

The justification, if one were needed, for invoking the assistance of the Board in the matter is the fact that, as the result of their action, a considerable number of men have been set free for the Army, admittedly not without somewhat increasing the anxieties of the Visiting Committees and their Medical Officers, but so far without untoward events.

The Council of the Association are in error in thinking (as is suggested by your letter) that the Local Tribunals have any power of exercising discretion outside the recommendations of the Board in dealing with asylum attendants as persons in a certified occupation, and, wherever it has come to the knowledge of the Board that any Tribunal has attempted to exercise any such discretion, the fact has not been allowed to pass unnoticed.

The inability of the Council to concur in the Board's opinion as to the principles of asylum management which should be followed in the present national crisis is, the Board think, to be regretted. It will be the duty of the Board, as well as of asylum authorities, firmly to exert their influence at the conclusion of the War to bring about a return to a proper standard, and in this they feel sure the co-operation of the Medico-Psychological Association may be counted upon.

I am to add that the Board of Control cannot accept the position which the Council of the Association take up, in attempting to express an opinion as regards the ability or willingness of Asylum Visiting Committees to place responsibility upon the Board in this matter. As a matter of fact, the Board are in possession of letters from a considerable number of Committees, in which the latter either invite the Board to assume such responsibility or express their satisfaction at the offer of the Board to do so.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

O. E. DICKINSON,
Secretary.

The Acting Hon. General Secretary,
Medico-Psychological Association
of Great Britain and Ireland.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South Eastern Division was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, April 28th, 1916. Among those present were Drs. Baird, Bower, Ralph Brown, Earls, Haynes, J. M. Murray, Norman, Stewart, Watson, and J. N. Sergeant (Hon. Sec.).

The minutes of the last meeting, having been published in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

Drs. R. Armstrong-Jones, Hubert J. Norman, T. E. K. Stansfield, and W. H. B. Stoddart were elected Representative Members of the Council, and Dr. J. Noel Sergeant Hon. Divisional Secretary for the year 1916-1917. Drs. Fuller, Higson, and F. Watson were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management.

It was decided to hold the Autumn Meeting at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on Wednesday, October 4th, 1916.

Dr. Hubert J. Norman then read his paper on "The Cerebral Complications of Raynaud's Disease."

After a brief discussion a vote of thanks to Dr. Norman for his interesting paper was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the above Division was held, by kind permission of Dr. MacBryan, at 17, Belmont, Bath, on Friday, April 28th, 1916.

The following Members were present: Drs. Bartlett, Norman Lavers, Legge, MacBryan, and Aveline, who acted as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. MacBryan was voted to the Chair.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Drs. Eager, Macdonald, and Soutar.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.