

The Association dinner of the present year was unusually well attended and was remarkable for the number of distinguished visitors, prominent amongst whom was the Speaker of the House of Commons. The success of the evening was largely due to the exertions of the President, who spared no effort to make the occasion one that should help to extend the position and influence of the Association.

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*British Medical Association.*

The Psychological Section of the British Medical Association gave the strongest evidence that the preceding meeting of our Association had not exhausted the literary powers or interest of our specialty. The attendance at the sittings was large, and bore a favourable contrast in this respect to many other sections. This is not surprising when the subjects of the papers and the reputation of their authors are considered.

The Presidential Address, Dr. Maudsley on Responsibility, and Dr. Gowers on Epilepsy could not fail to be attractive; the less prominent papers were also of great interest and value. There was, too, an unusual number of communications of the kind which tend to bring the specialty into more close relation with the profession in general; this, indeed, should always constitute the main object of the sectional meetings of our specialty.

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*Gratuities.*

The question of obtaining gratuities to the families of employes who have lost their lives in the service of an asylum for the insane, was raised at the Annual Meeting. This subject needs prompt consideration and action on the part of the Association, since such cases are evidently by no means rare.

The principle of the liability of the employer in similar circumstances is now recognized in law, and there should be very little difficulty in obtaining legal recognition of the claims of asylum officers under such conditions.

The recognition of the justice of such claims by asylum authorities, by the granting of liberal gratuities to the widows of attendants whose husbands had died from injuries