

sistence, and contained large patches of calcification; the under surface of a yellowish-white colour, glistening in appearance and adherent to the pia. The membrane thinned gradually as it approached the base and towards the occipital convolutions, where it was represented by a punctate rusty discoloration of the inner layer of dura.

The convolutions were found flattened, and there was firm adhesion between the hemispheres and in the main fissures; the convolutions were obscured by marked thickening of the pia, which was not adherent to the subjacent gyri.

Cerebro-spinal fluid greatly in excess, and ventricles much enlarged. Grey matter showed little atrophic change. Brain substance firm. No granulations found.

Weights—R. Hemisphere	21 oz.
L. „	20 oz.
Cerebellum	7 oz.

Microscopic examination of the membrane revealed an *outer* dense stratum of fibrous tissue in longitudinally coursing fasciculi, between which were interspersed quantities of hæmatoidin crystals, fatty globules, and a mass of fine granular amorphous detritus; an *inner* layer of a few delicate laminæ of nucleated tissue, in which were numerous blood-vessels, separated from each other by lacunæ, containing hæmatoidin crystals.

OCCASIONAL NOTES OF THE QUARTER.

The Jubilee of the Association.

Fifty years ago the Association commenced with the promise of forty-four members. At the present time the number is just about ten-fold. A circular was sent to eighty-three medical men connected with asylums, and thirty-six did not respond to the proposal, while three declined. Among those who agreed to become members occur the well-known names of Sir A. Morison, Dr. Prichard, Dr. Conolly, Mr. Gaskell, Dr. Monro, Dr. Stewart, Dr. W. A. F. Browne, Dr. Hitch, Dr. Hutcheson, Dr. Shute, Dr. Davey, Dr. de Vitré, Dr. Charlesworth, Dr. Begley, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Poole, Dr. Kirkman, Dr. Corsellis, Dr. Thurnam, Dr. (afterwards Sir Charles) Hastings, Dr. Mackintosh, and Dr. McKinnon.

The following were the medical men who met together at the Gloucester Lunatic Asylum, July 27th, 1841, to consider the replies which had been received to the circular issued on the 19th of June, and who then and there resolved—“That an Association be formed of the Medical Officers attached to Hospitals for the Insane, whose object shall be the Improve-

ment in the Management of such Institutions and the Treatment of the Insane, and the acquirement of a more extensive and more correct knowledge of Insanity."—Dr. Shute, Gloucester Asylum (in the chair); Mr. Gaskell, Lancaster Asylum; Dr. Hitch, Gloucester Asylum; Mr. Powell, Nottingham Asylum; Dr. Thurnam, York Retreat; Mr. Wintle, Oxford Asylum.

York, Lancaster, Gloucester, and Nottingham, but not London, were, it will be seen, the localities which distinguished themselves on this occasion.

The next meeting of the members of the Association, and regarded as the first annual gathering, was held on Nov. 4, 1841, at the Nottingham Asylum, Dr. Blake in the chair.

No annual meeting has been held at Birmingham till this year.

We only express the unanimous feeling of those who were present at the recent meeting in this city, that the commemoration of the institution of the Medico-Psychological Association (originally entitled Association of Medical Officers of Hospitals for the Insane) was a great success, and would certainly have fulfilled the hopes and intentions of the men who decided to establish it. There was a large attendance, and a reference to the report of its proceedings in "Notes and News" will show that there was no lack of interest in the discussions which took place. The Association was ably represented and presided over by Mr. Whitcombe, whose conduct in the presidential chair contributed largely to the satisfactory transaction of the work performed at the meeting, and whose Address was fully appreciated by the assembly. Marked by warm and thoroughly humane feeling for the insane, it did not end in mere sentiment, but was practical in its aim, definite in its proposals, and specially appropriate to the suggestions and schemes which in recent times have emanated from men within and without the pale of our Association. The observations which were offered to the meeting were all the better for raising points upon which considerable difference of opinion exists among mental physicians. No one, however, can complain of the tone in which the President enunciated his personal views.

The Cathcart Case.

This is probably one of the most prolonged and costly cases of inquiry into the state of mind of a patient which has ever been held, and the result is another example of the uncertainty as to the result of such an inquiry.