

Patients working in the grounds can make 3*d.* per hour for 36 hours in the week for honest labour, and it is proposed to pay some of the women patients for domestic work. This is a subject quite apart, of course, from an allied proposal to pay working patients in county asylums.

### Part IV.—Notes and News.

#### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

##### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE sixtieth annual meeting began at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 25th, 1901, in the Chemical Theatre of Queen's College, Cork. Dr. Fletcher Beach, the retiring President, occupied the chair. Present: E. D. O'Neill, F. O'Mara, J. A. Oakshott, Thos. Drapes, T. S. Clouston, T. W. McDowall, James Rutherford, R. D. Mitchell, John G. Havelock, W. R. Dawson, Theo. B. Hyslop, R. J. Stilwell, H. Kerr, Bagenal C. Harvey, F. W. Edridge-Green, Stephen G. Longworth, C. K. Hitchcock, C. S. Morrison, James Chambers, William Graham, M. J. Nolan, Harry A. Benham, Oscar Woods, Arthur Finegan, Alf. Miller, A. R. Turnbull, H. H. Newington, A. R. Urquhart, Conolly Norman, J. Carswell, Henry M. Eustace, Richard R. Leeper, Cecil A. P. Osburne, G. FitzGerald, D. E. Allman, L. Strangman, R. H. Steen, W. J. Mackeown.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. Aveline, Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Keay, Dr. Beattie Smith, Dr. René Semelaigne, Dr. Jules Morel, and Dr. Hermann Kornfeld.

##### FIRST DAY.

The minutes of the preceding annual meeting were taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

##### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and council, Dr. Miller and Dr. Turnbull acting as scrutineers. As the result of scrutiny, the former reported that those nominated had been unanimously elected.

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| <i>President</i> . . . . .                          | OSCAR T. WOODS, M.D.   |
| <i>President Elect</i> . . . . .                    | J. WIGLESWORTH, M.D.   |
| <i>Ex-President</i> . . . . .                       | FLETCHER BEACH, M.D.   |
| <i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .                          | H. HAYES NEWINGTON, F.R.C.P.Ed.  |
| <i>Editors of Journal</i> . . . . .                 | { HENRY RAYNER, M.D.<br>A. R. URQUHART, M.D.<br>CONOLLY NORMAN, F.R.C.P.I. |
| <i>Auditors</i> . . . . .                           | { ERNEST W. WHITE, M.B.<br>JAMES M. MOODY, M.R.C.S.                        |
| <i>Divisional Secretary for—</i>                    |  |
| <i>South-Eastern Division</i> . . . . .             | A. N. BOYCOTT, M.D.  |
| <i>South-Western Division</i> . . . . .             | P. W. MACDONALD, M.D.  |
| <i>Northern and Midland Division</i> . . . . .      | C. K. HITCHCOCK, M.D.  |
| <i>Scotland</i> . . . . .                           | LEWIS C. BRUCE, M.B.   |
| <i>Ireland</i> . . . . .                            | A. D. O'C. FINEGAN, L.R.C.P.I.   |
| <i>General Secretary</i> . . . . .                  | ROBERT JONES, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S.   |
| <i>Registrar</i> . . . . .                          | H. A. BENHAM, M.D.   |
| <i>Secretary of Educational Committee</i> . . . . . | To be appointed by the Educational Committee.                              |

*Members of Council.*

T. S. ADAIR, M.B.; THEO. B. HYSLOP, M.D.; H. A. KIDD, M.R.C.S.; R. L. RUTHERFORD, M.D.; J. BEVERIDGE SPENCE, M.D.; A. R. TURNBULL, M.B.

## EXAMINERS.

England: THEO. B. HYSLOP, M.D.; E. B. WHITCOMBE, M.R.C.S. Scotland: G. M. ROBERTSON, M.B.; LEWIS C. BRUCE, M.B. Ireland: M. J. NOLAN, F.R.C.P.I.; CONOLLY NORMAN, F.R.C.P.I.

*Examiners for the Nursing Certificate of the Association.*

R. PERCY SMITH, M.D.; J. B. SPENCE, M.D.; A. CAMPBELL CLARK, M.D.

## ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

The following candidates were proposed for election as ordinary members:— Passmore, William Edwin, L.S.A.Lond., 2, Sylvan Villas, Woodford Green, Essex, late Clinical Assistant, Junior and Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Wandsworth Infirmary, S.W. (proposed by F. W. Mott, F. R. P. Taylor, and R. Jones); Slater, G. N. O., M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, Essex County Asylum, Brentwood (proposed by W. R. Hanbury, G. Amsden, and John Turner); Tighe, John, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Ireland, North Riding Asylum, Clifton, Yorks (proposed by J. Tregellis Hingston, H. Hayes Newington, and Robert Jones); Torney, George Parsons, A.B.Dublin, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S., and L.M., Medical Superintendent County Asylum, Lincoln (proposed by G. H. Johnstone, H. H. Newington, and Robert Jones); White, William, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Waterford (proposed by J. A. Oakshott, Arthur Finegan, and Robert Jones).

