

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND IRELAND.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Association began at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 20th, 1905, at No. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.; Dr. R. Percy Smith, the retiring President, occupied the chair.

Present—Drs. W. Lloyd Andriezen, Mervyn T. Archdall, Henry T. S. Aveline, Fletcher Beach, C. Hubert Bond, David Bower, Arthur N. Boycott, John F. Briscoe, Patrick E. Campbell, James Chambers, John Carswell, Harry Corner, Sidney Coupland Maurice Craig, Francis G. Crookshank, Thomas O'C. Donelan, William Douglas, Thomas Drapes, Charles C. Easterbrook, Francis H. Edwards, G. Stanley Elliot, W. Gilmore Ellis, John E. M. Finch, Horace E. Haynes, John W. Higginson, Charles K. Hitchcock, Theo. B. Hyslop, Gerald H. Johnston, J. Carlyle Johnstone, Robert Jones, Neil T. Kerr, Harold A. Kidd, Richard J. Legge, William H. C. Macartney, Henry C. MacBryan, Peter W. Macdonald, Alan McDougall, Henry J. Mackenzie, Charles A. Mercier, William J. Mickle, Alfred Miller, Cuthbert S. Morrison, James Neil, H. Hayes Newington, Bedford Pierce, Evan Powell, Nathan Raw, Henry Rayner, J. Milsom Rhodes, George M. Robertson, Ernest F. Sall, George H. Savage, T. Claye Shaw, George E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, Robert H. Steen, Rothsay C. Stewart, Reginald J. Stilwell, Frederic R. P. Taylor, David G. Thomson, Alfred Turner, Alex. R. Urquhart, Frederick Watson, Lionel A. Weatherly, Ernest W. White, Albert Wilson, T. Outterson Wood, David Yellowlees.

The following sent apologies for non-attendance:—A. E. MacDonald (Hon. Member), Michael J. Nolan, Landel R. Oswald, Alex. R. Turnbull.

The following *visitors* were present:—Dr. E. W. Alexander, of New Zealand; Dr. Koch, of Missouri University.

The PRESIDENT.—I call upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The minutes of the November and May adjournments have been printed in the JOURNAL, and it is usual to take them as read. With regard to yesterday's meeting, which, as you know, was still the 1904 meeting, the minutes of that must be read to-day. Is it your pleasure, first, that the minutes which have appeared in the JOURNAL be taken as read? (Agreed.)

The PRESIDENT.—I now ask the Secretary to read the minutes of the remainder of the annual meeting.

The SECRETARY (Dr. Robert Jones).—I wish to point out, Mr. President, that the meeting lasted from 10.30 a.m. to 6 in the evening, and I am sure members do not wish the whole of those minutes read, the verbatim notes of eight hours. There has not been any time to do more than get these minutes prepared from the notes, and of course they could not be handed to me until 10 o'clock this morning.

The PRESIDENT.—I am in the hands of the meeting with regard to the reading of these minutes. It is for the meeting to say whether they shall be read or whether they shall be taken as read. If the meeting to-day wishes to take them as read it will be, I believe, open to them to do so.

Dr. ROBERT JONES then read the minutes.

The PRESIDENT.—These minutes have now been read, is it your pleasure that they be confirmed?

Dr. URQUHART.—There are one or two small errors in the first part of the report, and I ask that the exact words of the first two motions submitted by me shall be entered in place of the reported words.

The PRESIDENT.—They will be incorporated.

Dr. URQUHART.—My motion was that the names of those voting, as taken down by the Secretary, shall be entered on the minutes; but I desire to express, what everybody must have felt, that we are extremely indebted to the shorthand writer for having sat out that very long and arduous meeting, and then by 10 o'clock this

morning having prepared such an accurate synopsis for the purpose of the minutes. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE.—Can we hear the resolutions which Dr. Urquhart moved?

The PRESIDENT.—The resolution is, "That no resolution of the Association passed to-day shall be final or binding until a report on the whole matter has been received from Professor Karl Pearson or some expert of equal eminence after consideration of the report of the Committee, and all relative documents submitted to them."

Dr. URQUHART.—We also want the names of those voting.

The PRESIDENT.—I will read the names; the Secretary has a list.

Dr. MERCIER.—I should like to make a remark upon a matter which arises out of the minutes, Sir. I was unfortunately prevented from being here yesterday; I could not have been present except at a great sacrifice. But that sacrifice I would cheerfully have submitted to had it not been that I understood at the previous meeting that the table comprising the forms of insanity was not to be passed, but was to be referred to the Statistical Committee for further consideration. It appears to have been passed in the identical form in which it originally stood, and for my own part I do not know whether it is now possible to reopen the matter. But I distinctly understood that a pledge was given that that table should be left open for reconsideration. I now understand, however, that the reconsideration was closed, and that the table stands as one of those sanctioned by this Association. If that is so I can only say I extremely regret it, because I do not think that that is a table which the Association should sanction, or which will gain for the Association any credit with any authority on the subject with which it deals. (Hear, hear.)

The PRESIDENT.—I may perhaps correct Dr. Mercier's recollection. At the meeting in November the table was passed provisionally, with the understanding that it should not be considered absolutely final, but that for the present as a working table it should go on, and that at a subsequent annual meeting it should be brought up again, that is to say, the whole question of classification, so that a new table for discharges and deaths should be framed.

Dr. MERCIER.—May we refer to the minutes of that meeting to see what pledge was given on the subject?

The PRESIDENT.—I was looking at the record of the proceedings of that meeting only yesterday. It is printed in the JOURNAL, and can be seen by anyone. It was provisionally passed.

Dr. MERCIER.—Yes, on the understanding that it did not pledge the meeting to adopt that table.

The PRESIDENT.—That did not apply to more than a limited time.

Dr. MERCIER.—I repeat, sir, that it is not creditable to the Association as a table, and it should not pass in its present form. It is manifestly tentative, and a mere formal table; indeed, almost in blank. It is a mere dummy table, which cannot possibly be regarded as a deliberate expression of opinion of this Association. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. NEWINGTON.—There is a little implication in the remarks of Dr. Mercier about a pledge which was given not having been exactly fulfilled. It was distinctly stated in the minutes that the table should come up again; it was open for discussion. The meeting was reminded that we were under a pledge to Dr. Mercier and others in the matter, and that we could make any other alterations. Alterations were proposed in it, and were resisted in debate, principally on that ground, namely, that it was put up in November and passed provisionally to come up for discussion yesterday, but with the understanding that if the Association chose to take it into its own hands at a future time it could do so. I think it will be found that the undertaking given in November was absolutely fulfilled yesterday.

