The purview of the journal includes laboratory researches and clinical observations on abnormal mental phenomena, as seen in hysteria, neurasthenia, hallucinations, delusions, alterations of personality, etc., etc.

The numbers hitherto published contain matter of a very interesting character and of considerable originality; if the standard thus set is maintained this journal will prove a very valuable addition to the literature of abnormal psychology.

Ballinasloe Asylum.

Some time ago an occurrence in regard to the manner of dealing with an attendant charged with breach of discipline in this asylum was commented on unfavourably in this journal. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we note in the *Connaught Champion* of March 17th the report of a case in which the committee of this asylum exercised their disciplinary powers in the most exemplary and satisfactory manner, showing at the same time the keenest desire, not only to protect the patients, but to support the medical superintendent and officers in the maintenance of the discipline that is so necessary to the successful treatment of the insane. The comments of the *Connaught Champion*, in a special article on the case, are also extremely satisfactory, as indicating that there is a healthy local public feeling determined to support its official representatives in insuring that kindly and sympathetic treatment of the sick and suffering which is so eminent a characteristic of our Irish brethren.

The Asylum Workers' Association.

The Asylum Workers' Association, which has now entered on its second decade, held its annual meeting on June 1st, at 11, Chandos Street. Sir J. Crichton-Browne took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir J. Batty Tuke, who was unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

The Report of the Executive Committee, and the address of the Chairman testify to the continued activity and useful work of the Association.

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