

tions which we have had at our annual meeting for the first time—I am not speaking of the members of our Association—but I must express my deep sense of obligation to Professor Fraser and to Professor Cunningham for the kindness with which they have placed before us such very magnificent preparations. And I have also to thank our Trans-Atlantic and Continental brethren for coming to the meeting and honouring us with their presence, and contributing to that expanse of the intellectual horizon which, I think, should be one great end of all our studies.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held at the Royal College of Physicians on the evening of Wednesday, June 13th. The following members and guests were present:—The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin; the Right Hon. Christopher Bedington, Vice-Chancellor of the Royal University of Ireland; the Right Hon. John Atkinson, Q.C.; the Rev. J. Stubbs, S.F.T.C.D.; Dr. J. E. Kenny, M.P.; Professor Edward Dowden; Dr. George Plunkett O'Farrell; Dr. W. G. Smith, President Royal College Physicians, Ireland; Dr. W. Thornley Stoker, President Royal College Surgeons, Ireland; J. M. Colles, LL.D., Chancellor's Registrar in Lunacy; the President Academy of Medicine in Ireland; Dr. Semelaigne; Dr. Jules Morel; Professors Benedikt, D. J. Cunningham, Alec. Fraser, and J. A. Scott; Drs. W. Moore, Gordon, J. Magee Finny, Little, Macan, Ball, W. Thomson, J. W. Moore, C. E. Fitzgerald, W. J. Smyly, Master of the Rotunda Hospital, Hack Tuke, Murray Lindsay, Nicolson, Urquhart, Oscar Woods, Turnbull, Beveridge Spence, Horne, Baker, Whitecombe, Fletcher Beach, Sigerson, Rutherford, Earl, Batty Tuke, Fletcher, Mercier, J. B. Burke, Garner, Telford Smith, Bond, Cameron, Hawtrey Benson, Eustace, Keay, Donelan, Agar, Elkins, Percy Smith, Finch, O'Neill, Nolan, Gramshaw, Cope, Oswald, Molony, Ringrose Atkins, Theodore Stack, T. McDowall, Lockhart Donaldson, Cullinan, Revington, G. M. Robertson, Arthur Baker, Clouston, Conolly Norman, etc.

The Association was also entertained at the Richmond Asylum by the President and Mrs. Conolly Norman, and a photographic group was arranged, particulars of which will be found on page 709.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

An Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Psychological Section Room, at Bristol, on Tuesday, the 31st of July, 1894, under the presidency of Conolly Norman, F.R.C.P.I.

The PRESIDENT said that the first business was to receive the complete balance sheet of the Treasurer, and he called on Dr. Newington to present it.

Dr. NEWINGTON rose to present the completed balance sheet to the Association, but before reading it he desired to say a few words to give additional testimony to the value of Dr. Paul's long services to the Association. He had, even in the short time since he had been put into office, seen how much care and attention were required, and he could say that Dr. Paul had left everything easy for his successor. Moreover, he had done his work with such tact that though he must needs have had frequently the unpleasant duty of pressing for arrears, he had left behind him the most pleasant feelings. He wished further to say that of late years, since the business of the Association and the number of its members had increased rapidly, it had been necessary for Dr. Paul to look for a little clerical assistance. He had lately found a valuable coadjutor in Dr. Fennings, and he (Dr. Newington) took the opportunity of expressing his appreciation of Dr. Fennings' accuracy and clearness in setting out facts. As for himself, he was deeply sensible of the honour conferred on him, and the Association might rest assured that it would receive his best services. He then made some observations on the balance sheet, explaining some of the figures, as printed on page 698.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Treasurer's Annual Balance Sheet, 1893-94.
Presented at the Adjourned Annual Meeting, 31st July, 1894.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last account	By Annual, Special, and Quarterly Meetings	...	...	...
To Subscriptions (England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland)	By Expenses of Reporting at various Meetings	...	...	...
To Sale of Journal	By Editorial Expenses	...	...	...
To Dividends on Consols (Gaskell's Fund), £1,847 stock	By Printing, publishing, engraving, advertising, and postage of Journal	...	...	...
To Dividends on Consols (Investment), £306 stock	By Index Medicus for 1894	...	...	...
To Fees received from Examinations for the Certificate of Psychological Medicine—	By Index of Journal	...	...	...
England	By Sundry Expenses for Printing, Stationery, etc.	...	...	...
Scotland	By Treasurer	...	...	...
To Sale of Attendants' Handbooks	By Accountant	...	...	...
To Fees received from Examinations for Attendants, Nov., 1893	By Secretary for Ireland	...	...	...
May, 1894	By Secretary for Scotland	...	...	...
				By General Secretary	...	...	...
				By Examiners' Fees, etc. (England)	...	...	...
				(Scotland)	...	...	...
				By Prize Fund	...	...	...
				By Expenses for Attendants' Examinations	...	...	...
				