Dr. YELLOWLEES.—I would like to say a word to emphasise what Dr. Newington has just said, and to explain that we faithfully kept promise, so far as the Committee were concerned, with Dr. Mercier. We did not attempt to alter it. We think with him that it is a very imperfect table, and we do not by any means pretend or desire that it should be a table in perpetuity. We wish the Association were wise enough to make a perfect table, and whenever it does we shall rejoice to see such a table substituted for this. When the Association thinks fit it can appoint a Committee for this purpose; but the table as now presented is the best

we can suggest at the present time. It can serve a temporary purpose, and although it is distinctly unscientific and imperfect, we think it is the best thing we can have until, as I say, we are able by increase of knowledge to attain to a perfect classification. Being under that impression we did not try to tamper with it in any way as it was left from the last meeting.

Dr. DOUGLAS.—It has been supposed that it will last for twenty years, because we are told the forms will last twenty years.

Dr. MERCIER.—My complaint is that the table has not been altered. What I say is that the pledge given to me was that as the table was passed formerly it was on the condition that the matter should be referred to a committee.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE.—The project that there should be a special Committee on classification came from the Northern and Midland Division. At the last meeting of that Division it was decided not to take any further steps in the matter. It is open to this meeting to take steps if they wish to do so.

The PRESIDENT.—I think notice should be given of that.

Dr. MERCIER.—But that postpones it for twelve months.

The PRESIDENT.—The General Meeting would have to take it up.

Dr. MERCIER.—It is competent for this Annual Meeting to appoint a committee, and I think the rules provide that the Annual Meeting can appoint a committee to sit on any subject it pleases, and no previous notice is necessary for the appointment of a committee. Committees have frequently been appointed without notice upon matters arising in discussion which have taken place in the Association, and if I am in order I will move that a committee be appointed.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—There is no notice providing for the reappointment of the Statistics Committee on the agenda.

Dr. CARSWELL.—I would suggest, as a means of keeping Dr. Mercier's suggestion alive that, on the motion which Dr. Yellowlees will now submit, it would be competent to move a direction to the Statistical Committee to keep in view this very question, and to bring the matter up again at the next Annual Meeting.

Dr. MERCIER.—I move that a committee be appointed to draw up a table of disease, and leave the nomination of that committee to yourself, Sir.

The PRESIDENT.—Does any one second Dr. Mercier's proposition?

Dr. DRAPES.—I second it.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—I am sure that Dr. Mercier's suggestion that this question should not be remitted to this present Statistical Committee has the heartiest acceptance of our committee. (Hear, hear.) I must say that we were stopped from interfering with this table by the very representation which Dr. Bedford Pierce has brought before us from a Branch Meeting. We were told to put all our work before the Branch Meetings, and we did; and we got an instruction from the Northern Division that we should recommend that the matter should be put into the hands of the Association generally; therefore we did no more work on it. But as for joining a committee, I do not think many members of the committee which has been working at statistics would contemplate being on that committee.

On being put to the meeting, 16 voted in favour, 8 against.

Dr. YELLOWLEES.—In accordance with a motion read to you as part of yesterday's annual adjourned meeting, I have to now move that the committee which have been for three years engaged on these tables may be reappointed for another year, in order to complete their work. It can then finish its communications with various bodies, and facilitate getting these tables into circulation and use as early as possible. Of course you have decided to seek another table for the forms of insanity. To that, as a committee, we can have no shadow of objection, and we expressed this at our last discussion in November. I think it is brave, even rash, in the Association to have come to that resolution, especially in the light of our imperfect knowledge, and after all the experience we have of past failures to attain anything like a perfect classification. And therefore it is with all humility I suggest that we be reappointed as a Statistical Committee to complete our work, the table in question serving for present purposes until this perfect one, which is yet in the clouds, be obtained. I beg to move, "That it be recommended to the Annual Meeting of 1905 that the Statistical Committee be reappointed for another year to facilitate the initiation of the scheme as finally settled, and that it be empowered to confer with the proper authorities as to the date on which it shall come into action."

Dr. NEWINGTON.—I second it.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—Is there an opportunity of speaking on this subject?

The PRESIDENT.—Not on the tables in general.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—The question of the tables is inextricably mixed up with the appointment of the committee to do the work.

The PRESIDENT.—The motion is, that the committee be reappointed to carry out these tables.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—To finish their work. I do not wish to be an obstructionist, but I think we should be able to state objections to the work which they are to be reappointed to finish.

The PRESIDENT.—I think that is all settled, in accordance with what passed yesterday. We simply cannot debate it all again to-day. If you object to the committee being reappointed you can vote against it.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—Will the committee bring up a report again?

Dr. NEWINGTON.—The resolution is that the Statistical Committee be reappointed for another year, to facilitate the initiation of the scheme as finally settled. It also empowers the committee to confer with the proper authorities, and that is one point which we want. We also want to settle the date on which it should come into operation.

The PRESIDENT.—A Committee appointed by the annual meeting will have to report again.

Dr. BOYCOTT.—I propose, as an amendment to it, that the words "to facilitate the initiation of the scheme as finally settled" be omitted, and that the words be added, "to further report at the next annual meeting."

Dr. NEWINGTON.—That would delay the whole thing another year. The resolution is proposed in order to enable the Committee to see the Commissioners, and to confer with them as a committee as to the date on which this scheme shall be brought into action. Of course, alteration of the registers involves an alteration in the statutory documents which appear in the schedule of the Lunacy Act, both in England and Scotland, and presumably in Ireland. Those documents cannot be touched, except by the authority of the Lord Chancellor of England, the Irish Secretary, and the Scottish Secretary; and after their sanction has been obtained, notice of the alteration has to be laid on the tables of the Houses of Parliament within a certain time after the commencement of the session for the same time as Provisional Orders. If we cannot come to some arrangement authoritatively with the Commissioners, they are not likely to go forward and give the notice for the alteration for another year. This motion enables us to deal authoritatively from the Association, so that they can get into action if they please.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE.—I understand the question to be the confirmation of the minutes.

The PRESIDENT.—This proposition has been made arising out of the minutes, and an amendment has been moved to it. I shall put the amendment. It is that these words be left out: "To facilitate the initiation of the scheme as finally settled," and that the following be substituted, "and report to the next annual meeting."

The amendment was then put, when nine voted in favour and seventeen against.

The PRESIDENT.—I will now put Dr. Yellowlees motion. Carried by twenty against five.

Dr. DOUGLAS.—Is that the Committee provided for by Dr. Mercier's motion?

The PRESIDENT.—No. Is it your pleasure that these minutes be confirmed? Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

The PRESIDENT appointed four scrutineers to superintend the ballot—Dr. Easterbrook, Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Bedford Pierce. The Secretary draws my attention to a small error in the name of Dr. Graham; it is put in the list as Dr. Robert A. L. Graham; it should be W. Graham. The list, as submitted to the meeting, was confirmed unanimously.

