## CONVALESCENT FUND FOR MENTAL NURSES.

(1) The Medico-Psychological Association have accepted the balance of the Convalescent Fund of the late Asylum Workers' Association amounting to £79 17*s.* 1*d.* to be administered by a special committee on, as far as possible, the same lines as formerly.

(2) The object of the Fund is to assist mental nurses in obtaining necessary rest and change at health resorts during convalescence from illness.

(3) All mental nurses, male or female, actually engaged in the practice of their profession, whether in mental hospitals, institutions for mental defectives or in private nursing, are eligible for grants from the Fund—usually £3 for a fortnight's expenses.

(4) Applications for grants should be made personally in writing to the General Secretary, M.P.A. 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Sq., W., or to Dr. J. F. Powell, Mental Hospital, Caterham, Surrey, enclosing a medical certificate (made out on the official form, copies of which can be obtained from the General Secretary, or from Dr. J. F. Powell) signed by the Medical Superintendent or other medical officer in charge, or in the case of private nurses of the insane or mental defectives, by the medical practitioner who has been in attendance.

(5) The Treasurer of the Association will be empowered to draw cheques on the Fund for the amount of grants which may be decided upon by the Committee, or by the member of the Committee appointed to receive applications for grants.

(6) Medical Superintendents are requested to make known to their staff the above details concerning the Fund, and the procedure necessary in obtaining grants therefrom.

(*Signed*)

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} *M.P.A. Convalescent Fund Committee.*

*May*, 1920.

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## OBITUARY.

### Dr. Wilson Eager,

*Late Resident Physician and Superintendent of Suffolk County Asylum, Melton (now St. Audry's Hospital).*

We regret to record the death of Wilson Eager, which took place at his residence in Woodbridge, Suffolk, on 11th May, 1920.

He was born on the 10th May, 1845, the son of Dr. Richard Eager, a surgeon in Guildford, Surrey. Wilson Eager and his elder brother, Reginald Eager, were both medical students at Guy's Hospital, and both eventually made their life-work the study of mental disease and the care of the insane. Dr. Wilson Eager, having obtained his L.S.A., L.R.C.P., and M.R.C.S. qualifications in 1871, was Clinical Assistant at Bethlem Hospital. From here he obtained a post as Assistant Medical Officer at the Prestwich Asylum, near Manchester. It was from this institution that he was appointed Resident Physician and Superintendent of the Suffolk County Asylum, Melton (now St. Audry's Hospital), a position from which he retired in 1897, after twenty-one years' service. During his period of office as Medical Superintendent he was responsible for a great many improvements in the lighting, heating and structural arrangements of this institution, which during the latter part of the eighteenth century had been the Woodbridge Workhouse.

Bare brick walls, which gave a prison-like appearance, were plastered and painted, and windows added wherever possible. Fireplaces, which were previously scantily provided, were enlarged and increased in number, and overmantels, made in the institution workshops, were erected over each.

Quite a feature of the place was the large bird-cages made on the premises containing some of the prettiest of the feathered tribe, which won the attention of many patients during the day.

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