

*The Association Library.*

The donation by Mrs. Hack Tuke of more than seven hundred volumes of works on medico-psychological subjects, together with a very valuable addition from Dr. Lockhart Robertson, have led to the suggestion that these should be made the nucleus of a library, which should be accessible to all members of the Association in the United Kingdom.

To effect this object not only would arrangements have to be made for the circulation of the books, but it would be necessary that many of these should be in duplicate.

The actual cost of working would be inconsiderable, but the provision of current literature and of the back literature would involve a considerable outlay. Fortunately, the Association has a considerable reserve of funds, for which more worthy employment would be difficult to find.

Bacon says that "the best investment of a man's money is in the tools of his trade," and a good library would certainly prove a most efficient tool for the Association, and would probably attract many new members.

Dr. Outterson Wood, in his researches into the history of the Association, has discovered that the idea of a library was mooted more than fifty years ago, and is therefore in agreement with the fundamental objects of its founders.

Our members are not wanting in original practical observations on disease, but some criticism might be made on the defects in acquaintance with the past and current literature of our specialty, arising from the fact that many of our workers are isolated in country asylums and remote from access to full libraries.

The subject will probably come up for discussion at the Annual Meeting, and the best interests of the Association will be forwarded by the members treating the proposal in the most liberal spirit. If thoroughly and efficiently carried out, the study of psychological medicine in this country will most certainly be greatly advanced.

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*The Commissioners in Lunacy and the Lanchester Case.*

In our observations on this case in the January number we observed that the Commissioners had been possibly stimulated to intervene promptly by the representations of Mr. Burns and others. This was so roundly asserted by a certain portion of the lay Press that it was accepted as a true statement.