Dr. TURNBULL, for the scrutineers, announced that they were all unanimously elected.

## ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBER.

Dr. URQUHART next proposed that Dr. Edouard Toulouse be elected an honorary member of the Association. He said, "This nomination has been signed by Dr. Clouston, Dr. Newington, Dr. G. H. Savage, Dr. Beveridge Spence, Dr. Robert Jones, and myself. Dr. Toulouse is a distinguished member of the Medico-Psychological Society of Paris, and is Physician-Superintendent at Villejuif Asylum, one of the most important institutions in Paris. In that capacity he has gained the confidence of the authorities there, and of all those associated with him in our department of medicine. He is one of the most industrious workers in psychiatry. I lay on the table a list of psychological works published by Dr. Toulouse. These are valuable and voluminous, but perhaps he is best known to us by his important report on the asylums of Great Britain to the Council-General of the Seine. Dr. Toulouse is also editor of the *Revue de Psychiatrie*, a journal which he conducts in a very able manner." Dr. Toulouse was elected by acclamation.

## ELECTION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

Dr. URQUHART.—I have now to propose for election as a corresponding member Dr. Manheimer-Gommés, Chef de Clinique des Maladies Mentales à la Faculté de Médecine, Paris, who has paid special attention to the mental troubles of infancy. He has been physician to the Bureaux de Bienfaisance de Paris. He is also the Assistant in the Police Prefecture, where insane persons apprehended come in the first instance. He was one of the secretaries of the Congress of Psychiatry held in Paris last year. I lay a list of his publications on the table. Probably the best known to us is his work on *The Mental Diseases of Infancy*, honourably mentioned by the Academy of Medicine.

The PRESIDENT.—I may say that Dr. Manheimer-Gommés is a personal friend of my own, and during our visit to Paris last year he was most attentive and courteous in every way.

Dr. Manheimer-Gommés was elected by acclamation.

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## REPORT OF TREASURER.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, as Treasurer, brought up the balance-sheet and, on the suggestion of Dr. Clouston, gave some details of the various sources of income and expenditure. He said: Upon the whole the Association is doing very well; it pays its way with a little over. Of course the yearly surplus has to be discounted to a certain extent by the amount of subscriptions that have to be written off yearly and put against the balance. The accounts have been before the auditors as usual, and they will present their report in due course. With regard to the JOURNAL account, that does not need much explanation. It is entirely in the hands of the editors, who are men of experience. A considerable amount of money is expended, but we get value for it. Taking the Examinations account, you remember that an extra 2s. 6d. was charged to each nursing examination candidate; the whole of that goes to the examiners, of whom there are three. Last year that item only amounted to £7 10s. This year it is upwards of £60, yet a small sum in comparison with the trouble of examining so many papers. Then for clerical assistance to the Registrar £7, which the Council has to-day increased to £20. It is difficult for any medical superintendent to get his clerk to help him year after year in regard to hundreds of applications with any feeling of justice for the pittance now allowed, so it is proposed to give the clerical assistant the minimum sum of £10, and a sum of 4d. *per caput*, which will bring it up to £20. I think that the petty disbursement account is a very moderate one considering the amount of correspondence carried on by the officers. With regard to the cost of the annual, general, and divisional meetings that sum is rather less than last year. Of course there is a large amount of printing for these meetings. Since we have had these divisions established the expense on this head has gone up, but as a rule the charges are very moderate. We have now established a certain standard from which the divisional secretaries are not allowed to stray without remonstrance. The rent of premises is £40, and the audit and clerical assistant six guineas. The miscellaneous account is always a very uncertain item. Last year it was heavier than this year. There was a good deal of printing for Parliamentary work, for new Rules, and also for the Tuberculosis Committee. This year we have had no Parliamentary Committee expenses. Turning to the income, the dividend, £13 10s. 8d., is the income of the old Association Stock. There is another sum of £336, the amount collected as a testimonial to Dr. Hack Tuke. The interest of that goes to the library account. The sale of the JOURNAL is uncertain, about £200. The sale of the HANDBOOK is very uncertain; it seems to be going on as usual. Under the head of advertisements in the JOURNAL there is a considerable increase. It is more than £12 in excess of last year. The fees for the Psychological Certificate in Medicine are very small indeed; they used to be a very fruitful source of income. Now the cost of examining these gentlemen is a great deal more than the money we get from them. This year there are only six guineas, as contrasted with twelve guineas last year. The fees for the Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing are an increasing amount; but, as I explained before, the sum will be much larger in the current year, while the profit to the Association will not be increased. The subscriptions steadily increase. That is the chief point, we must make the subscriptions larger by increasing the number of new members. I do not think there is anything to be said upon the subject of our liabilities. As regards the Gaskell Fund, sometimes we have to pay out a little more than we have received during the year; it may be an asset one year and a liability the next. We get £44 on dividends yearly, and most of that goes for the gold medal and substantial prize. If no person gains it we place it in a special deposit account, which now reaches £100.

