

Journal entails another appointment which you must make to-day. You must have a Secretary.

Dr. Hitchman: Mr. President and gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in moving that Dr. Harrington Tuke be solicited to take the office of Secretary of this Association. He is a gentleman whose courtesy and ability are well known to us all. He has taken a most active and lively interest in the success and prosperity of this Association from the very earliest time of its establishment; and I am sure his appointment would be satisfactory to us all.

Dr. Manley: I have very great pleasure in seconding that resolution. It would be a graceful act to Dr. Tuke, as he lost the presidentship a short time ago.

The resolution was put, and carried unanimously.

Dr. Tuke: Mr. President and gentlemen, I very sincerely thank you for the honour you have done me. I would almost rather be secretary than president. I think the office of secretary is one in which a man may be of great use, who has at heart social intercourse and kind feeling between the members. I shall be very happy, as Secretary, to promote that in every possible way. I sincerely trust that as a society we shall all be bound together, and that we shall never on future occasions have amongst us any distinction between "public" or "private" asylums. I sincerely trust that that may be the case, and that when I meet you next year I may be re-elected Secretary.

Dr. Robertson: I believe, gentlemen, the only business remaining to do is to propose a vote of thanks to our Chairman. He has taken very great trouble about this meeting, and had a great deal of anxiety and thought about how we should conduct it. He has come a long journey to attend it; and I beg to propose a vote of thanks to him for his conduct in the chair.

Dr. Millar: I beg to second that proposal.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

The Lunacy Acts Amendment Act, 1862; Paper of Instructions by the Commissioners in Lunacy (September 1st, 1862).

Private Patients.

Sec. 23.—The order must be dated within one month prior to the reception; the person signing the order must himself have seen the patient within one month prior to its date; and a statement of the time and place when the patient was so seen, must be appended to the order. A form of order is subjoined.

[c. 96, s. 4. c. 97, s. 74.]

Sec. 25.—Where possible, every order must contain the name and address of one or more relations of the lunatic, to whom notice of the death of the lunatic must be sent.

Sec. 24.—Besides the persons hitherto prohibited from signing certificates and orders, the following also are now disqualified:

Any person receiving any per-centage on or otherwise interested in the payments for patients.

The medical attendant, as defined in the Lunacy Act, chapter 100.

[c. 96, s. 12. c. 97, s. 76.]

Sec. 26.—Where a patient received as a pauper is made a private patient, no fresh order or certificate is required, and *vice versa*.

N.B.—*Notice of any transfer under this section should be given to the Commissioners.*

Sec. 28.—With the exception of the statement by the medical officer as to a patient's mental and bodily condition, all the documents heretofore required to be sent to the Commissioners after two and before seven clear days from the reception of the patient, must in future be sent within one clear day from such reception. The medical officer's statement is, as heretofore, not to be sent until after two and before seven clear days.

[c. 100, ss. 52 and 90. c. 97, s. 89.]

Sec. 40.—Without special directions to the contrary, letters addressed to the Commissioners, Committees of Visitors, Committees of a Hospital, and the Visitors of Licensed Houses, must be forwarded unopened.

Other letters must also be forwarded unless, by an endorsement thereon, the superintendent or other person having charge of patients should prohibit their transmission.

Letters so endorsed to be laid before Commissioners, Committees, or Visitors at next visit.

Sec. 38.—Absence on trial may be permitted to patients in the same way as leave of absence for the benefit of health is permitted under the 86th section, chap. 100.

Sec. 43.—In the absence of any person qualified to discharge under ss. 72, 73, chap. 100, a discharge or removal may be ordered by the Commissioners.

Pauper Patients.

Sec. 25.—The order must contain the name and address of one or more relations of the lunatic, and notice of the death of the lunatic must sent to such relation. [c. 96, s. 7. c. 97, ss. 67, 68, and 73.]

Sec. 26.—Where a person received as a private patient is retained as a pauper, no fresh order or certificate is required, and *vice versa*.

N.B.—*Notice of any transfer under this section should be given to the Commissioners.*

Sec. 38.—A pauper permitted to be absent on trial from a licensed house or hospital, may have such an allowance made to him by order of the Commissioners, Visitors, or Committee as would be charged for him were he in the house or hospital.

Licensed Houses and Hospitals.

Sec. 14, 15.—No fresh licence can be granted by Justices without inspection and report by Commissioners. Notice of alterations in houses licensed by Justices must be given to Commissioners. Their report upon the premises proposed to be licensed, and on any proposed alterations, must be submitted to the Justices and considered by them, before the licence is granted or the alterations are consented to.

Sec. 16.—The physician, surgeon, or apothecary, not being a licensee, where any such is by law required to reside in or visit a licensed house, must in the metropolitan district be approved of by the Commissioners, and in the provincial district by the Visiting Justices.

[c. 96, s. 2.]

Sec. 17.—A penalty is imposed on any person infringing the terms of his licence as to numbers, sex, or class.

Sec. 18.—With the consent of two of the Commissioners, or in the case of the provincial licensed houses of two of the Visitors, a person who may have been a patient within five years immediately preceding may be received as a boarder into a licensed house.

[Extension of c. 96, s. 6.]

Sec. 29.—Licensed houses *may* be visited at any time by one or more Commissioners or Visitors, but in the metropolitan district they *must* be so visited twice in the year in addition to the present visits by two Commissioners, and in the provincial districts similarly by Visitors. Commissioners and Visitors visiting singly have substantially the same powers of inspection and inquiry as when visiting together, but only the 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, and 67th sections of the old Act are applicable to the additional visits to be made by Visitors, to which the 62nd section of that Act does not apply.

[c. 100, s. 61.]

Sec. 39.—A penalty is now imposed on any officer or servant conniving at an escape.

Sec. 43.—In the absence of any person qualified under sec. 72, 73, chap. 100, the Commissioners may order the discharge or removal of a patient.

Sec. 35.—The inquiries now authorized to be made by Visiting Commissioners and Justices, will in future include inquiries as to monies paid to the superintendent or proprietor.

[c. 100, ss. 64 and 92.]

Sec. 36.—Copies of entries made by the Commissioners in all houses not in the metropolitan district must in future be sent to the clerk to the Visitors.

[c. 100, s. 67.]

Sec. 38.—Absence on trial may be permitted to patients in the same way as leave of absence for the benefit of health is permitted under the 86th section, chap. 100.

Medical Certificates.

Sec. 27.—Where medical certificates have been returned with a written direction of the Commissioners for amendments, and such amendments shall not have been made within 14 days, the Commissioners may order the patient's discharge.

[c. 96, s. 11. c. 97, s. 87.]

Sec. 22.—Lunatics so found by inquisition may be received without certificates on an order of the Committee, accompanied by an office copy of the order appointing such committee.

APPOINTMENTS.

DR. WM. WOOD, M.R.C.P., to be Visiting Physician to St. Luke's Hospital.

G. W. SAUNDERS, M.D. Lond., late Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Asylum, to be Medical Superintendent of the same Asylum.

The pressure on our pages caused by the report of the special meeting compels us to defer some papers and notices which were in type on the condition of the great Australian Asylum, Dr. Gairdner's excellent work on clinical medicine, &c.