

journals has had to be suspended altogether for many months. And when we consider how greatly the staffs of asylums in the British Isles have been depleted during the past year—about 180 members of the medical staffs and some 3,000 of non-medical asylum employes having joined one or other of the Services—it need engender no surprise if, as a result, research work should have practically come to a standstill, and the flow of contributions have been abruptly checked. Those of our asylum colleagues who are still in charge have more than enough to occupy them in purely administrative work.

Under these circumstances it has been considered advisable to limit the current issue to records of business matters alone, and to reserve the few small literary items at present in the hands of the Editors for the January number, in the hope that some additions may be made to these before the time of its publication, so that we may not again have to offer to the members, as an apology for a journal of ordinary size, a mere tract of such slender dimensions as in the present instance. As long, however, as the war continues we feel that we can hardly expect to receive more than a fractional amount of material for publication as compared with what is usually available under normal conditions.

Notes and News.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Society's rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Thursday, July 22nd, 1915, Dr. David G. Thomson, President, in the Chair.

There were present: Sir George Savage, and Drs. T. S. Adair, Fletcher Beach, D. Bower, J. Chambers, R. H. Cole, M. A. Collins, H. Corner, M. Craig, W. R. Dawson, T. Duff, T. Drapes, J. H. Earls, J. W. Geddes, J. R. Gilmour, H. E. Haynes, T. B. Hyslop, G. H. Johnston, N. T. Kerr, R. Langdon-Down, N. Lavers, H. Wolseley-Lewis, A. Miller, A. Neill, W. F. Nelis, H. H. Newington, H. J. Norman, D. Orr, J. Porter Phillips, W. Samuels, J. N. Sergeant, R. P. Smith, J. G. Soutar, R. H. Steen, J. Stewart, F. R. P. Taylor, T. S. Tuke.

Present at Council Meeting: Dr. David G. Thomson (President) in the Chair; Drs. James Chambers, H. Hayes Newington, M. A. Collins, J. N. Sergeant, T. S. Adair, H. Wolseley-Lewis, R. H. Cole, J. G. Porter Phillips, Alfred Miller, Thomas Drapes, T. Seymour Tuke, J. R. Gilmour, N. T. Kerr, E. D. O'Neill, W. R. Dawson, J. G. Soutar, and R. H. Steen (Acting Hon. Sec.).

The following sent communications expressing regret at their inability to be present :

Drs. C. C. Easterbrook, G. D. McRae, L. R. Oswald, G. M. Robertson, T. E. K. Stansfield, R. B. Campbell, John Keay.

MINUTES.

The PRESIDENT said the minutes of the last annual meeting had duly appeared in the *Journal*; he therefore asked whether the meeting would accept them as read.

This was agreed to, and the minutes were signed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, at the request of the President, explained what had been suggested in this matter. He said the motion he had to submit resolved itself to a great extent. He believed it had been the custom of all learned societies, under the circumstances at present existing, to abstain from electing fresh officers for the present year of war, but, instead, to continue in their offices those who were the present holders. As one who did not come and go as others did, he, the speaker, had been asked to move a resolution to the effect that officers now in office be continued in their office until the date of the next annual meeting.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE said he had much pleasure in seconding it.

Carried.

The PRESIDENT said it was necessary to notice that there was a certain exception to the foregoing resolution, namely, that nominated members of the Council must be elected by this meeting; they were not at present in existence as members of the Council, hence they must be elected. He nominated as scrutineers for this function Drs. Sergeant, Norman, Haynes, and Gilmour. During the balloting he wished to make a proposal which he was sure would meet with an immediate and enthusiastic response from those present, namely, that the congratulations of the Medico-Psychological Association should be conveyed to Sir Frederick Needham, a member of the Board of Control, a former President, and now an honorary member of the Association, on the occasion of the honour which had been conferred on him by His Majesty the King.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON pointed out that his resolution dealt only with the officers, and did not include standing committees.

The PRESIDENT said it was also necessary at this meeting to elect the auditors afresh; they were elected annually, on the nomination of the Council. Last time Dr. Bower and Dr. Percy Smith were the auditors, and they were kindly willing to continue the office for another year.

These gentlemen were duly re-elected.

The PRESIDENT said that, in reference to the standing committees, there were few or no alterations, but the members of them must be formally put from the Chair. It was open to any member to suggest additional names, or substituted names, for any gentleman mentioned.

Carried.