## REPORT OF AUDITORS.

We have this day examined the Pass-book, checked all vouchers, and investigated the income and expenditure in detail. We have pleasure in reporting a net increase at the close of the financial year of twenty-two in the membership. We also note material addition in the receipts from advertisements in the JOURNAL. The fees for the examination for the Medico-Psychological Certificate have largely

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### REVENUE ACCOUNT—January 1st to December 31st, 1900.

| 1899. Dr.       |  | Expenditure. |                  | Gr. 1899.  |                  |
|-----------------|--|--------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| £ s. d.         |  | £ s. d.      | £ s. d.          | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.          |
| 513 7 1         | To Journal, Printing, Publishing, Engraving, Advertising, and Postage ...    | 546 6 5      |                  | By Dividends ...                                   | 13 10 8          |
| 67 19 10        | „ Examinations, Association Prizes, and Clerical Assistance to Registrar ... | 100 0 11     |                  | „ Sale of Journal ...                              | 185 14 4         |
| 48 3 7          | „ Petty Disbursements, Stationery, Postages, etc.                            | 60 12 9      |                  | „ Sale of Handbook ...                             | 25 1 4           |
| 134 8 2         | „ Annual, General, and Divisional Meetings                                   | 127 9 11     |                  | „ Advertisements ...                               | 44 15 10         |
| 51 0 0          | „ Rent of Premises at 11, Chandos Street, care of Office, etc. ...           | 51 0 0       |                  | „ Fees, Certificates of Psychological Medicine ... | 12 12 0          |
| 6 6 0           | „ Audit and Clerical Assistance ...  | 6 6 0        |                  | „ Fees, Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing ... | 88 12 9          |
| 36 6 4          | „ Miscellaneous ...  | 40 19 10     |                  | „ Subscriptions ...                                | 101 4 9          |
| 15 0 10         | „ Library ...  | - - -        |                  |  | 607 8 6          |
| 70 13 6         | Balance ...  |              | 932 15 10        |  | 232 5 4          |
|                 |  |              | 44 19 7          |  |                  |
| <u>£943 5 4</u> |  |              | <u>£977 15 5</u> |  | <u>£977 15 5</u> |
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### BALANCE-SHEET—31st December, 1900.

| 1899.             |   | Liabilities. |                   | Assets.                                 |           | 1899.    |                   |
|-------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|---|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| £ s. d.           |   | £ s. d.      | £ s. d.           | £ s. d.                                 | £ s. d.   | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.           |
| 26 19 4           | Journal Account, balance of ...             | 27 6 6       |                   | Lloyds Bank:—Bankers ...                | 239 3 7   | 246 5 2  |                   |
| 10 1 0            | Petty Disbursements Account, balance of ... | 4 15 0       |                   | New Zealand Stock:                      |           |          |                   |
| 45 7 9            | Examinations Account, balance of ...        | 7 0 0        |                   | £3½ per cent. value at this date        | £326 10 2 |          |                   |
| 4 5 0             | Meetings Account, balance of ...            | 2 19 1       |                   | Hack Tuke Memorial ...                  | 336 15 4  |          |                   |
| - - -             | Gaskell Fund ...                            | 1 16 2       |                   | Victoria Stock (Dr. Paul's bequest) ... | 98 0 0    |          |                   |
| 21 0 0            | Rent Account ...                            | - - -        |                   | Sales Account, balance ...              | 761 5 6   | 756 19 3 |                   |
| 12 8 9            | Miscellaneous ...                           | - - -        |                   | Subscriptions Account, balance ...      | 115 18 8  | 111 8 4  |                   |
| - - -             | Library ...                                 | 10 15 3      |                   | Fees Account, balance ...               | 107 4 6   | 113 18 6 |                   |
| 1135 9 5          | Balance:—Balance on 1st January ...         | 1135 9 5     | 54 12 0           | Gaskell Fund ...                        | - - -     | 26 19 0  | 0 1 0             |
|                   | Add:—Balance of Revenue Account ...         | 44 19 7      |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   | Increase in value of New Zealand Stock ...  | £3 2 2       |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   | New Zealand Stock (Hack Tuke Memorial) ...  | 3 4 1        |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   |   | 6 6 3        |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   | Deduct:—Subscriptions written off ...       | £15 15 0     | 1186 15 3         |   |           |          |                   |
|                   | Decrease in value of Victoria Stock ...     | 2 0 0        |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   |   | 17 15 0      |                   |   |           |          |                   |
|                   |   |              | 1169 0 3          |   |           |          |                   |
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E. WOODINGTON, C.A.