<i>President</i>	T. OUTTERSON WOOD.
<i>President-Elect</i>	ROBERT JONES.
<i>Treasurer</i>	H. HAYES NEWINGTON.
<i>General Secretary</i>	ROBERT JONES.
<i>Registrar</i>	ALFRED MILLER.
<i>Editors</i>	{ HENRY RAYNER. CONOLLY NORMAN. A. R. URQUHART. JAMES CHAMBERS.

Nominated Members of Council.

FLETCHER BEACH, T. S. CLOUSTON, WILLIAM GRAHAM, GEORGE H. SAVAGE,
F. R. P. TAYLOR, ARTHUR A. D. TOWNSEND.

Officers and Council elected by the Divisions.

South-Eastern Division.—DAVID BOWER, DAVID S. THOMSON, JOHN TURNER,
ERNEST W. WHITE, ROBERT H. STEEN (Secretary).

South-Western Division.—HENRY C. MACBRYAN, PETER W. MACDONALD, HENRY
T. S. AVELINE (Secretary).

Northern and Midland Division.—SAMUEL EDGERLEY, CHARLES K. HITCHCOCK,
RICHARD J. LEGGE, BEDFORD PIERCE (Secretary).

Irish Division.—THOMAS DRAPES, MICHAEL J. NOLAN, WILLIAM R. DAWSON
(Secretary).

Scottish Division.—ADAM R. TURNBULL, DAVID YELLOWLEES, LEWIS C. BRUCE
(Secretary).

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—I beg to propose the addition to the list, as recommended
by the Parliamentary Committee yesterday, of the name of Dr. Thomas Seymour
Tuke.

Dr. THOMSON.—I beg to second that. (Agreed).

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The PRESIDENT.—The names recommended, and approved by the Council, are
set out here. Are there any additional ones to be proposed?

The list as submitted was agreed to.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The PRESIDENT.—There are three names recommended to form this Committee
—Dr. Fletcher Beach, Dr. Henry Rayner, and Dr. Outterson Wood; and they are
approved by the Council.

Dr. RAYNER.—I propose that Dr. Cole be added.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH.—I shall be glad to second that. (Carried).

The PRESIDENT.—With regard to the Examiners, I understand Dr. Goodall is
unable to serve.

Dr. CRAIG.—I beg to move that Dr. Robert Jones be appointed Examiner for
England for the Medico-Psychological Certificate and the Gaskell Prize in place of
Dr. Goodall. (Carried).

The PRESIDENT.—The others are the recommendations of the Council. Is it
your pleasure that they be elected Examiners?

Dr. DOUGLAS asked for information regarding the composition of the Nomina-
tions Committee.

The rule referring to this matter was quoted and the procedure explained.

On the motion of Dr. MERCIER, seconded by Dr. WHITE, it was agreed that the
attention of the Nominations Committee be drawn to the unwieldy size of the
standing committees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—I lay on the table the Report, a copy of which you all have.
It is more satisfactory than usual. We have a gross profit of £152, which is
reduced by writing off unpaid subscriptions and a fall in the value of stocks to

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REVENUE ACCOUNT—January 1st to December 31st, 1904.

1903. Dr.		Expenditure.		Income.		Cr.		1903.			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
527	9	9	To Journal, Printing, Publishing, Engraving, Advertising, and Postage ...	524	16	7	By Dividends ...	...	...	...	...
209	5	8	" Examinations, Association Prizes, and Clerical Assistance to Registrar ...	192	19	9	" Sale of Journal ...	198	9	3	20
38	14	2	" Petty Disbursements, Stationery, Postages, etc. ...	36	5	3	" Sale of Handbook ...	20	6	4	...
132	15	6	" Annual, General, and Divisional Meetings ...	126	16	11	" Advertisements ...	43	8	0	362
51	0	0	" Rent of Premises at 11, Chandos Street, care of Office, etc. ...	52	5	0	" Fees, Certificates of Psychological Medicine ...	9	9	0	3
6	6	0	" Audit and Clerical Assistance ...	6	6	0	" Fees, Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing ...	214	16	6	6
182	13	0	" Miscellaneous ...	92	19	0	" Subscriptions	224
0	0	0	" Library ...	3	1	4	5
6	16	5	Balance	681
1155	0	6		1035	9	10					0
				152	9	2					0
				1187	19	0					0
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BALANCE-SHEET—31st December, 1904.

1903.		Liabilities.		Assets.		1903.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
116	18	1	Journal Account, balance of ...	8	15	4	Lloyd's Bank:—Bankers ...	460	19	6
44	6	5	Examinations Account, balance of ...	0	0	0	New Zealand Stock:	...	...	...
14	18	11	Petty Disbursements Account, balance of ...	22	13	11	£3½ per cent. value at this date ...	304	14	10
10	4	0	Meetings Account, balance of ...	13	11	9	Hack Tuke Memorial ...	314	6	5
85	5	4	Gaskell Fund ...	127	1	6	Victoria Stock:	...	...	...
31	0	0	Rent Account ...	15	19	0	Dr. Paul's bequest ...	87	17	1
99	17	9	Miscellaneous ...	9	19	7	3½ per cent. ...	189	11	6
2	17	10	Library ...	0	7	0	Subscriptions Account, balance ...	160	13	0
1324	7	9	Balance:—Balance on 1st January ...	1267	16	11	Sales Account, balance ...	38	1	2
6	16	5	Add:—Balance of Revenue Account ...	152	9	2	Fees Account, balance ...	0	0	0
1331	4	2		1420	6	1	Gaskell Fund ...	0	0	0
			Deduct:—Decrease in value of New Zealand Stock ...	£9	6	7	Examination Account, balance ...	10	0	0
			New Zealand Stock (Hack Tuke Memorial) ...	9	12	5				
			Victoria Stock ...	1	0	8				
			Subscriptions written off ...	32	11	0				
63	7	3		52	10	8				
1267	16	11		1367	15	5				
				1566	3	6				

H. HAYES NEWINGTON, TREASURER.

about £100. I do not think there is any point upon which one can usefully say anything. The expenses have been well kept down, and the income has gone on very satisfactorily. With regard to another fund, the Gaskell Fund, on my recommendation a further sum of £300 was added to the capital of this fund. The original capital stands at about £1360 in value, and £300 has now been added to that. The sum now invested arises from the failure of any qualified gentleman to come forward and gain the valuable prize which is offered annually. This has been going on for a long time. The question has been brought before the Educational Committee, and no doubt they will consider whether some means can be devised within the trust deed for preventing this waste of good opportunities. I move the adoption of my report.

The report was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT.—It is evident that the Treasurer's Report meets with general approval.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Dr. F. H. EDWARDS.—I think the Auditors have no special comment to make upon the Balance-sheet. I will read the report: "The Auditors beg to report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Association for 1904, and have checked the receipts and expenditure, and certify the same and the Balance-sheet to be correct.

