

recorded at a small adjourned annual meeting. He thought that the matter should be more fully and deliberately considered before any active steps were taken, and in his opinion it would be more in accordance with the dignity and authority of the Association if a small Sub-Committee were appointed to go thoroughly into the subject and report to the Association at the next annual meeting, which would be held in London. An opportunity would thereby be afforded for the full discussion of the question. He therefore moved the following amendment: "That in the opinion of this Association the time had arrived at which it is desirable that the subject of the questions that ought to be left to the jury in criminal cases in which the plea of insanity is raised be reconsidered, and that a small Sub-Committee be appointed to investigate the whole subject and report at the next annual meeting of the Association."

This was seconded by Dr. SAVAGE.

Dr. MERCIER objected to deferring the subject for a year. The British Medical Association was going to move in the matter, and he did not think that this Association should be behindhand in taking up the subject.

The President then put Dr. Nicolson's amendment to the meeting.

After some remarks had been made on the number of members voting by show of hands, a division was called for, when it was found that 15 voted for the amendment and six against.

The amendment was therefore declared to be carried.

The President then put it to the meeting as a substantive motion, whereupon Dr. MERCIER proposed, and Dr. MORRISON seconded, that the word "annual" be omitted.

The substantive motion, with this omission, was carried unanimously.

Dr. NEWINGTON proposed that the Sub-Committee be composed of Drs. Orange, Nicolson, Savage, Mercier, Weatherly, Blandford, Woods, and Yellowlees.

Dr. STEWART seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The sixty-second annual meeting was held at Bristol, July 31st to August 3rd, 1894.

The Section for PSYCHOLOGY was well attended and its interest fully maintained.

President—G. FIELDING BLANDFORD, M.D.

Vice-Presidents— { S. REES PHILIPPS, M.D.
 { FLETCHER BEACH, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries— { C. SPENCER COBBOLD, M.D.
 { R. S. STEWART, M.D.

In accordance with the intention of devoting the current number of the Journal to the proceedings of the Annual Meeting in Dublin, the report of the proceedings of the above-named Section is deferred to the number for January, 1895.

ASSAULT ON DR. WIGLESWORTH.

Our readers will be aware from the Medical Journals that Dr. Wiglesworth has had a narrow escape from a fatal assault by a male patient in the Rainhill Asylum. It must be some comfort to him to know how widespread has been the sympathy expressed with him in his very serious condition. The satisfaction felt in the favourable course which his illness has happily run is in proportion to the anxiety experienced.

The patient was an Irishman* aged 39, a schoolmaster, who seems to have wandered about America between 1879 and 1886, never keeping situations long,

* For these particulars we are indebted to Dr. Menzies, Senior Assistant Medical Officer of the Rainhill Asylum.