H. HAYES NEWINGTON, TREASURER.

diminished, and we would draw attention to the fact with a view to the examination being made, if possible, more attractive.

ERNEST W. WHITE, } *Auditors.*  
DAVID BOWER, }

The report was adopted on the motion of Dr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Oakshott.

Dr. CLOUSTON.—I am sure we are much indebted to the Treasurer. He may think we are unnecessarily particular in looking into items, yet, when one has a balance sheet of this kind, which in many respects is exceedingly satisfactory, but which shows that while last year we had a balance of £70 we now only have a balance of £44, while £15 was spent upon the Library last year and nothing this year, I am quite sure the members will see that we ought to look into these matters very closely. It is good for the Association we should do so. If it had not been for the increase in our income we would not be in a satisfactory position. We are, I am happy to say, a greatly advancing Association; our income is increasing every year, and the question arises whether we should not look to our officials to see that the balance to our credit increases also. I beg to move the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

Dr. URQUHART.—The Treasurer is not in a position to make money for this Association; he can save it, but he cannot make it. Our members, however, could increase the income by taking a little trouble. You will see by the accounts that the receipts for advertisements for last year was £44, compared with £30 the year before. That increase is directly due to a few active members of the Association, who have induced advertisers to use our JOURNAL for business purposes. Advertisements are the last items to come to a journal, and the last to leave it. If a journal has a reputation, it is not difficult to get advertisements for it. I would impress upon our members to be a little more earnest in increasing the finances of the Association. They could do so easily if they only tried. I beg to second Dr. Clouston's motion.

Dr. NEWINGTON.—Dr. Clouston is quite right in his contention for consideration of details, but I am bound to point out that only within certain limits can the expenditure of the year be anticipated. The meetings of all our committees are absolutely necessary, and they cost money. Then there are unforeseen charges; this year, on the occasion of the death of the late Queen, the Association voted an address of condolence to His Majesty which cost ten guineas.

The report was adopted.

#### COMPLIMENTARY MOTION.

The PRESIDENT.—I now beg to move a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the Association for their work during the past year. First on the list is our respected Treasurer. Since Dr. Newington took up the treasurership everything has gone on satisfactorily. I am sure that he is only too anxious that his accounts should be looked into. We owe a great debt of thanks to our Treasurer for placing us in a sound financial position. Then our next officer is our General Secretary. Well, I have been General Secretary myself, and I know something of the work that has to be accomplished, and I can safely say that since Dr. Jones has taken up the work he has done it in a most enthusiastic manner. I know that in order to work up the last meeting he wrote no less than 100 letters. That shows more eloquently than I can describe his interest and enthusiasm in the work. We owe him a great debt of thanks. Then comes our respected Registrar, Dr. Benham. Of late his work has been trebled. Although some members expressed dissatisfaction at the late arrival of the certificates, if they only knew the work Dr. Benham had to do, and the numbers of signatures he had to obtain before they went out, I think every one would be satisfied. To him too we owe a debt of thanks. There are also our Editors. We are deeply indebted to them for the work they have done so satisfactorily.

The motion of thanks was adopted with acclamation.

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON presented the report of the Parliamentary Committee. "No lunacy bill having been introduced in the present Session there has been little to discuss, but in anticipation of such an event, a memorandum was drawn up and forwarded to the Lord Chancellor. This dealt as heretofore with the pension question, and some minor matters." We have held two meetings, but there has been very little to discuss. In anticipation of legislation, one of the matters suggested to the Lord Chancellor as needing reform was the use in legal documents of the word "lunatic." It is a most abominable term, and there is no reason why the law should continue to offend patients by having served on them legal documents in which they are described as alleged lunatics. Whether the Lord Chancellor will do what we suggested I do not know, but patients at present are certainly insulted and prejudiced in a manner which would cause us to dismiss attendants if they used the same language. I beg to move the adoption of the Parliamentary Report.