" H. GARDINER HILL, }
" FRANCIS H. EDWARDS, } *Auditors.*"

Dr. CRAIG.—I second the Report.

The Report was put and carried.

The PRESIDENT.—The Auditors proposed for the ensuing year are Dr. Edwards and Dr. Beveridge Spence.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—I shall be glad to propose Dr. Edwards and Dr. Beveridge Spence.

Dr. OUTTERSON WOOD.—I second that. (Carried.)

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. CRAIG read the report of the Educational Committee:

The Educational Committee have held many meetings during the year, and have had several important subjects before them for consideration. Among other matters the following have been dealt with:

The question as to what time of day was most convenient for holding the written portion of the Nursing Certificate Examination was again discussed in order to see if it were possible to arrange a uniform time for all asylums. It was considered that if, in two neighbouring asylums, the written examination was held in the morning in one and in the afternoon in the other, it was possible for candidates in the second asylum to get to know the questions. A circular was sent round to the superintendents inquiring the most convenient time for holding the examination.

Seventy *per cent.* of the replies gave the morning and 25 *per cent.* the evening.

Finally it was resolved that when two asylums were in such proximity as to render it possible to communicate the questions of the written examination from one to the other, in the limits of a day, it should be left to the superintendents of such asylums to arrange with one another the time of the examination, so as to render such communications impossible.

The desirability of making a rule to the effect that the period of training in an institution for the treatment of mental disorders, as prescribed by the nursing regulations, should be served in one such institution has been discussed, but the Educational Committee decided not to advise such a restriction.

A matter which has given rise to much discussion is the question as to what date the new nursing regulations should come into force.

At the meeting held at York it was resolved that three years training should be required by all nurses who present themselves for examination after the 30th day of April, 1905. This matter was again brought up in May, and after a long discussion it was resolved to recommend to the Council that, considering that the date fixed at York for the commencement of the operation of the three years' rule was fixed under a misapprehension as to its effect upon the candidates already in training, this Com-

mittee recommends that candidates who have commenced their training prior to the Annual Meeting in 1904 be eligible under the old regulations.

At the meeting held at York it was decided to recommend that after the examination in July, 1905, the examinations for the Medico-Psychological Certificate be discontinued. The adoption of such a course is now found to be impossible as one of the fundamental rules for a candidate for the Gaskell Prize is that he shall hold the Medico-Psychological Certificate. It is therefore decided that the examination must continue until the difficulty regarding the Gaskell Prize regulations is overcome.

Cases of copying have been reported by the examiners in the case of papers from a certain asylum at the recent Nursing Certificate Examination. The identity of this asylum is unknown except to the Registrar. The matter was referred to a sub-committee, who have reported that they are satisfied that the alleged copying did actually take place, and accordingly those candidates have been disqualified.

The Education Committee considered whether the asylum in question should be debarred in the future from sending any further candidates for the examination, but have decided that no such action should be taken. Nevertheless, in order to draw attention to the seriousness of copying, the Committee recommend that notice of this special case should be published in the *JOURNAL* without naming the asylum in which it occurred.

The Registrar reported that, during the year, 1071 candidates have entered for the Nursing Certificate, and that 584 certificates have been granted.

Dr. Mercier has been appointed Chairman of the Educational Committee, and consequently has retired from the post of Secretary, a position which he has held with untiring zeal for twelve years.

Dr. Maurice Craig has been appointed Secretary in the place of Dr. Mercier.

The PRESIDENT.—Dr. Craig has been elected by the Committee as its Secretary to succeed Dr. Mercier. I think that should be stated, to make the Report complete.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—I second the adoption of that Report.

Dr. D. G. THOMSON.—With regard to the candidates who were disqualified, are they disqualified for ever, or merely till another examination?

Dr. CRAIG.—Only from the recent examination.

Dr. URQUHART.—The Report says nothing further is to be done, and I think it would be a useful addendum to say this action is not to be regarded as a precedent; that is, the action of the Association in regard to this particular case. I think we should guard against a repetition of this offence.

The PRESIDENT.—Do you move anything?

Dr. MERCIER.—This sort of thing has happened before. It is not an isolated instance, though it did not happen before at the same asylum. There has been copying at another examination.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—I think we must deal lightly with the case. Should the disease continue we shall be able to adopt a more radical remedy.

The PRESIDENT.—Dr. Urquhart's question is whether this meeting can lay down any guidance with regard to the cure or the remedy, or whether it can apply any drastic treatment to such a case. Do you move any suggestion?

Dr. URQUHART.—That in approving of the Report this particular finding is not to be considered a precedent.

Dr. RAYNER.—You cannot do more than that, because the rules only allow for disqualifying. We came to that decision yesterday. If we want to take further steps we can alter the rule.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE.—Every institution should be recognised, and you can withdraw your recognition at any time.

Dr. URQUHART.—I think the attention of the meeting having been drawn to it will serve the purpose perfectly well. I withdraw my proposal.

Dr. MERCIER.—May I make one further suggestion? This is a very serious matter indeed, this matter of copying, and I think it should go forth to the Association that an institution in which it takes place is liable to have its recognition withdrawn; every institution has to be recognised as a place of training for nurses by the Council of this Association, and it should be understood that the Council has power to withdraw that recognition if it chooses. And I can imagine no more proper occasion for withdrawing that recognition than the discovery that the examination in an institution is not properly conducted. (Hear, hear.)

The PRESIDENT.—Have we power in the rules to withdraw recognition?

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE.—The Council may or may not recognise.

Dr. DOUGLAS.—Having recognised, it can withdraw.

Dr. MERCIER.—I do not move anything, but I wish it to appear on the report of this meeting.

The PRESIDENT.—I now put the Report of the Educational Committee. (Carried.)

REPORT OF THE EDITORS.

Dr. RAYNER.—The Editors beg to report that there has been no change in the arrangements for the issue of the JOURNAL during the past year. The number of journals printed remains the same, viz. 1075. The number of members receiving the JOURNAL has increased from 645 to 670. The receipts from advertisements have increased to £43 8s. The Editors wish especially to thank the Assistant Editors, Dr. Chambers and Dr. Lord, for the very important help that they have given during the past year.

(Signed) H. RAYNER.
A. URQUHART.

Dr. MAURICE CRAIG.—I second it. (Carried.)