				By Balance in hand, Gaskell Fund account	87	2	6
				General Fund account	122	16	7-209
					19	1	
					742	15	3
					15	15	0
					82	11	5
					2952	14	4

B. PERCY SMITH,
H. HAYES NEWINGTON, } AUDITORS.

J. H. PAUL, TREASURER.

Dr. MERCIER drew attention to the fact that the balance in favour of the Association was steadily diminishing year by year; last year it was less by about £50 than the year before, and this year it was again less by about £60 than it was last year. This was a very serious state of things, and demanded the attention of the Association. Examining individual items, the sum of £22 seemed very excessive for reporting the proceedings of some four or six meetings of the Association. It was at the rate of nearly £4 per diem, and there could be no doubt that the services of shorthand writers could be obtained for less than this. Then there was an item of £85 last year and over £50 the year before for sundry expenses of printing, etc. This was a very large item to put down as sundries, and particulars should be given. The printing for the minor work, the committees of the Association, was on a very lavish scale, and much economy might be effected by the substitution of a manifolding apparatus for the summoning of committees. On the other side of the account, the receipts on account of advertisements in the Journal were conspicuous by their absence. He observed that in the copy of the Journal in his hand there were a good many advertisements which he supposed were paid for, and he would like to know what became of the money. Then there was an item of £306 invested. Was that invested last year? In whose names was it invested? Was it the money of the Association, or did it belong to the Gaskell Fund? He would like to know whether the very large sum paid for the printing of the Journal could not be diminished. Are we getting our printing done as cheaply as it can be done?

In reply to various questions asked by Dr. Mercier and other members,

Dr. NEWINGTON explained the apparent shrinking of the income of the Association by pointing out that the figures in the balance sheet were cash transactions, and that it sometimes occurred that money due in one year was not received in time to appear in the sheet. In future a revenue account would be added, and thus not only would actual payments be shown, but also what was due to and by the Association, whether paid or not. He explained that the sum of £306 invested was the accumulation of some years, and was the money of the Association, quite distinct from the Gaskell Fund, and was invested in the names of Trustees, whose names he gave.

Dr. TUBE said that no money was received by the Association for advertisements; the publishing of the Journal was in the hands of Messrs. Churchill.

The balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

The PRESIDENT then announced that the Council proposed that a room be hired at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, for the use of the Association, and that the General Secretary be authorized to effect the necessary business arrangement on the terms of a yearly tenancy, the rent not to exceed £40; also that the late Treasurer, Dr. Paul, should have the title of Emeritus Treasurer conferred on him; also that a South-Western Division should be formed, and that Dr. Macdonald should be the Honorary Secretary of the Division.

These proposals were unanimously adopted.

The PRESIDENT then called upon Dr. Mercier to move the motion standing in his name.

Dr. MERCIER said that it did not require many words from him in support of his motion. He was of opinion that if the same questions were now put to the judges as those in the McNaghten case very different answers would be given. He therefore begged to move: "That in the opinion of this Association the time has arrived at which it is desirable that the House of Lords should again ask the opinion of the judges as to the questions that ought to be left to the jury in criminal cases in which the plea of insanity is raised, and that the Lord Chancellor be asked to receive a deputation from this Association on the subject."

This was seconded by Dr. WEATHERLY.

Dr. NICOLSON quite agreed with Dr. Mercier as to the importance of the subject, but he strongly urged the undesirability of seeking to move the House of Lords and of appointing a deputation to wait upon the Lord Chancellor by a vote

recorded at a small adjourned annual meeting. He thought that the matter should be more fully and deliberately considered before any active steps were taken, and in his opinion it would be more in accordance with the dignity and authority of the Association if a small Sub-Committee were appointed to go thoroughly into the subject and report to the Association at the next annual meeting, which would be held in London. An opportunity would thereby be afforded for the full discussion of the question. He therefore moved the following amendment: "That in the opinion of this Association the time had arrived at which it is desirable that the subject of the questions that ought to be left to the jury in criminal cases in which the plea of insanity is raised be reconsidered, and that a small Sub-Committee be appointed to investigate the whole subject and report at the next annual meeting of the Association."

This was seconded by Dr. SAVAGE.

Dr. MERCIER objected to deferring the subject for a year. The British Medical Association was going to move in the matter, and he did not think that this Association should be behindhand in taking up the subject.

The President then put Dr. Nicolson's amendment to the meeting.

After some remarks had been made on the number of members voting by show of hands, a division was called for, when it was found that 15 voted for the amendment and six against.

The amendment was therefore declared to be carried.

The President then put it to the meeting as a substantive motion, whereupon Dr. MERCIER proposed, and Dr. MORRISON seconded, that the word "annual" be omitted.

The substantive motion, with this omission, was carried unanimously.

Dr. NEWINGTON proposed that the Sub-Committee be composed of Drs. Orange, Nicolson, Savage, Mercier, Weatherly, Blandford, Woods, and Yellowlees.

Dr. STEWART seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The sixty-second annual meeting was held at Bristol, July 31st to August 3rd, 1894.

The Section for PSYCHOLOGY was well attended and its interest fully maintained.

President—G. FIELDING BLANDFORD, M.D.

Vice-Presidents— { S. REES PHILIPPS, M.D.
 { FLETCHER BEACH, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries— { C. SPENCER COBBOLD, M.D.
 { R. S. STEWART, M.D.

In accordance with the intention of devoting the current number of the Journal to the proceedings of the Annual Meeting in Dublin, the report of the proceedings of the above-named Section is deferred to the number for January, 1895.

ASSAULT ON DR. WIGLESWORTH.

Our readers will be aware from the Medical Journals that Dr. Wiglesworth has had a narrow escape from a fatal assault by a male patient in the Rainhill Asylum. It must be some comfort to him to know how widespread has been the sympathy expressed with him in his very serious condition. The satisfaction felt in the favourable course which his illness has happily run is in proportion to the anxiety experienced.

The patient was an Irishman* aged 39, a schoolmaster, who seems to have wandered about America between 1879 and 1886, never keeping situations long,

* For these particulars we are indebted to Dr. Menzies, Senior Assistant Medical Officer of the Rainhill Asylum.