The scrutineers reported that the officers and Council had been re-elected unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Dr. R. H. STEEN (Acting General Secretary) read the Report of the Council as follows :

The number of members—ordinary, honorary, and corresponding—as shown in the list of names published in the *Journal of Mental Science* for January, 1915, was 731, as compared with 747 in January, 1914. This decrease of 16 is confined to the ordinary members, the number of corresponding and honorary members remaining unchanged.

The following table shows the membership for the past decade :

Members.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
Ordinary . . .	641	638	645	652	673	680	690	696	695	679
Honorary . . .	32	32	30	29	32	33	34	35	34	34
Corresponding . .	15	15	15	15	17	17	19	19	18	18
Total . . .	688	685	690	696	722	730	743	750	747	731

The increase during the period is therefore 43, of whom 38 are ordinary members.

The number of new members elected and registered during the year was 31, a decrease of 6 on the previous year. The names of 3 members which had been removed were restored. Twenty ordinary members resigned, and the names of 22 were removed by the Council under Bye-law 17, owing to arrears of subscriptions.

With regret it is necessary to report the deaths of 8 members, one of whom, Dr. S. N. Crowther, was killed in action.

Since the publication of the current list the Association has had to deplore the death of Sir Thomas Clouston, a past president and member for 53 years.

The honour of knighthood has been conferred upon Sir Frederick Needham, an honorary member, and former president of the Association.

The Annual Meeting, held in Norwich, was very successful. Many interesting papers were read and discussed.

The Committee *re* Status of British Psychiatry and of Medical Officers presented a lengthy and valuable report, which was fully discussed.

The thanks of the Association are due to the President for the trouble taken to make the visit to Norwich and its neighbourhood an enjoyable one. Dr. and Mrs. Thomson kindly entertained the Association at a garden party. Thanks are also due to the Chairman and Visiting Committee of the Norfolk County Mental Hospital, who kindly received the Members of the Association as their guests at luncheon in the Great Hall of the Institution, and to the Corporation of Norwich for the use of the Guildhall for the meetings.

The quarterly meetings were held in November and May in London.

Owing to the war none of these meetings had their usual festive accompaniments, and for the same reason the February meeting, which usually takes place at a provincial centre, was held in London.

Two Special Meetings were held on August 25th and September 22nd for the purpose of altering Bye-law 102.

Many of the members of the Association have joined the forces of the Crown for the duration of the war, and the Association records with pride the valuable work done by its members in arranging for the reception of the wounded in various asylums.

The Parliamentary and Educational Committees have met regularly. Both these committees present reports.

During the year the Research Committee has been formed. The Annual Report of its work has been circulated.

The Bronze Medal for 1914 was presented to Dr. Wootton, and the prizes for papers read at Divisional Meetings were awarded to Drs. Eager and Macphail.

The entries and results of the Nursing examinations have been as follows: *Final*—Entered in November, 156; successful, 100; excellent, 8. *Preliminary*—Entered in November, 270; successful, 160. *Final*—Entered in May, 425; successful, 282; excellent, 8. *Preliminary*—Entered in May, 894; successful 606.¹

¹ N.B.—The figures for May as given above differ somewhat from those given in the Report of Council, as the results of the examination of South African candidates were not known at the time the Report was written. These have since come to hand, and the above figures are correct, as supplied by the Registrar.—E.D.

The Journal, as judged by its satisfactory circulation, continues to be much appreciated.

Divisional Meetings have been held with good attendances, and the membership reported to the Council in May was as follows :

South-Eastern	250
Northern and Midland	155
South-Western	100
Scottish	94
Irish	53

Thanks are due to the Treasurer, Registrar, and Divisional and Committee Secretaries for their work so willingly given to the Association.

The President (Dr. D. G. Thomson) has presided over the meetings with dignity and courtesy.

The PRESIDENT proposed the adoption of the Report, and it was agreed to.

SPECIAL BUSINESS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT said two resolutions came before that day's Council meeting from the Parliamentary Committee, and both were approved by the Council. The sanction of this general meeting was now required. The first of these resolutions ran as follows : "That this Committee ask the Council to request the Board of Control to endeavour to obtain the exemption of attendants and male employés in institutions for the insane, and in those for the mentally defective, from the provisions of the National Registration Act, 1915." This would be disposed of first.