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

The Parliamentary Committee beg to report that, *inter alia*, the work of the year has included the following items:

(a) *On the registration of mental nurses.*

The Chairman of the Committee attended the Select Committee on the State Registration of Nurses at the House of Commons on June 27th last, and gave evidence, extending over a period of an hour and a half, upon the origin and development of the Medico-Psychological Association, the origin and development of its nursing certificate, the syllabus, handbook, examination papers, and the nature of the clinical training and *viva voce* examination. He also stated that 6500 candidates had obtained the certificate, since its inception in 1890, and that 75 per cent. of the candidates had passed and 25 per cent. had failed. The appointment of independent examiners and the valuation of the *viva voce* examination by assessors was fully explained. The increasing necessity of this certificate for promotion in asylums was alluded to. In concluding he asked that mental nurses, male and female, should be made eligible to any scheme of State Registration which may be adopted, and he ventured to hope that the Medico-Psychological Association would be represented on any State Registration Board. During cross-examination he explained the composition and election of the Council, suggesting that, if necessary, Divisional Registration Boards might be formed, expressed his opinion that the registration fee should not exceed £1, and finally, when asked if State Registration were adopted, would the Medico-Psychological Association undertake to register the mental nurses, he replied in the affirmative, and added they would assist State Registration in every way, and would make their register subservient to it.

(b) *Leave of absence.*

Dr. Weatherly brought before the Committee a disputed readmission during leave of absence, in which the Commissioners in Lunacy had given the opinion that the patient could not be brought back to the asylum as the term of leave had not expired, and that fresh certificates were therefore necessary. After full correspondence with the Commissioners, and after they had obtained a further opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, the Commissioners decided "that leave for a fixed period, but revocable before the expiration of that period, would be good if so expressed, and also that leave could be granted for an indefinite period revocable at any time. On revocation the patient might be retaken if he did not return." At a later meeting the Committee asked the Commissioners to issue forms for these cases, and to state in whose hands the power of revocation rests, to which the following reply was received:—"In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst., I have to state that the view of the Commissioners in Lunacy is that power to revoke leave of absence should, at the time when such leave is granted, be reserved, in the cases of patients in asylums, hospitals, or licensed houses to the medical officer, and in

the case of single patients to the medical attendant. For so simple a process no form appeared to be necessary." It is proposed to make this generally known in the specialty.

(c) *Disqualifications under the Lunacy Act, 1890.*

These disqualifications brought before the Committee by Dr. Mercier have been considered, and it was resolved that the authorities in charge of the Attorney-General's Bill, dated April 17th, 1905, should have their attention drawn to the temporary disqualifications of persons interested in licensed houses with a view to their removal, and that the Commissioners in Lunacy be asked to receive a deputation consisting of the Chairman (Dr. Ernest White), Dr. Mercier, and the Honorary Secretary to the Committee (Dr. Fletcher Beach). The Commissioners consented to receive a deputation on Wednesday, the 5th of July, when the above-named members attended, and, after the Chairman had introduced the deputation and stated its object, Dr. Mercier fully explained the disqualifications referred to. The Commissioners quite saw the justice of the case, but have since sent a letter saying that, inasmuch as no immediate legislation is possible, the matter will be fully considered at the first Board meeting after the vacation. A copy of the evidence submitted to the Commissioners has been forwarded to them, and another copy has been sent to the Attorney-General, together with a letter in which his attention has been drawn to these disqualifications and a hope expressed that in any future Bill he may be able to remove them. An answer has been received in which he says that the letter shall have every attention.

(d) *Making the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899, compulsory on all school authorities.*

This question has been considered at two meetings of the Committee, and, finally, it was resolved "that in the opinion of this Committee the attention of the school authorities should be drawn to the powers they possess under the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899, and it is the opinion of this Committee that these powers should be more generally effectively used," and that this resolution should be transmitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee and to the Boards of Education for England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Honorary Secretary of the Committee made use of this resolution when giving evidence before the Royal Commission for the Feeble Minded, and the resolution has been forwarded to the three above-named Education Boards, and acknowledged by them. The Secretary of the English Education Board has also laid the resolution before that Board.

(e) *The introduction of pension clauses into the Attorney-General's Bill, dated April 17th, 1905.*

This point has been carefully considered, and a resolution has been forwarded to the Attorney-General and acknowledged by him that, while fully appreciating generally the principles of the Bill, the Parliamentary Committee is of opinion that it should contain pension clauses.

(f) *The Lunacy Acts Amendment (London) No. 2 Bill.*

This Bill has been considered and it has been decided that it should be opposed, and it was left to the Chairman (Dr. Ernest White), Dr. Percy Smith, and the Honorary Secretary of the Committee (Dr. Fletcher Beach) to formulate objections to the Bill and bring them before the proper quarter. Four objections were drawn up and forwarded to Sir John Batty Tuke, who introduced the Bill and they have been acknowledged by him in a letter in which he says that they will receive his full consideration.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE presented this Report, and moved its adoption.

Dr. MERCIER.—The Commissioners in Lunacy have not seen their way to comply with the request of the Parliamentary Committee to draw up a form of leave of absence. I think we must agree with Dr. White that as an action has been brought and decided against the asylum authorities on this point, it would be very convenient to members of the Association if some authoritative form could be settled; and therefore I suggest that it should be remitted to the solicitor of the Association to have such a form drawn up, and settled by counsel, for the use of members of the Association. I second the adoption of the Report.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—I will add that to the original suggestion.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—I know the present condition of affairs is very perplexing,

even to trained legal minds, and I think Dr. Mercier is right in suggesting it should be settled by this Association.

Dr. ROBERT JONES.—The clerk to the London County Council and the chairman of the Asylums Committee of the Council have seen the Lunacy Commissioners on this very matter, and, as a result of their interview, a form has been drawn up, which is in use now at Claybury.

Dr. MERCIER.—But the Commissioners have definitely refused to draw up a form at the request of the Parliamentary Committee, and it is in default of any official form that we should have one drawn up by our solicitor. We are bound to safeguard the interests of all our members. It may be that legal assistance is available for the London County Council, but it is not available for the humble single-care members.

Dr. Mercier's resolution was then put and carried.

Dr. DOUGLAS said that, in view of the importance of the reports which are presented by the various standing committees, it would, in his opinion, greatly facilitate the transaction of the business of the Annual Meeting if these reports were printed beforehand and circulated amongst the members. He accordingly moved that the attention of the Council be drawn to this matter.

This was seconded by Dr. URQUHART, and carried.

Dr. CARSWELL dissented from the findings of the Parliamentary Committee, as stated in their objections to the Lunacy Acts Amendment (London) No. 2 Bill. He referred to his own work, and asked the members of the Association to defer an expression of opinion until after he had placed before them the record of what has been accomplished in Glasgow.

A discussion followed, in which very complimentary references were made to Dr. Carswell's work.

On the motion of Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, seconded by Dr. DOUGLAS, it was resolved to delete from the Parliamentary Report the reasons there given for opposing the above-mentioned bill.