Dr. HYSLOP.—I beg to second that.

The report passed unanimously, and the Committee were re-appointed on the motion of the President.

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The REGISTRAR (Dr. Benham) reported that 521 candidates entered for the nursing examination in May last: 411 were successful, 98 failed, and 12 withdrew; 71 failed in the written paper, 49 in *visd voce*, and 22 in both. Net failures, 98, as above.

Dr. CLOUSTON said, owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Percy Smith, the Chairman, and Dr. Mercier, the Secretary, of the Educational Committee, we were rather unfortunate when we met this morning and considered a great many questions.

The Nursing Examination under the new system has been regarded as much more satisfactory than under the old. I am sure that the Association will be glad to hear that, and that the slaughter of the innocents has not turned out much greater than was expected. The nurses have shown themselves to be fitted for their duties in a large proportion, so far as that fitness could be tested by that examination.

The Certificate in Psychological Medicine has been diminishing year by year, and the Committee discussed this question with great concern. We had two propositions before us. One was that the Certificate should be allowed to die a natural death. A great many powerful objections were urged against that course, and so powerful were they that no one took that proposal into serious consideration. Another was to revive interest in this Certificate, to add to its value, and to attract a larger number of candidates. We shall meet again to-morrow morning to further consider this question, and we shall be very glad to have any suggestions from members of the Association. We are anxious to make it more successful than it has been for the last two or three years. We must put it out of pain or revive it. No doubt all the teachers will give it their attention. There was one point on which we agreed—that students, who are now obliged to study mental diseases, should be specially encouraged to come forward and pass the examination for the Certificate, which will be given to them when they are duly qualified medical men. If we find it past praying for, then we shall bury it decently, but we meanwhile hope to revive it.

Dr. HYSLOP.—The point is, how to get more candidates for this Certificate. Young men working in asylums ask, "Does it enhance my value if I add M.P.C. to my name?" and the medical superintendent too often says, "What is the good of it? I am medical superintendent and have not got it." A large percentage of the men now entering for this Certificate are induced to do so in order to get some appointment abroad, in the colonies, or in the prison service. These candidates, as a rule, are not able to spend many months in an asylum; they can only attend a course of lectures and follow out the morning work of an asylum. Shall we only admit students who have attended courses of lectures under recognised lecturers? This raises a wide question. In Edinburgh, where there are very many students, it is easy for the lecturers there to say that the examination

for the Medico-Psychological Certificate will be held in a convenient place. We can similarly command the medical students in London; but we cannot command them in Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester, and other places. We shall have probably to devise some scheme by which we can meet this difficulty.

Upon the proposition of Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN the Committee was re-appointed.

#### LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Dr. URQUHART read the report of the Library Committee as follows:

The Library Committee beg to report that, by the kindness of Dr. Newth, who has made a catalogue of the subjects of the books in the Library of the Association, they are enabled to-day to present a printed proof catalogue. The Committee owe their best thanks to Dr. Newth for the work which he has done, and are of opinion that it should be recognised by the Association. Messrs. Adlard and Son estimate that the cost of printing 750 copies will be £8 os. 6d. The Committee ask to be reappointed.

Proceeding, he said: I have been asked to move that this report be adopted, and that the thanks of the Association be given to Dr. Newth. He has been a very good friend to this Association; he has prepared the indexes for the JOURNAL for many years, and he has now given us a most valuable subjects-catalogue of our Library. In adopting this report you adopt the suggestion of the Committee to print 750 copies of the subjects-catalogue for the use of the members of the Association, and you also re-appoint the Library Committee.

Dr. CLOUSTON.—I beg to second the adoption of the report, and would suggest, if it is not too late, that every alternate page in the catalogue be blank, so as to leave space to enter new works as they reach the Library from time to time.

Dr. HYSLOP.—Might I ask if any additions have been made to the Library? Can you give us any details as to them? as I think that a great number of books must be coming to the Association.

The PRESIDENT.—The reason we did not spend money last year was that we knew the catalogue was being prepared, but we did not know what it would cost. After the catalogue is published we shall use the interest on the Hack Tuke Fund to make additions to the Library.

Dr. HYSLOP.—Are any books added except those bought by the Association?

The PRESIDENT.—None this year.

Dr. MORRISON.—Are the exchange journals to be found in the Library?