Dr. J. G. SOUTAR said he had pleasure in moving the resolution which the President had just read. It was proposed at the Parliamentary Committee, who approved it, and passed it on to the Council. That body also approved it, and it now came before the general meeting for confirmation or rejection. The idea underlying the resolution was simply that the asylum services generally were now so pressed for want of attendants that, if fresh pressure were put upon them, and there resulted a further diminution in the number of attendants, then many of the institutions would become unworkable. The loyalty and patriotism of asylum workers throughout the country did not require any defence; it was never in doubt; they had sent out a large quota of men to the ranks, and work in many other directions had been done by the asylums which had been of the greatest possible service to the nation at this crisis. It was only necessary to refer to what had already been mentioned in the Report, the really wonderful work which had been done by the asylums in making provision for the wounded in many parts of the country. And a further call had been made on the work of asylums in this way, in that the war was, itself, increasing the amount of insanity among the people. In both the public and the private asylums there had been recently arriving some of the fruits of the terrible strain to which many had been subjected, and it was felt that a further diminution of the staffs would mean that the asylums could not continue to do that effective service which was demanded of them at the present time. If it would be possible to obtain exemption for the staffs from the registration now contemplated, it seemed to be the best way of dealing with the difficulty. It was quite true that mere registration did not involve the removal of men from the service, but he thought it was just as well that the Association should take its step immediately, and let the authorities understand that the Association did feel the difficulty, and wished to bring it to their notice. If that exemption from registration could not be secured, the Association would still be in a position to make a further claim for exemption from service for men engaged in asylums.

Dr. M. ABDY COLLINS seconded.

The PRESIDENT invited the expression of views from members.

Dr. F. R. P. TAYLOR said he was very glad this matter had been brought before the meeting, as he knew it was one which had been agitating the minds of staffs considerably. During the last few days several of his charge-attendants had come to him to ask what was to be done when they got this National Register; and he replied that it was a matter which he would probably have to bring before the Committee, as to how it should be filled in. He was, therefore, very glad the Association had taken the question up. He felt himself to be in entire agreement with Dr. Soutar that, if more of the men employed in asylums were to be taken, it

would be almost impossible, owing to the overcrowded state of the asylums and the inexperience of the staffs, to carry on the work without some accidents.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON wished to point out that the new registration requirement was an even greater threat than conscription would be. As Dr. Soutar said, it was wise to take this matter in hand at once, although really no great objection could be taken to registration in itself, any more than to the taking of an ordinary census. But in the case of the people whose services were sought by the Government, it was not merely a question of patriotism. If conscription were operative, everybody would be liable to serve, and only a certain proportion would come from the asylums. There would be many shirkers and skulkers outside asylums who, under conscription, would be liable to serve. He felt sure that if any asylum employé desired to join the colours and fight, all would wish him God-speed. But under registration it was a different matter, for people were invited to put their names down for working at trades which might prove more lucrative to them than their present posts. Therefore it was not simply a question of patriotism, but of self-advancement, and the receipt of higher rates of pay. Under those circumstances he thought it would be well if the selection for such work, as regards asylum staffs, should be limited, if possible, so that the important quasi-State duty of caring for the insane should not be injured.

Dr. GEDDES (Middlesbrough) thought there would be no great harm in allowing the process of registration to apply to asylum staffs. Dr. Soutar admitted that registration did not necessarily mean that asylum staffs would be further depleted. He, the speaker, thought it would be a mistake to oppose this registration. At Middlesbrough Asylum there had been as much difficulty as at others in getting suitable attendants. Still, the resolution just proposed had come somewhat as a surprise to him. He had had talks with numbers of his attendants, and he wanted to keep the older and more experienced members of his staff. They asked him whether they should be given to wear a badge of service. He wrote to the Board of Control on the subject, and the reply he received was that the matter was being discussed with the War Office. That was some weeks ago, since when he had not heard anything further. He would be glad if Dr. Steen could tell the meeting whether anything more had been done in the matter. He did not propose to move any amendment.

The resolution was carried, with three dissentients.

The PRESIDENT replied to Dr. Geddes' question that nothing had been done in reference to a badge.

Dr. WOLSELEY LEWIS proposed: "That the question of employing on Government work patients, and those in charge of them, in institutions for the insane, should be recommended to the favourable consideration of the Board of Control." He said that he, like his friend Dr. Taylor, had been asked by several members of his staff as to how they should fill in the National Register inquiry; and he had felt, just as the majority of the meeting evidently felt, that it would be impossible, in large institutions, having regard to the care of the patients, to allow any more members of the staff to leave than had already gone. He had lost 50 *per cent.* of his staff, and he thought it was largely the case also with most large institutions. But he thought there still remained on the staffs a large number of patriotic people. A large number of the patients were also very patriotic, and would be very glad to do any work they could to help the country at the present time. And he thought it would be some satisfaction to both the patients and the staff in large institutions if the Government were to arrange for them to do some definite work to forward the cause of the country at the present moment. The only way in which that could be secured was through the official Government Department, the Board of Control; the Government knew what work was wanted, the Board of Control knew what work the asylums were capable of; and if a suggestion of this kind were conveyed to the Board of Control, it was very likely that it would be acted upon, and that the asylums would be definitely asked to do some work for the war.

