

" Practically no patients seem to have regarded opium as a vice, but rather as an expensive habit on which they spent money they would prefer to save.

" During the slump years the wards were overcrowded by persons who, amongst other reasons, saw a chance of getting three weeks' living free; with the return of prosperity the numbers very rapidly reduced.

" The test which is most reliable should be the numbers passing through the wards and the effect on the sale of opium.

" In all 6,678 persons sought a cure since the wards opened.

Referring to the somewhat large number of "escapes" (83), Dr. Samuel maintains his sound view that "escapes" are better than "prisons," and in this connection complains quite justly of the large number of criminal lunatics for which he is compelled to accept responsibility.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE usual QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, February 16, 1927, at the Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Macclesfield. The chair was occupied by the President, Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.E.

The Parliamentary and Education Committees met on the previous day at the same hospital and enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. H. Dove Cormac, the Medical Superintendent, with whom they partook of lunch and tea.

MINUTES.

The PRESIDENT said the minutes of the previous meeting had already appeared in the Journal, and unless members desired it they need not be read.

The minutes were taken as read and were approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT regretted to announce the death of a number of members. Knowledge of the passing of some of them only came to hand recently, though the deaths took place some time ago; nevertheless he thought it right that they should all be mentioned, and the opportunity given to members to express their regrets. A notice had been inserted in the Journal asking that deaths of members should be notified to the Association as soon thereafter as possible.

The late Dr. Henry Morton Baker.

In May, 1925, there died Dr. Henry Morton Baker, who had been an ordinary member of the Association since 1878. Early in his career he was on the medical staff of Wakefield Mental Hospital, and afterwards served as Assistant Medical Officer at the Leicester City Mental Hospital for 32 years. He was a man of charming personality, bore a high character, and was greatly respected for his kindly and conscientious dealings with both patients and staff. He retired on a well-earned pension in 1910.

The late Dr. Josiah Oake Adams.

The Association lost its *doyen* in the death of Dr. Josiah Oake Adams, who had been an ordinary member since 1868. Of the '60 members there were now left only two, Dr. Outterson Wood and Dr. David Nicholson, and it was a pleasure to know that both those distinguished members were still spared to them. Dr. Adams died on June 15, 1925, in his 83rd year. He was a Bart.'s man, and served,