Dr. URQUHART.—I understand that Dr. Morrison and Dr. Hyslop have referred practically to the same point. The Library of the Association was founded by the bequest of Dr. Hack Tuke, enlarged by others from year to year. Additions to the Library are notified in the JOURNAL quarterly, as they may be received by Mr. Hall at 11, Chandos Street. The list is very meagre. The exchange journals make a long list; we are continually being asked to increase that list, and have to consider carefully how far these proposed exchanges would be useful to us. Under Dr. Lord's careful management the exchange journals are not now worked upon from the point of view of languages, but from the point of view of subjects, and this necessitates these periodicals being distributed to different workers piecemeal. They are torn into sections, and cannot be reconstituted and put in the Library. They are dealt with for the purposes of the JOURNAL, and the matter is published in short abstracts. In any case we could not find space for them on the shelves of the Library. We have not even room for the back numbers of the JOURNAL, now in Dr. Bower's care. With regard to the books which are sent to the *Journal of Mental Science* for review, they are fairly numerous. These reviews are made by gentlemen who mostly work for the *Journal of Mental Science* gratuitously. If you paid these gentlemen for their labours you might ask them to return the books to the Library, but the least you can do under present circumstances is to allow them to keep the books.

In reply to Dr. Nolan, any member who wants a book from the Library has only to write to Mr. Hall, and it will be sent to him. The catalogue is not efficient for London alone.

Dr. HYSLOP.—I do not think you should distribute your property in this way. We are losing an opportunity of making a valuable library by giving away these books. When I was reviewing for the *Journal of Mental Science* I was asked to

return the books. I did so, and it was quite right. If you want to recompense the reviewers, give them a few dollars. I move that the books sent to the JOURNAL for review should become the property of the Association, and be placed in the Library.

Dr. O'NEILL.—I beg to second that.

The PRESIDENT.—It has been moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Do you move an amendment, Dr. Hyslop?

Dr. MORRISON.—When in London I went to the Library to search for a publication, the review of which I had read in the JOURNAL, and could not get it. When reviewers choose to review for the benefit of the Association, and partly for their own benefit, the books should not be retained by them. They should be kept for future reference. I think it is a deviation from all the principles upon which public libraries are conducted that these books should not be sent to the Library for the benefit of our members.

Dr. EDWARDS.—I strongly oppose that proposal. I have not reviewed for the *Journal of Mental Science*, so I can speak with absolute independence. At the same time I have done a great deal of reviewing for the *British Medical Journal* and other periodicals, and not only does one always receive the print, but he is never asked to return the book, besides being paid for the review as well. As Dr. Urquhart has stated, when a man takes considerable trouble to review a book he should be allowed to keep it. Furthermore, as the reviews in the *Journal of Mental Science* are generally signed, the reviewers would no doubt prefer to keep the book at hand in case of a dispute arising.

Dr. RUTHERFORD.—I think strongly that we should adhere to the usual practice of allowing the book to remain the property of the reviewer.

Dr. CLOUSTON.—I think it would be a wise step to ask the Editors to report upon this matter.

Dr. HYSLOP.—I will withdraw my amendment in favour of Dr. Clouston's.

Dr. URQUHART.—There are two additions to the report. One is the suggestion by Dr. Clouston that the catalogue be interleaved so as to leave room for recording of new books; and the other is the suggestion by Dr. Hyslop that the Editors should report as to whether reviewers should retain the books they deal with. I undertake to report upon these suggestions at the next meeting of the Council in London.

The report was then unanimously adopted with the additions proposed.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The number of members of this Association for the year 1900 was as follows:—  
Ordinary members, 568; honorary members, 38; corresponding members, 10;  
total, 616: or comparing with previous years—

|                      | 1900. | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ordinary ... ..      | 568   | 550   | 540   | 524   |
| Honorary ... ..      | 38    | 36    | 38    | 38    |
| Corresponding ... .. | 10    | 12    | 12    | 12    |
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|                      | 616   | 598   | 590   | 574   |

Three honorary members and 2 ordinary members died during the year; 19 members resigned; 46 members were elected during the year.

#### Meetings.

The Annual Meeting was held in July, 1900, in London, under the presidency of Dr. Fletcher Beach, and was successful. It was well attended, and the hospitality of Mrs. Beach was much appreciated by the members.

Three general meetings were held, one at the West Sussex Asylum, Chichester, in February, through the courtesy of Dr. Kidd; papers having been read during the year by Drs. Maudsley, Savage, and Sir Dyce Duckworth, and much interest has thereby been evinced in the discussions.