Dr. ADAIR said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. He thought the matter was well worth the consideration of the Board of Control, particularly as he had had applications from his patients asking whether they might do some work in a small way. If the Board of Control would give some advice as to how to proceed, some useful work would very likely be the outcome.

The PRESIDENT invited expressions of opinion on the resolution.
It was unanimously carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON said he believed every member of the Association had in his hands the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. Unfortunately, the rules prescribed that the Report of the Treasurer should be taken before that of the Auditors, though it should be the other way about, for then the Treasurer would have an opportunity of replying to any remarks of the Auditors. He would have to anticipate some of the things they might be going to say. He wished to point out that the Association had a large gross balance of £488, as against a gross balance of £222 a year before. Unfortunately, by a clerical error, the cost of the printing of the Journal for one quarter was taken out of last year and put into the year before, so that the cost of the Journal for 1913 was shown as £586, when it only cost £343. The transfer of the item to the proper year would bring the accounts more into consonance. Adding the two balances together and dividing by two, gave a product of about £365. The balance was, of course, a very large and satisfactory one, and it was largely due to the economy of the officers, and the way in which the Journal and other money-getting agencies were worked and administered. Last November, by the desire of the Council, he invested £500 in the old War Loan, and when the new War Loan was produced recently, at short notice, he communicated with the President asking his presidential permission to take steps to invest another £500. That was done and carried through; and they now had the option of converting the old £500 loan into the present War Loan; and that would be attended to. He moved the adoption of the Report.

Dr. PERCY SMITH seconded.

The PRESIDENT remarked that the Treasurer's Report was a most satisfactory one.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS.

Dr. DRAPES presented the Report of the Editors :

For reasons which will be obvious after the reading of this Report, and which are connected with present and prospective difficulties, it will extend to a somewhat greater length than usual.

The Journal has, we trust, during the past year maintained its standard of interest and value as regards the various articles which have appeared in its pages. As is the case in many other quarters, it has felt the pinch of the war, and, as seen by the Treasurer's accounts, the sales show a falling off of £30 as compared with those of the previous year. This deficit, we have been informed by the publishers, has been due wholly to the war, and the consequent reduction in the number of foreign subscribers, which was, of course, to be expected. We can only cherish the hope that, when the great tragedy is over, there may be a gradual return to the *status quo ante*, and that the medical men at least, in those European countries which are at present engaged in a life and death struggle, will favour the re-establishment of an *entente* amongst those who have similar objects at heart—the pursuit of science and the relief of human suffering.

The cost of the Journal for the calendar year 1914 was £415 5s., or £7 7s. less than for the previous year; but this, of course, fluctuates according to the amount of printed matter, number of illustrations, etc. The numbers of copies printed since the year 1911 has been 1,125 of each issue.

The present (July) number has had to be brought out under rather exceptional difficulties. Owing to Horton Asylum having been converted into a war hospital, with Doctor (now Lieut.-Colonel) Lord as Officer in Charge, the Journal has been, for the time being, deprived of the invaluable services and leadership of its chief editor, a loss which could hardly have failed to make itself more or less acutely felt. There was also in some sections, owing in great part to the war, a serious reduction in the amount of material available for publication. Of this a good deal reached the hands of the remnant of the editorial staff as it were at the eleventh hour, which led to regrettable but unavoidable delay in the issue of the Journal.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—For the Year 1914.

REVENUE ACCOUNT—January 1st to December 31st, 1914.