The PRESIDENT then put the Parliamentary Report as amended, and it was adopted.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The PRESIDENT.—That is embodied in the Officers and Committees already appointed.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH read this report, and moved its adoption.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

During the past year there has been an increase in the issue of books, some members calling for books at the Library, and others being sent to members by post. Additions to the Library have been acquired both by purchase and presentation, and the Committee beg to thank authors for their kindness in responding to the invitation to present their works to the Library. The list of additions has been duly reported in the Journals. It is proposed to continue the subscription to Lewis's Library, so that books of psychological interest which are not in our Library can be procured forthwith and sent to members. A new book-case has been purchased, and the Library is in good order.

Mr. George Bethell has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Hall as Librarian. The Committee tender to Dr. R. H. Cole their thanks for his services as Hon. Secretary, and recommend that his name be added to the Library Committee.

The report was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Dr. ROBERT JONES, as Honorary Secretary, presented the report, and moved its adoption.

As in previous years, so during the past year, the Association has increased its membership, as the following table shows:

Members	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
Ordinary . . .	524	540	550	568	580	586	597	620
Honorary . . .	38	38	36	38	37	37	36	35
Corresponding . . .	12	12	12	10	11	12	12	15
Total . . .	574	590	598	616	628	635	645	670

The Association has lost by death its former Registrar, Dr. Harry Arthur Benham, and also its President-Elect, Sir John Sibbald, whose painful illness was a matter of regret to all.

The general meetings have been well attended, as also have those held in the various divisions. At the February meeting the Association was hospitably entertained at the North Riding Asylum, in York, and the thanks of the Association were expressed to Dr. J. T. Hingston, who has since resigned the Medical Superintendency, for his kind reception.

The Statistics Committee, appointed at the Annual Meeting held at Liverpool in 1902, has now issued its final report, which was considered and adopted at the adjourned annual meeting held yesterday, July 19th.

The special thanks of the Association are due to Dr. Yellowlees, the Chairman, and to the members of the Committee, viz.:

Drs. H. Rayner, T. B. Hyslop, R. S. Stewart,
 J. R. Turnbull, C. Easterbrook, M. J. Nolan,
 W. R. Dawson, H. Hayes Newington, R. Bedford Pierce,

and in no small degree to the Secretary, Dr. Hubert Bond.

The report demonstrates an enormous amount of work, and the Tables will be a valuable help in collecting and classifying facts relating to the incidence and cause of mental diseases.

The thanks of the Association are due, as heretofore, to the Editors of the JOURNAL, which has maintained its standard.

The finances of the Association are in a very satisfactory state. Revenue has increased and expenditure has diminished, and the thanks of the Association are again cordially expressed to its Treasurer, whose interest in the welfare of the Association continues unabated.

The Educational Committee, now under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. A. Mercier, having recommended that the nursing curriculum for the certificate of proficiency in nursing be extended from two to three years, and also that the period of service in two asylums be recognised by the Association as a part of this time, the Association at the last Annual Meeting has agreed to this, giving the Educational Committee power to fix the date of initiation, which it has done as from May, 1906.

The Parliamentary Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. E. W. White, has watched legislation relating to insanity, also relating to the registration of nurses, and the Committee has continued to take especial interest in the question of pensions for those who devote their lives to the service of the insane.

Dr. URQUHART.—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report of the Council, and, as usual, I direct the attention of the Association to the obligation that we ought to thank the General Secretary for the enormous amount of work which he has done, not only during the past year, but for the many years he has occupied the position of General Secretary. I rejoice to see that Dr. Jones is to rise to still higher honours next year, and I am sure we all congratulate him, not only on the honour of the future, but on the honours which he has gained in the past. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. ROBERT JONES.—I should indeed be impervious and indifferent if I did not appreciate your too-flattering remarks. You have referred to the fact that the Association has sufficient confidence in me to place me as its figure-head in the coming year. I need not say how glad I am that I have found a marshal's bâton in my knapsack, and that I have had the opportunity of rising in your opinion to higher distinctions than I now occupy. May I say that if you will take my very earnest interest in the welfare of the Association in the past as my disposition in the future, I can unhesitatingly promise that I will do the best I can to follow the traditions of the long list of distinguished predecessors who have done honour to the Chair.

The PRESIDENT.—Is it the pleasure of the meeting that this Report be approved? Carried.

Dr. ERNEST WHITE.—Arising out of this Report, I have to propose that we accord our sympathetic and most sincere thanks to the Statistical Committee, which has done such an enormous amount of work during the past three years. The Chairmain is our much-respected past-president, Dr. Yellowlees, the Secretary is Dr. Hubert Bond, and in the other members are included our much-revered Treasurer and several of the young bloods of our ranks. I am sure that, whatever difference of opinion there may be about the Tables and the minute detail connected with the working of them, one and all will be of opinion that every man on that Committee has done his best in the interests of the Association and for the benefit of suffering humanity. I have, therefore, very much pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks from this Association to the Statistical Committee, and especially would I associate with that vote of thanks a recognition of the untiring energy that has been devoted to its labours by the Secretary, Dr. Hubert Bond. (Applause.)

Dr. URQUHART.—I suppose that, as one of those who were amongst the most captious critics of this Committee, I may be allowed to say a word of appreciation of their eminent merits on the conclusion, or the approaching conclusion, of their labours. I profoundly differ, of course, from a great many of their findings, and I am sure you will excuse me for not pursuing that part of the topic at any length this afternoon. But when I remember how Dr. Bond brought this subject before the Association in Liverpool three years ago, and the immense amount of trouble that he has taken in regard to every detail in connection with the Tables, I am sure the Association will render him very hearty thanks on this occasion. Dr. Bond is not the sort of man who produces an idea from his own inner consciousness, and drops it in an instant and runs away from it. He has worked out thousands of cases in his own particular way, and has shown that what he has proposed is capable of being done by any man who has the energy and the ability, and the time and the patience to pursue investigation along these particular lines. I have great pleasure in seconding this vote of thanks.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Dr. YELLOWLEES.—I wish to acknowledge your kind thanks, and specially to emphasise the services which Dr. Bond has rendered. He was always with us, and always ready with information of every kind; he has always taken a great deal of personal interest and trouble in the matter, and I am very glad indeed that the vote of thanks has been associated with him. With regard to the general question, I feel now that we have been, if possible, too considerate of the numberless suggestions that came to us. They came to us all in a tremendous rush at the last, when the work was, as we thought, largely done; and we had to interfere with a great many things which I personally believe we had better have left as they were. We were anxious to please as many members as possible, and I think that we have pleased the majority.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—I would say a word, not for myself, or for any other member of the Committee except Dr. Bond. I wish to add my testimony to what Dr. Yellowlees and others have said. Nobody knows in the least, except those who have worked with him in these years, what Dr. Bond has done; and, whatever the defects of that long report may be, one of its glories is that no one has shown an *impasse* in it or an absurdity. As it now stands it has not been constructed from the beginning, which would have been comparatively easy, but it has been torn up two or three times; and I think that it is a notable tribute to Dr. Bond's ability and extreme care that no arithmetical fault has been found in it.

