

*The After-care Association.*

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on 31st January at the house of Sir William Broadbent, who presided. Sir William gave a brief but able sketch of the aims and work of the Association, concluding with the remark that he knew of no society which did so much work so economically on so small an income. The report showed that the total subscriptions, &c., for the year amounted to £561; that 147 cases had been before the Council, of whom the majority had been suitably helped.

Mr. Mocatta promised the Association a donation of £25 if the subscriptions for the year reached £1000, and the Council makes a special appeal to medical superintendents to aid them in obtaining this sum by means of local meetings, concerts, or bazaars.

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*The British Medical Association and its Council.*

A deadlock seems to have arisen on the point whether the Annual Meeting controls the Council, and whether its resolutions are so binding that the Council is obliged to put them in force.

The Council, on legal advice, maintains that as it is elected by the branches it is therefore responsible to them. The Council claims the right of adopting or disregarding resolutions passed at the annual meeting, since a small vote might be easily passed at such a meeting, owing to small attendance and owing to the necessary predominance of local attendance.

The Council is elected to manage the affairs of the Association, and it would certainly seem right that it should have the power to hinder a chance or local minority from imposing its will on the majority. If the Council at any time disallows a resolution which is the will of the majority, there can be little doubt that means would be found to render the Council obedient. The power is only a useful check against hasty, impulsive, or factious movements.

The matter is of importance, however, and should be definitely settled, not by litigation, but by definite resolutions of the branches, or by a poll of all members of the Association.

Since the British Medical Association decided that the branches should have an active interest in the central management, new life has poured into it from all parts of the Empire.