The Divisions have held meetings, and those held in the South-Western Division have materially added to the membership of the Association.



*Committees.*

Much work has been done by the various standing and special Committees. The Report of the Educational Committee to the Council recognising special Asylums for training has been adopted, and has resulted in systematic training in these institutions, which cannot but add considerably to the effective and methodical supervision of the insane. There has been a considerable appreciation of the Certificate of the Association for Mental Nursing in consequence.

The Parliamentary Committee has watched legislation, and has rendered valuable service to the Pension question.

The Tuberculosis Committee continued its investigations during the year, and may shortly issue its report, which is awaited with interest.

## AUTHORS' RIGHTS.

Dr. URQUHART.—In accordance with notice of motion, I beg to move that we consider the right of the Medico-Psychological Association in all papers read at its meetings, and whether all communications to the Association should not be the property of the Association. I expect to have the active support of Dr. Hyslop and Dr. Morrison for this resolution. The rule of the British Medical Association in regard to this point is well known, and I think that we should adopt it with a slight modification. If any paper is read before a meeting of the British Medical Association it at once becomes the property of the Association unless the Council waive their rights. When our rules were being reorganised some years ago I moved for this rule, with the modification that the President alone should deal with the author, because it is inconvenient for us (as, indeed, it is for the British Medical Council) to take immediate action on questions of this sort. We have every confidence that our Presidents will do the right thing for us and for the authors. An objection was urged by Dr. Mercier. He said, "Suppose an author brings part of a book which he is writing, and reads it to the Association; he would, therefore, part with his copyright in that portion of the book." It might be valuable for him as an author to have the criticism of the Association upon it, but it would be manifestly unfair for the Association to have the benefit of his paper to his detriment. That difficulty is removed, if the author so desires, by arranging with the President that the copyright is to remain his own exclusive property. Last year there was an unfortunate misreading of our rules, and the mistake was much to be regretted. It would, therefore, be desirable to let it be thoroughly understood that we claim all papers read at our meetings as the property of the Association, unless the President previously to the meeting sees fit to waive our claim, on the previous written request of the author. Dr. Weatherly, Dr. Beach, and other gentlemen in the past have thought that we hid our light under a bushel, that we did not sufficiently advertise our meetings, that we did not make known sufficiently to the medical profession that we had these meetings, and did not explain the nature of them; and it was therefore agreed that the Council instruct the secretaries to publish in the medical Press notices of our meetings, and short summaries of our proceedings. This may have the beneficial effect of bringing the Association into touch with the general body of the medical profession, but it must be done judiciously. We cannot have the best part of the *Journal of Mental Science* anticipated or cut out. When the weekly medical journals see anything of interest to their readers in the *Journal of Mental Science* they reproduce a practical synopsis of the paper. That is a practice of which we are naturally proud, not forgetful that in the past we had to go to the British Medical Association and ask them to give us their discarded material. Our improved position is directly due to the development of the Association in its Divisional Meetings. I move that all papers read at the general or divisional meetings of the Medico-Psychological Association shall be the property of the Association unless the author shall have previously obtained the written consent of the President to the contrary.

Dr. CLOUSTON.—I beg to second this. It is a question of honour.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned at one o'clock for lunch, after the members had been photographed in the College quadrangle.

The meeting having reassembled at two o'clock,

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH, now ex-President, said: It is my pleasing duty to introduce to you the President of our Association, Dr. Oscar T. Woods. He is a gentleman who has accomplished much for us, first as Irish Secretary for many years, and afterwards as examiner of the Irish medical students who presented themselves for our examination. I am sure that it must be a pleasure to him to take the chair in the city of Cork, and I hope that during his Presidential year he will be favoured with health and prosperity.

Dr. Woods then assumed the Presidential chair amid hearty applause.

Dr. CLOUSTON said: Before we part with our retiring President it gives me very great pleasure indeed to move a vote of thanks to our retiring President, Dr. Fletcher Beach. We all know his distinguished career in connection with this Association, how much he has done for us, and what an admirable President he has made, how favourable and just his rule has been, how well he has attended our meetings, and how he has devoted himself to the welfare of the Association. I shall consult his feelings by not enlarging further on his merits, and therefore content myself with moving a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Beach for his conduct in the chair during his Presidency.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON.—I beg formally to second that proposition. I cannot add anything to what Dr. Clouston has said of Dr. Beach. We are all very grateful to him.

The PRESIDENT.—My first duty in this chair is a very pleasant one, and I hope that all my duties will be equally pleasant. I declare the vote of thanks to Dr. Beach for the admirable manner in which he has performed his duties carried by acclamation.

