

THE NEW ACT IN RELATION TO GRANTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF PAUPER LUNATICS.

At a meeting of Medical Superintendents of Royal, District, and Parochial Asylums, and Medical Officers of Lunatic Wards of Workhouses of Scotland, held in the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, on the 16th instant, the following Resolution was adopted, and the opinion expressed below was that of the meeting.

“That in the opinion of the following Medical Superintendents of Royal, District, and Parochial Asylums, and the Medical Officers of Lunatic Wards of Poorhouses of Scotland, the *proposed method of distributing* the grant of 4s. per week for the maintenance of each pauper lunatic resident in a Royal or District Asylum, is not compatible with the existing lunacy arrangements of Scotland, as it fails to take cognizance of a large number of lunatics who are under the supervision of the General Board of Lunacy, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Parliament for the regulation of lunacy in Scotland; and that its effect will be to interfere with the present modes of treatment of the insane in Scotland.

“It is our opinion that the *proposed method of giving* 4s. per week from the imperial funds for the maintenance of each lunatic in an asylum will tend to fill asylums with the chronic lunatics at present in poorhouses and boarded out.”

This was afterwards signed by twelve medical superintendents of asylums and ten medical officers of workhouses in Scotland, and sent to each Scotch member of Parliament and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Several of the medical superintendents of asylums and medical officers of workhouses were strongly opposed to the views of the majority, and deprecated any interference in the matter at all.

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*Appointments.*

ALLARDYCE, J., M.B., C.M., has been appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Female Department of the Durham County Asylum.

DICKSON, HAMNER, M.C., and M.B., Edin., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to St. Luke's Hospital.

KITCHING, J., M.D., L.R.C.P., Ed., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Consulting and Visiting Physician to the Friends' Retreat, near York, on resigning as Medical Superintendent.

MILLSON, G., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Metropolitan Asylum District Asylum for Imbeciles, Hampstead.

NEEDHAM, F., M.D., M.R.C.P., Ed., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Barnwood House Lunatic Asylum, Gloucester, vice Wood, resigned.

PRINGLE, H. T., M.D., has been appointed Medical Superintendent to the Glamorgan County Asylum, Bridgend, vice D. Yellowlees, M.D., appointed Physician-Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum.

TURNER, W. M., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Staffordshire Lunatic Asylum, Stafford.

WEBB, C. F., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Senior Resident Medical Officer to the Hants Lunatic Asylum, Knowle.

YELLOWLEES, D., M.D., L.R.C.S. Ed., has been appointed Resident Physician-Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum, vice Mackintosh, resigned.