Dr. BOND.—What I have just heard has astounded and surprised me immensely.

I was very nearly prevented from coming to-day, and I had no idea that it was in store for me to hear what I just have. It is altogether too kind. I think all of us would say that whatever we have done in connection with the statistics has been really a labour of love. Our meetings together have been of the pleasantest; but why my name should be so signally emphasised in the way it has been I cannot see. There is the Chairman on my right, and the Treasurer on my left, and neither of them has missed a meeting. The Chairman came very many miles, and I feel that altogether too much credit has been given to me. I can only say that whatever good comes out of the Tables will be the reward of the members of the Committee and myself. I thank you once again.

Dr. DRAPES.—I understood a resolution was passed referring a table to a Committee. Has any Committee been appointed?

Dr. ROBERT JONES.—It was left to the President to nominate the Committee.

The PRESIDENT.—The next matter on the agenda is the report of the Housing Committee and of the JOURNAL Advertisements Committee. These Committees are appointed by the Council, and unless they involve an expenditure of £10 there is no reason for them to come up before the annual meeting.

THE JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Committee has considered and inquired into the possibility of extending the advertisements, but are unable to make any recommendations.

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

This Committee has met and considered this question, and has obtained a promise from the officials of the Medical Society of London of an opportunity of improved accommodation in the event of the union of the medical societies not being carried out.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE "PRICE OF THE JOURNAL."

This Committee decided to recommend the adoption of Messrs. Churchill's recommendation that the *Journal of Mental Science* should be published at 5s. net, and that this price should be made retrospective for back numbers. Messrs. Churchill under this arrangement would in future account for copies at 4s. 2d. instead of 3s. 10d. as at present, and all back numbers (including those at 3s. 6d.) would be sold at the same price. That Messrs. Churchill's publishing fee be raised from £24 to £27. That this change be made from the 1st January, 1906.

MOTIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

The PRESIDENT.—There is no motion.

DATES OF ANNUAL, QUARTERLY, AND DIVISIONAL MEETINGS, AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

Dr. NEWINGTON proposed, and Dr. MACDONALD seconded, that they be those on the agenda. Carried.

Quarterly Meetings.—Thursday, November 16th, 1905 Friday, February 23rd, 1906; Thursday, May 31st, 1906.

South-Eastern Division.—October 18th, 1905, and April 25th, 1906.

South-Western Division.—October 27th, 1905, and April 27th, 1906.

Northern and Midland Division.—October 12th, 1905, and April 19th, 1906.

Scotland.—November 24th, 1905, and March 23rd, 1906.

Ireland.—November 23rd, 1905; April 24th, 1906; and July 5th, 1906.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following candidates were unanimously elected ordinary members:—Carre, Henry, L.R.C.P., L.M., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie, Glasgow (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, William A. Parker, and Landel R.

Oswald); Drew, Charles Milligan, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Senior Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, N.B. (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, George M. Robertson, and William A. Parker); Dunlop, James Craufurd, M.D.Edin., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., Superintendent of Statistical Department, H.M. General Registry of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Scotland, 33, Chester Street, Edinburgh (proposed by John Macpherson, Thomas S. Clouston, and John Fraser); MacIlraith, W. Maclaren, L.R.C.P.E., L.F.P.S.Glasg., House Surgeon, North Riding Infirmary, Middlesborough (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, William A. Parker, and Landel R. Oswald); Marshall, Robert Macnab, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie, near Glasgow (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, William A. Parker, and Landel R. Oswald); Strathern, John, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie, near Glasgow (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, William A. Parker, and Landel R. Oswald); White, Robert George, M.A., M.B., B.Sc., Ch.B., Pathologist and Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie, near Glasgow (proposed by Hamilton C. Marr, William A. Parker, and Landel R. Oswald) (the above through the Secretary of the Scottish Division); McDougall, Alan, M.D.Vict., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., The David Lewis Colony, Sandle Bridge, near Alderley Edge, Cheshire (proposed by John Milsom Rhodes, George W. Mould, and Robert Jones).

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OFFICERS.

The PRESIDENT.—Before leaving the chair, and relinquishing the office which I have held during the past year, I wish to move a formal vote of thanks to those officers of the Association who have been associated with me, and to whom every President must owe a great deal. The smooth working of the Association depends enormously on the loyalty and the capacity of the officers, and there is no doubt that our Association is extremely well served by the officers who hold office for a good many years. And first of all one must refer to the General Secretary, Dr. Robert Jones—(applause)—who has now been for nearly eight years our Secretary. It is within the knowledge of all of us that to-day he has been nominated as President-Elect—(applause)—and I think perhaps the President and three or four of the other officers are the people who are best able to judge of the enormous amount of work which falls to the General Secretary. He has an enormous amount of correspondence; he has the preparation of all the minutes, and in every way a large amount of work falls on to his shoulders, and one wonders how he can do it all together with his general work. We must congratulate him very much that he is about to relinquish that work and pass into calmer waters. Then with regard to the Divisional Secretaries, they all, as the Association well knows, do a large amount of work; and in the course of the last year several changes have been made. Dr. Boycott has relinquished the South-Eastern Division, and Dr. Steen has succeeded him. Dr. Macdonald has relinquished the South-Western Division, of which I think he has been Honorary Secretary since it was originally founded, and it has been filled by a former colleague of mine, Dr. Aveline. The other Divisional Secretaries continue. In every case one has had the greatest possible assistance from them in any work connected with the Divisions. The Secretary to the Educational Committee, Dr. Mercier, as we know, has done a great deal of work for the Association—(applause)—and he again has now retired from that post to become the Chairman of the Educational Committee, and has been succeeded by a former colleague of mine, Dr. Craig. With regard to the Editors we know that the conduct of the JOURNAL is due to them, and its position in the world of medicine is extremely well known. This is due entirely to their work. Then again with regard to their Registrar, the President knows best what sort of work the Registrar does. His work does not, as a rule, appear on the surface. He does a great deal of very confidential work for the Association which could not be talked about, in particular with regard to the painful question of copying of papers. The Registrar is the person who knows all the secrets, and he keeps them so well that not even the President knows who are the delinquents. The Registrar not only has the work connected with nursing in England, but also questions connected with the colonies sometimes arise in a very acute form. It does honour to those who live in the colonies that they are anxious to be still connected with this Association. And there are difficulties with regard to the exami-

nation out there, but one feels that in the hands of the present Registrar the work is done in an exceedingly able manner, and as well as it can be done. Lastly, there is the Treasurer, Dr. Hayes Newington. (Applause.) We all know what a tower of strength he is to the Association, how in every way his opinion comes up on almost any question that arises. And we know what a splendid opinion he is always able to give; and one may say that, whether as a business man, as a physician, or as a friend—(applause)—he is a man who is invaluable, and I should like to ask Dr. Hayes Newington to reply for the officers to this vote of thanks which I now propose.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON.—I am sure it falls more into the province of the Secretary to respond. One can but express one's thanks for the appreciation which you (Mr. President) and the Association have shown for the work of the officers. I do not think it would be anything but false modesty to say that the work is light. For several of the officers it is very considerable, and it is work which goes on all through the year. That is especially the case with the General Secretary, whose work far exceeds that of anybody else. I can only thank you, sir, and the Association for the nice things which have been said about the officers.

