of narrow palates are opposed to current teaching, but are supported by a long series of patient investigations. We are, unfortunately, unable to print Dr. Channing's paper in this number of the Journal; but expect to present it to our readers in the January issue. We have also retained reports on the administration of thyroid extract, by Dr. Legge and Dr. Hay, in the meantime.

We can only regret that the attendance was so inadequate. The number of those present, as entered on the book provided for that purpose, was very limited. This is not as it should be, with a membership of five hundred and nine. It cannot be averred that the junior members of the Association are crowded out because there is no room, or because the great majority of Medical Superintendents have left them no choice. They are, indeed, heartily welcome, and should bear in mind that it is to them that the future of the Association belongs. The Medico-Psychological Association has done good work in the past; it has been carried to its present position of influence and strength by the efforts of the men Dr. Outterson Wood has so timeously commemorated, and those whose active services we yet command; it is for those who have yet to bear the burden and heat of the day to proffer their services, to maintain what has been gained, and to press forward in hope of new victories for science and for humanity.

The Council, too, has its plain duty. The trust committed to them is not fulfilled unless they consider well how they may direct the affairs of the Association so that the attendance at important meetings may be improved, and the effective strength of the members may be directed to conserve and augment the interests at stake. The Association has resolved that the Council shall, year by year, give some account of their proceedings, of the condition of the affairs of the Society; they have been called upon, in fact, to justify their existence. It is hoped that they will respond with some effect to this demand for their *raison d'être*. At the risk of becoming didactic, than which nothing can be more hopelessly out of fashion, we hint that there is a more excellent way. Dr. Savage boldly professes *dissatisfied science* as preferable to *self-satisfied science*. Therein is hope. Truly "the best is yet to be."