1913. Dr.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Income.	Cr.	1913.
586 12 11	To Journal—Printing, Publishing, Engraving, Advertising, and Postage ...	343 19 7		By Dividends ...	68 18 9	63 16 8
356 3 5	„ Examinations, Association Prizes, and Clerical Assistance to Registrar ...	411 16 9		„ Sale of Journal ...	180 0 0	210 0 0
41 9 5	„ Petty Disbursements, Stationery, Postages, etc. ...	52 7 7		„ „ Handbook ...	30 15 10	29 5 0
152 15 6	„ Annual, General, and Divisional Meetings ...	128 12 11		„ „ Statistical Forms, etc. ...	28 14 3	—
103 2 0	„ Rent of Premises at 11, Chandos Street, care of Office, etc. ...	103 12 0		„ Advertisements, etc. ...	21 12 4	39 19 9
8 8 0	„ Audit and Clerical Assistance ...	8 8 0		„ Fees, Certificates of Psychological Medicine ...	13 13 0	25 4 0
107 14 11	„ Miscellaneous ...	123 8 11		„ „ Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing ...	560 3 6	492 8 3
30 15 1	„ Library Account ...	11 19 0		„ Subscriptions ...	768 12 0	750 4 6
1387 1 3			1184 4 9			
223 16 11	Balance ...		488 4 11			
1610 18 2			£1672 9 8		£1672 9 8	£1610 18 2

BALANCE-SHEET—31st December, 1914.

1913. Liabilities.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1913. Assets.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
109 6 2	To Journal Account, balance of ...	2 2 0		By Lloyd's Bank:—Bankers ...		251 0 11	535 17 4	
52 1 0	„ Examinations Account, balance of ...	95 13 10		„ Stocks, value at this date: ...				
0 2 11	„ Petty Disbursements Account, balance of ...	19 11 2		New Zealand, 3½ per cent. ...	271 5 10		273 13 0	
22 0 3	„ Meetings Account, balance of ...	16 2 11		Do. do. (Hack Tuke Memorial) ...	279 16 10		282 4 11	
25 18 0	„ Rent, etc., balance of ...	25 18 0		Victoria, 3 per cent. (Dr. Paul's bequest) ...	81 13 1		78 11 1	
26 2 6	„ Miscellaneous Account, balance of ...	21 1 3		Do. 3½ per cent. ...	187 12 0		187 13 6	
31 6 6	„ Gaskell Fund, Dividends ...	81 18 11		Manchester Corporation, 3 per cent. ...	160 19 3		171 2 6	
—	„ Library Account, balance of ...	2 9 7		New South Wales, 3½ per cent. ...	174 4 4		174 4 4	
266 17 4	Balance:—Balance on 1st January ...	2463 5 2		Midland Railway Preference, 2½ per cent. ...	345 11 1		360 1 6	
2397 1 6	Add: Balance of Revenue Account ...	488 4 11		New South Wales, 3½ per cent. ...	178 18 4		178 18 5	
223 16 11			2951 10 1	Midland Railway Preference, 2½ per cent. ...	12 15 5		286 8 10	
2620 18 5	Deduct:			New Zealand, 3½ per cent. ...	282 4 2		—	
100 19 3	Decrease in Value of Stocks ...	51 10 9		War Loan ...	472 10 0		2457 10 4	
56 14 0	Subscriptions written off ...	69 6 0		„ Sales Account, balance ...	46 9 9		39 17 7	
157 13 3			120 16 9	„ Subscriptions Account, balance ...	162 4 6		167 9 6	
2463 5 2			2830 13 4	„ Fees Account, balance ...	178 5 6		—	
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(Signed) H. HAYES NEWINGTON, TREASURER,
(Signed) WOODINGTON & BOLT, C.A.

DAVID BOWER } AUDITORS.
R. PERCY SMITH }

For these reasons it is to be hoped that members will put a charitable construction upon its late appearance, which was not due to editorial dilatoriness, but to the exigencies of circumstances.

Owing to the fact that no papers are being read at the Annual Meeting, and that it is not unlikely that there will be a similar experience at a good many, if not all, of the divisional meetings, we have to face the probability of there being an exceptional dearth of material during the ensuing year, with, possibly, a necessity for abandoning the issue of one or more quarterly numbers. Any members, therefore, who contemplate sending in contributions during the continuance of the war, are requested to kindly forward them at as early a date as possible in order that the Editors may be in a position to decide whether they will have sufficient material in their hands to justify the publication of the Journal for any particular quarter in its usual form, or whether the issue will have to be limited to the publication of purely business matters of the Association.

Our thanks are due, and gratefully offered, to Dr. Chambers for his kind help and advice in a time of difficulty.

JOHN R. LORD, M.B.
LEWIS BRUCE, M.D.
THOMAS DRAPES, M.B.