The PRESIDENT.—The last business I have to do is to introduce my successor to the chair. (Applause.) It does not seem to me necessary that I should say very much about Dr. Outterson Wood. He needs no approbation from me; you know him as well as, or better than, I do. We feel that he undertook the duties of President at a time when the Association was in difficulty, and that our very best thanks are due to him for so doing. And one feels confident that in his hands the business of the Association will be carried on in the best possible way. Dr. Outterson Wood, I will now remove the Presidential badge, and invest you with it.

Dr. T. Outterson Wood then occupied the Presidential Chair amid hearty applause.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

Dr. T. CLAYE SHAW.—It is my very great pleasure, and my great privilege to be asked to propose a vote of thanks to our late President, Dr. Percy Smith. I do not think I err in saying that in all the qualities of a President and the way in which he has performed those duties which appertain to the office, Dr. Percy Smith has not been beaten by any of his predecessors. (Applause.) The duties of Chairman of this Association, gentlemen, are very difficult. In the first place, he has a very critical body of men to deal with. Next, he must be a well-known man as to his qualifications; he must have been a recognised man in the working of the Association, and he must possess that quality of tact which, in managing bodies of men, especially a body of this kind, is one of the essential attributes of the Chairman. In all these qualities Dr. Percy Smith is eminently distinguished. (Applause.) I know partly, and I am told on good authority—and I can well believe it,—that he has worked like a Trojan; he has conducted the meetings of this Association during a somewhat critical period, and during the elaboration, partly, of these statistical tables. (Hear, hear.) And I know that in another important matter, which concerns the merging of this Society with others into a general Royal Medical Society in London, Dr. Percy Smith's observations have had very great weight. Therefore, gentlemen, for the tact which Dr. Percy Smith has displayed, for the kindness with which he has settled little questions of arbitration which may have arisen, and for the general elaborate and intellectual manner in which he has conducted the functions of the Chair, I am sure that our best thanks are due, and we tender them to him with grateful appreciation. (Applause.)

Dr. WEATHERLY.—It falls to me to have the equal privilege and honour of seconding this vote of thanks to Dr. Percy Smith. I have, as an old member of the Association, known Dr. Percy Smith for many years, and we all recognise that no better President has occupied the Chair. He has had a very difficult year of office, and he has presided over us with that ability and tact which we all knew he possessed. We shall always look back with the greatest possible pleasure, as I believe he himself will, to his tenure of the Presidentship. (Applause.)

Carried by acclamation.

Dr. PERCY SMITH.—Dr. Claye Shaw, Dr. Weatherly, and gentlemen, I beg to thank you in the most hearty way for the words which have fallen from you, and

for the reception of this vote of thanks by the meeting. I feel, as Dr. Weatherly has remarked, that the President is here to-day and gone to-morrow; his is an ephemeral existence, but the work goes on for ever. And the work is done mainly by the permanent officers. At the same time there must be somebody in the Chair, and it has been a great pleasure to me to preside over the meetings this year. And if there have been difficulties in the subjects which we have had before us, I think I may say that the President has been supported throughout the year by the goodwill of those who were at the meetings, and I can look back and say there has not been an unpleasant incident in the course of these proceedings and the complementary debates. I must not occupy the time of the meeting any more, as Dr. Outterson Wood will give us his Presidential Address. I beg to thank you for your hearty thanks to me.

The President then delivered his Address (see page 643).

The PRESIDENT.—A letter has been received from Dr. A. E. Macdonald, of Manhattan Asylum:

“ 431, RIVERSIDE AVENUE, NEW YORK;

“ July 6th, 1905.

“ MY DEAR DR. JONES,—I very greatly regret that I find it impossible to attend the Association meeting this year, and see my good friends thereof once more. Will you please convey my heartiest best wishes to them individually, and my best wishes also, that, collectively, they may have a most pleasant and successful meeting.

“ Very truly yours,

“ A. E. MACDONALD.”

Dr. URQUHART.—I hope that letter from Dr. Macdonald, who has taken so much interest in our affairs, will be entered on the minutes.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—Is it not the fact that he is President of the American Psychological Association this year? (Yes.) I think we might send him a letter of congratulation. He is an American member of this Association whom we like to honour, and I suggest that you congratulate him, Sir, in the name of the Association. (Applause.)

Dr. GEORGE M. ROBERTSON read a paper entitled “The Employment of Female Nurses for the Care of Insane Men.”

Dr. ROBERTSON.—Before reading my paper I desire to say that the subject on which I am addressing you this afternoon is not one of my own selection. I was asked to read this paper by the Secretary of the Association, and, as a loyal member of the Association, and also as one who is very much interested in the subject, I have great pleasure in doing so.

This paper will appear in the next number of the JOURNAL.

SECOND DAY.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE read a paper entitled “Some points in the Early Treatment of Mental and Nervous Cases, with special reference to the Poor” (see page 676).

Dr. MILSOM RHODES read a paper entitled “The Provision of Suitable Accommodation for the Various Forms of Insanity” (see page 681).

Dr. ALAN MCDUGALL read a paper entitled “The David Lewis Colony for Epileptics, Alderley Edge.” This paper will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.

A paper by Dr. George Greene entitled “Notes upon the Incidence of Tuberculosis in Asylums, a Comparative Study,” was read by Dr. ROBERT JONES, in the absence of the author. This paper will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.

Dr. Mercier's paper on “Some Definitions” and Dr. Robert Jones' paper on “Some Remarks in regard to Urine Testing” were postponed.

At the desire of the meeting, Dr. KOCH made a few remarks on the urine of insane patients. A report of Dr. Koch's contribution will appear when Dr. Robert Jones' paper is published.

The PRESIDENT expressed the pleasure the Association felt in having Dr. Koch and Dr. Alexander present, and hoped that they had enjoyed the discussions.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, on behalf of the members present, congratulated Dr. Wood on a very successful meeting under his chairmanship, and on the excellent discussions which had been held.

The PRESIDENT briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the meeting terminated.