

carried out by the late Dr. Manning in Australia, and have been advocated by the Medico-Psychological Association for many years past, and are deserving of the heartiest support. Whether they will be carried out in an economical and efficient manner remains to be seen, but there is such great advantage to be reaped from them that it would more than counterbalance very considerable economic errors.

This Bill will have the fullest consideration of the Parliamentary Committee, and comment on the details is therefore unnecessary. It is, however, desirable to remind our readers that in past years attempts have been made to establish so-called hospitals for mental diseases under the direction of physicians whose experience had been in neurology and not in morbid psychology. The clauses relating to the appointment of medical officers give no direct enlightenment on this point, but the fact that the institutions are under the supervision of the Commissioners in Lunacy and under the laws applying to County Asylums is probably a sufficient safeguard against any renewal of this attempted exploitation.

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*The President-Elect.*

In the report of the proceedings of the quarterly meeting at York omission was made of the election of the new President-elect, necessitated by the retirement (and subsequent death) of Sir John Sibbald, whose portrait we publish with this issue of the Journal.

Dr. Outterson Wood, who was unanimously elected to the vacancy thus created, has long worked for the Association in many ways, and in thus filling the breach has added another important service to the long list already standing to his credit.

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*The Horton Scandal.*

This well-worn topic appears to be assuming the character of a hardy perennial in our pages, although in the records of the London County Council it seems to have put on a cryptogamic character, since a careful search has not discovered the