It was agreed to.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

Dr. PERCY SMITH submitted the following Report:

We beg to report that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers for payments made on behalf of the Association for the year 1914 and find them perfectly accurate. The Treasurer has pointed out to us that the large balance, £488 4s. 11d., shown on the year's working is accounted for by the fact that only three of the quarterly payments for printing the Journal appear in the accounts for 1914. The other quarterly payment was, by a clerical oversight, charged in the 1913 account, the balance of which should have been increased by a corresponding amount. This in no way alters the financial position of the Association at the end of the year, which appears to be thoroughly sound. We are glad to see that £500 of the War Loan Stock of 1914 was taken up. We regret to find that a sum of no less than £69 6s. had to be written off for non-payment of subscriptions, and that 154 guineas were still owing to the Association by members on December 31st, which is far too high an amount, although slightly less than that of the previous year.

We would like to express our high opinion of the manner in which the accounts of the Association are kept by the Treasurer and his assistants, and the evidence of economy and efficiency exercised by the various executive officers of the Association which is shown by inspection of the books and vouchers.

DAVID BOWER.
R. PERCY SMITH.

Dr. BOWER seconded, and it was carried.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

During the past year this Committee has met on four occasions. Five candidates presented themselves for the Professional Certificate Examination, and four passed. One candidate presented himself for the Gaskell Prize and Gold Medal, but no award was made, as he failed to satisfy the Examiners. A Bronze Medal for an essay has been presented to Dr. J. C. Wootton, Cane Hill Asylum.

It is gratifying to report that during the year there has been a very satisfactory number of entries for the Nursing Certificate Examination from the colonies.

It has been resolved that the Professional Certificate Examination be held twice yearly.

A Sub-Committee, appointed to deal with the question of teaching for and the granting of a Certificate to those employed under the Mental Deficiency Act, has met during the year, and it has been decided that owing to the undeveloped condition of the administration of the Mental Deficiency Act it was inadvisable at the

present time to make any recommendations. The matter will receive further attention in due course.

MAURICE CRAIG, *Chairman*.

J. G. PORTER PHILLIPS, *Secretary*.

Dr. PORTER PHILLIPS said the Report of the Educational Committee had already been printed and distributed amongst the members, but he had now a few additional facts to report concerning the entrants for examination. With regard to the Nursing Certificate Examination, the Registrar reported that for the Preliminary in November 270 entered, and of those 160 passed. For the Final Examination there were 156 entrants, and 100 passed. In May last, for the Preliminary Examination there were 894 entrants, and 571 passed.¹ There were three essays sent in in competition for prizes. The first prize, of £10, was awarded to Dr. G. Dunlop Robertson (Hartwood) and the second prize to Dr. Maxwell Ross (Morningside). With regard to the Professional Certificate Examination and Gaskell Prize Competition, these had not been held this year. Those were the additions to the Report as printed, and unless it was desired he did not propose to read the Report in full. He moved its adoption.

The PRESIDENT asked whether any member wished to hear further particulars as to the alteration in the wording of the Certificate.

Dr. PHILLIPS said that with regard to the Certificate issued in the case of the Preliminary Examination to the successful candidates, it was discussed at the meeting of the Educational Committee, two meetings ago, and it appeared that use had been made of the Preliminary Examination Voucher or Certificate for obtaining situations, misleading prospective employers into the belief that the applicant possessed the Certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association. The discussion eventuated in the suggestion that the Certificate should be re-modelled, so that in future it would take the form of a notice only. The suggestion was that the name, number, and date should be inserted, and should say: "This is to give you notice that you have passed the Preliminary Examination for the Certificate in Nursing of this Association, and will, after completing the training required by the Regulations of this Association, be eligible to enter for the Final Examination for the Nursing Certificate. Signed —, Registrar." And the words were added: "This Notice must be retained by you, and returned to me with the Schedule when you enter for the Final Examination." This re-modelled notice had been sent to the Council, with the view to its being adopted in the future, in lieu of the late form of certificate.

Dr. TAYLOR seconded the motion for the adoption of the Report, and it was carried.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has met three times during the year, and has had under discussion the following subjects: The Scottish Royal Asylums and Superannuation, Legislation to promote Scientific Research in Asylums, and the Staffing of Asylums in the event of conscription being adopted.

The Voluntary Mental Treatment Bill has been considered. This Bill and the Asylums Officers (Employment, Pensions and Superannuation) Bill, the Nurses' Registration Bills, and the Inebriate Bill, have made no further progress, owing to the war, nor is the time opportune to press for fresh legislation.

