

Fifty-four post-cards were sent out; and thanks to the prompt courtesy of the superintendents addressed, fifty-four answers were received. In fifteen asylums it has been decided to charge the entire amount to the maintenance account; fifteen to the building and repairs; four charge the maintenance with that portion of the rate paid on the land, and the balance to the building and repairs account; one charges this latter with everything except the poor rate; while nine counties have not yet settled the question in any way. One gentleman writes: "We are all puzzled as to the construction of the Act." A second says: "As far as I can see there is no choice at all—the new assessment should certainly be charged to maintenance." Another, however, is equally emphatic: "To the building and repairs. Certainly *not* the maintenance;" while a fourth very pertinently draws attention to the fact that, in the form of abstract of account recently issued by the Local Government Board, "there is a place for rates in building account, but none in the maintenance." It is clear that considerable difference of opinion exists on this point at present. Probably much of it will be reconciled when the new auditors have made their report to headquarters. Uniformity, though not always desirable, would, in this instance, be an advantage, especially if it took the shape of insisting upon the amount being paid out of the county rate, and not out of the monies chargeable with the maintenance and care of our patients.

Yours, etc.,

J. BEVERIDGE SPENCE.

Appointments.

BLACK, R. S., M.A., M.B., C.M., D.P.H.Aberd., appointed Pathologist and Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire County Asylum, Whittingham.

BONNEY, A. W., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., appointed third Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Asylum.

BOYCOTT, A. N., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed third Assistant Medical Officer to the Cane Hill Asylum.

COMPTON, THOS. J., M.B., C.M., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent, Higham Hall Asylum, Norwich.

COWAN, JOHN J., M.B.Ed., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Roxburgh District Asylum, Melrose.

CRAIG, F. A., M.B., B.Ch., Roy. Univ. Irel., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Nottingham Borough Asylum.

DUNN, E. L., M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., appointed fourth Assistant Medical Officer to the West Eiding Asylum, Wakefield.

FABQUHARSON, A. C., M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Burntwood Asylum, Lichfield.

FITZGIBBON, H., M.D.Dub., F.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Visitor of Lunatics.

HAY, FRANK, M.B., C.M.Aberd., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the James Murray Royal Asylum, Perth.

LYONS, ALGERNON WILSON, M.B.Lond., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., of King's College, London, appointed Resident Clinical Assistant at the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, near Dartford.

MACKENZIE, HENRY J., M.B., C.M.Edin., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant at the Darent Asylum for Imbecile Children, Dartford.

MIDDLEMAN, JAS., M.B., C.M., B.Sc., appointed Resident Pathologist to the Morningside Asylum.

ROUSE, EUSEBIUS ROUSE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to Camberwell House Asylum, London.

TANNER, C. PRICE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., promoted to be second Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Asylum.

WATSON, W. B. K., M.A., M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire County Asylum, Rainhill.