Dr. BEACH said: Mr. President and Gentlemen, I am very deeply indebted for the hearty vote of thanks which you have accorded to me. Whatever I have done has been a labour of love. I have had a long connection with the Association, and while life endures I shall do all that is possible for it.

The PRESIDENT, Dr. Oscar Woods, then delivered his Presidential address (see page 645).

Dr. CARSWELL read a paper on the "Inebriates Acts" (see page 658).

Dr. DRAPES read a paper on "Insanity and Phthisis" (see page 667).

Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN read a note on the "Evolution of the Colour Sense" (see page 678).

Dr. O'NEILL read a paper on the "Superannuation Question" (see page 679).

Dr. NOLAN requested leave to withdraw his paper in favour of Dr. Graham's, and this was permitted.

Dr. GRAHAM addressed the meeting on "Proposed Changes in Asylum Management" (see page 687).

In the evening the Association held its Annual Dinner in the Imperial Hotel, Cork, and had the honour of entertaining a number of distinguished guests. Oscar Woods, M.D., the President, was in the Chair.

#### SECOND DAY.

Dr. OSCAR WOODS took the chair at 10 o'clock, and intimated that Professors Dixon and Bergin were prepared to give a Demonstration of Stereoscopic Radiography. Many members took advantage of this opportunity, and conveyed their warm thanks to the Professors.

Dr. BOLTON gave a lantern demonstration on "Gross Lesions of the Cerebral Cortex" (see page 729).

Dr. REVINGTON's paper on "Mental Conditions resulting in Homicide," in the absence of the author, was reserved for the next Divisional Meeting in Ireland.

Dr. KEAY's paper was not read owing to the unavoidable absence of the author, but it is published at page 721.

Dr. URQUHART read a paper on "The Effects of Change of Asylum on Insane Patients" (see page 703).

Dr. LEEPER described three cases of melancholia with symptoms of unusual clinical interest (see page 758). He exhibited a series of photomicrographs and slides illustrative of the degenerative changes which occur in the nerve-cells in cases of chronic mania, senile dementia, and general paralysis.

Dr. DAWSON read a paper on "Suprarenal Extract" (see page 708).

## VOTES OF THANKS.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH proposed a resolution of thanks to the President and Council of Queen's College, Cork, for the use of the building for the meetings of the Association during their visit to Cork.

Dr. BENHAM seconded the resolution.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Dr. URQUHART.—I feel, Mr. President, that we cannot separate without expressing our gratitude to you for your kindness on this occasion to the members of the Association. We are all alive to the great amount of trouble you have taken to make this meeting in Cork a real success, and we express the hope that you felt some gratification in the support of so many of your colleagues when you were inducted into the Presidential chair.

Dr. HAVELOCK.—This motion hardly needs a seconder, but I wish to express my concurrence in what has fallen from Dr. Urquhart. I personally never before enjoyed a meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association so much, and my only regret is that I am not able to spend some months in the south of Ireland with you.

The ex-PRESIDENT put the motion to the meeting, and it was passed with acclamation.

The PRESIDENT.—I am exceedingly obliged to you. It has been a very happy time for me. I hope, when you have discharged me a year hence, that you will then be as pleased with me as you are now.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

Present: Dr. Fletcher Beach (President), Drs. Woods, Benham, Dawson, Turnbull, Havelock, Chambers, Urquhart, Newington, A. Miller, Finegan, and Norman.

*Inter alia* the usual official reports were received and dealt with.

The Report of the Committee on Colonial Branches was referred to next meeting of Council.

The reprinting of the Rules of the Association was referred to the Rules Committee.

The business of the Annual Meeting was adjusted.

The next meeting was fixed for the third Thursday of November in London.

The Council generally approved of Dr. A. Miller's proposals for the establishment of a Bureau of Information regarding Asylum Administration, and authorised him to obtain such information as he deems necessary. (Cf. *Journal of Mental Science* for 1901, page 625.)

The General Secretary was directed to write various letters of thanks for the hospitality received by the members of the Association in Cork.

## EXCURSION TO KILLARNEY.

Any account of the annual meeting would be incomplete without special reference to the excursion to Killarney. Thirty-six ladies and gentlemen left Cork to see one of the most interesting and beautiful parts of Ireland. The excursion was made by rail and carriage, by way of Bandon, Bantry, Glengariff, and Kenmare. The arrangements made by Dr. Woods were perfect, and the trip was greatly enjoyed from start to finish.

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The papers read in this section dealt with a wide range of subjects and evoked interesting discussions.