H. WOLSELEY-Lewis, *Chairman*.

R. H. COLE, *Secretary*.

Dr. R. H. COLE moved the adoption of this Report, which had already been circulated, so that there was no necessity for him to refer to it in detail. Three meetings had been held, and a considerable amount of work was done. The result of that day's meeting had already been referred to in the resolutions submitted.

Dr. BOWER seconded the motion. In reply further to Dr. Geddes about the badge, this matter came up before the Parliamentary Committee and was dis-

¹ See foot-note to Report of Council, p. 504.

cussed by them, but it was thought better to postpone action until the result of the resolution sent forward had been seen. If that were accepted the badge would be a much more valuable one.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library has been much used by members, and a considerable number of books has been added. The annual grant of £20 is asked, and members are invited to examine their own bookshelves with a view to presenting the Association with books which they can spare, and which may enhance the value of the Library.

T. B. HYSLOP,
Member, Library Committee.

Dr. R. H. COLE, in the absence of Dr. Hyslop, presented this Report and moved its adoption. He added that Dr. Hyslop himself had set a good example by presenting to the Library a good number of books, as members were aware; and it was perhaps open to others to do likewise. It was scarcely necessary to mention how anxious the Secretary was to send books out to country members if they would only apply to him; to ensure getting the book they need only send three penny stamps. Even if the required book was not in the Library, it could be secured from Messrs. Lewis, to which establishment the Association subscribed.

Dr. ADAIR seconded.

Dr. SOUTAR asked whether, if this resolution were passed in its present form, it meant that £20 would be granted to the Library.

The PRESIDENT replied that motions involving the expenditure of funds would come up afterwards.

Dr. M. A. COLLINS thought the reference to the gift of books by Dr. Hyslop, which Dr. Cole spoke of verbally, might be included in the Report, even though Dr. Hyslop himself was a signatory of that Report.

Dr. DRAPES pointed out that the reference to the gift appears in the July number of the Journal.

The motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

Dr. DAVID ORR read the Report as follows.

The Research Committee begs to report that it was constituted by the Council of the Association on November 24th, 1914, with the following membership: Drs. T. Stewart Adair, J. Shaw Bolton, J. Chambers, H. Devine, T. Drapes, E. Goodall, J. R. Lord, Ford Robertson, R. G. Rows, R. Percy Smith and W. J. Tulloch, the President (Dr. D. G. Thomson), and Secretary (Dr. M. A. Collins) of the Association.

At its first meeting, held on February 18th, 1915, Dr. R. Percy Smith was elected Chairman, Dr. R. G. Rows Secretary, Drs. H. F. Hayes Newington and David Orr were co-opted as members of the Committee.

The letters of Dr. T. W. McDowall to the Secretary of the Association (dated April 27th, 1914) and to the Secretary of the Board of Control (dated April 2nd, 1914) were considered, and the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Research Committee approve the principle contained in the letters of Dr. T. W. McDowall, and ask the Council to direct the Parliamentary Committee to further legislation, when such is possible, to allow of conjoined expenditure on Research by local authorities governing public asylums."

It was further resolved:

"That the Research Committee ask the Council whether it would be willing to make grants in aid of original work on the recommendation of this Committee."

The Committee met again on May 18th, 1915. Dr. David Orr was appointed joint Secretary of the Committee with Dr. R. G. Rows, and it was resolved that on the presentation of the Report of the Committee to the Annual Meeting of the Association the following resolution should be moved by the Chairman:

"That the Association empowers the Council, should it think fit, to make grants in aid of original research on the recommendation of the Research Committee."

It was decided to postpone further discussion *re* Research until after the Annual Meeting of the Association.

R. PERCY SMITH, *Chairman*.
D. ORR, *Acting Honorary Secretary*.

Dr. DAVID ORR moved that the Report be adopted.

Dr. PERCY SMITH seconded. He said that the Research Committee, at its meeting, asked the Council whether it would be willing to make grants in aid of original work, on the recommendation of this Committee; that the Council afterwards expressed its approval, and the matter would come up as a separate resolution under letter (e) on the agenda.

The motion was carried.

MOTIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

The PRESIDENT invited Dr. Percy Smith to proceed with item (e) forthwith, as there were no reports under (d).

Dr. PERCY SMITH said the resolution on the agenda for the consideration of the general meeting ran: "That the Association empowers the Council, should it think fit, to make grants in aid of original research on the recommendation of the Research Committee." He said it was felt that, assuming there were any funds and that research was going on, it was desirable to support the Committee without having to wait for an annual meeting—which might be several months distant—to obtain the sanction to spend funds, as required by the regulations. Therefore what was sought was to give to the Council plenary power to make grants in aid of research, and with that object he moved the resolution. He gathered that in the immediate future there would not be much available in the way of funds for the actual work of research; but something might arise under this head, and it would be a great convenience to have power to grant help in this way.

SIR GEORGE SAVAGE seconded the motion with great pleasure.

The PRESIDENT asked whether any member had anything to say on the resolution.

Carried.

Dr. R. H. COLE moved that the sum of £20 be granted for the Library. That Committee was very economical, and did not spend all its money unless that was absolutely necessary. This grant was to enable the Committee to purchase fresh books, and to prevent books getting into a shabby state.

Dr. BOWER seconded the motion, and it was carried.

DATES OF MEETINGS.

The PRESIDENT pointed out that the date of the Northern and Midland Division should be October 7th, not the 17th as printed. The dates on the agenda were otherwise agreed to. (See notices of meetings, p. 522.)

CANDIDATES FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP.

The PRESIDENT nominated Dr. Soutar and Dr. Orr as scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected *en bloc*:

INGALL, FRANK ERNEST, F.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H., Tue Brook Villa, Liverpool.

Proposed by Drs. J. Kennedy Will, Charles C. Easterbrook, and C. J. Tisdall.

STEWART, A. H. L., M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Melton.

Proposed by Drs. James R. Whitwell, J. Waters, and F. Oswald Spensley.

The PRESIDENT said he was sorry that the two gentlemen—who hailed from north of the Tweed—named as prize-winners had not been able to attend.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the President and the other officers for their work during the past year. It was felt that the President, living a long way from London, had been a most conscientious

tious and devoted officer, and that he should, under the stress of war and other things, accept the onerous duty for another year was more than praiseworthy; and when members remembered that the President came from a dangerous district, and that if a hostile landing took place it would be in his neighbourhood, it was felt that a still greater debt of thanks was due to him. It was unnecessary to point out what the President had done, nor need he say that Dr. Thomson would be quite prepared to do as much again. Therefore he (the speaker) only expressed the feeling of those present in saying they thanked the President for what he had done, and for what he was going to do. He coupled with that vote the names of his co-officers.

Dr. JAMES STEWART expressed his pleasure, as an old member, in seconding the motion. From his contact with medical superintendents and other members of the Association he knew that the work of the organisation had been exceptionally heavy, and it promised to be still more so in the coming year. Therefore, hearty thanks were due to the President and officers, especially as they were willing to continue in office.

Carried.

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, wished to thank Sir George Savage for the kind and happy words in which he had proposed this vote of thanks, and the meeting for so heartily carrying it. These were trying times, no doubt, and perhaps exceptionally so in the East of England. They were in a living darkness all night, and Zeppelins and other horrors passed over his house frequently. The actual work of the Executive, so far as the President was concerned, was light; he was, at least at present, more of a figure-head; but his fellow-officers must appreciate very much indeed the recognition which had been passed on their hard work for the Association.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, July 1st, 1915, at Mullingar Asylum by the kind invitation of Dr. Gavin, who had arranged for a most enjoyable motor drive for the members, previous to the meeting, to the ancient and interesting Abbey of Fore.

Members present: Drs. Dawson, Greene, Rainsford, J. O'C. Donelan, O'Neill, Kirwan, Gavin, Dillon, M. Nolan, Wallace, and Dr. Leeper (Divisional Secretary).

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Drs. Considine, Drapes, Hetherington, R. Revington, Lawless, and Lieut. James Parker, R.A.M.C.

Dr. Dawson having been moved to the chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Miss Lentaigne thanking the members of the Irish Division for their resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Sir John Lentaigne in their recent great loss; and was ordered to be placed on the minutes.

A suggestion was made by Dr. Nolan that the staffs of Irish asylums be asked to subscribe to a fund to be raised for the purchase and equipment of an ambulance for the Irish regiments now serving at the Front. The suggestion was most favourably received by all present, but after a full discussion it was decided that as the staffs of the Irish asylums had already contributed very generously to the "Red Cross" and "Belgian Relief" Funds it would be unwise to proceed with the matter at present.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. W. Gavin for his generous hospitality, and for the very enjoyable day he had given to all the members present, was passed with acclamation.

This terminated the proceedings.

ASYLUMS ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following additional names of asylum medical officers who have joined the R.A.M.C. are taken from returns received since the July number of the Journal was issued.