The Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the Association took place at the Adelphi Hotel on Thursday evening, the 24th July. The President occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members, amongst whom were no less than fifteen past presidents. Amongst the visitors were Sir William Mitchell Banks, Sir Edward Russell, Mr. W. Scott Barrett, Dr. Brush (Baltimore), Mr. Edgar Browne, Mr. Damer Harrisson, etc. Dr. Savage, in proposing "The Liverpool University College," alluded to the fact that the present college was formerly, in part, the old Lunatic Hospital of Liverpool; and Dr. Clouston, in proposing "The Guests," twitted the inhabitants of Liverpool with having abolished the Lunatic Hospital of the town without putting any similar institution in its place.

The speeches were of an exceptionally lively character, that of Sir William Banks being especially witty, while Mr. Edgar Browne delighted his audience by his happy humour. Both the meeting and the dinner may be said to have been of the most successful character, giving strongest evidence of the vigour of the scientific spirit, together with the cordial feeling of fellowship in the members of the Association.

Council and Committees.

In connection with the Annual Meeting there were meetings of Educational, Rules, and Parliamentary Committees. The Council met on the 24th July, the following members being present:—Oscar T. Woods (President), J. Wiglesworth (President-elect), H. Hayes Newington (Treasurer), Alfred Miller, J. G. Havelock, P. W. Macdonald, J. Beveridge Spence, L. A. Weatherly, Fletcher Beach, R. Percy Smith, T. Stewart Adair, A. R. Turnbull, A. R. Urquhart, L. C. Bruce, T. B. Hyslop, Henry Rayner, D. M. Cassidy, W. R. Dawson, Conolly Norman, and Robert Jones (Hon. General Secretary).

The usual official reports were received and dealt with.

The Educational Committee recommended that the following gentlemen be appointed Examiners for the Medico-Psychological Certificate Examinations:—England: Dr. Theo. B. Hyslop. Scotland: Dr. John Carswell. Ireland: Dr. Michael J. Nolan.

IRISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Friday, May 23rd, 1902.

Dr. Oscar Woods presided, and there were also present Drs. Frank O'Mara, Henry M. Eustace, M. J. Nolan, O'Neill, Thomas Drapes, W. R. Dawson, John Mills, Richard Leeper, Michael Curran, Conolly Norman, Daniel F. Rambaut, J. O'C. Donelan, J. A. Oakshott, and Arthur Finegan, Hon. Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting as published in the Journal were taken as read and confirmed.

Dr. Nolan expressed surprise and regret that a proof of his remarks in the discussion at the previous divisional meeting had not been sent to him.

Dr. O'Neill said that unfortunately he was not able to be present at the discussion that took place on the resolution standing in his name at the last meeting. Had he been present he would have corrected some of the statements that were there made. He felt that it was only due to himself and the Association that the matter should be cleared up. He then briefly referred to the action he had taken in the pension question in the interests of the Association and of every one connected with the service.

Dr. Oscar Woods.—I am, as is every one here, perfectly satisfied that the action which Dr. O'Neill took was for the best interests of all asylum officials. I think that Dr. O'Neill was perfectly justified in bringing forward his resolution at the general meeting in England. He did so in consultation with the permanent officials of the Association. As it was a matter purely in connection with Irish asylums it would have been better, if possible, to have brought it before the

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Irish Branch; we must not forget, however, that the whole subject was brought before the annual meeting at Cork, and that it was owing to an oversight that the resolution was not then proposed.

The Honorary Secretaryship.

The Chairman.—We are all very sorry to hear that Dr. Finegan has decided to resign the secretaryship of our division. He asked me to bring the matter before the meeting in London the other day. I brought it before the Council, and the Council passed a resolution that any name sent forward by to-day's meeting would be put forward for the secretaryship of the Branch.

It was unanimously decided to nominate Dr. Dawson for the position of Honorary Secretary.

Nomination for Election to the Council.

On the motion of Dr. Conolly Norman, seconded by Dr. Drapes, it was unanimously decided to nominate Dr. Finegan.

Examinership for the Medical Certificate of the Association.

On the motion of Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Dawson, it was unanimously resolved to nominate Dr. Nolan.

Dr. Richard Leeper read a paper entitled "Observations on the Neuroglia Cell and its Processes." He showed a series of microscopic preparations of neuroglia fibres from the brain of an epileptic.

Dr. Rambaut read a paper entitled "Case-taking in Large Asylums." This paper will appear in the January number of the Journal.

Dr. Dawson read a paper entitled "Note on a New Case-book Form." This will appear in the January number of the Journal.

Dr. Conolly Norman read a paper on "Obsessions." This will appear in an early number of the Journal.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting, Manchester, 1902.

Section of Psychology.

President: George Wm. Mould, M.R.C.S. Vice-Presidents: Judson Sykes Bury, M.D.; Thomas Steele Sheldon, M.B. Honorary Secretaries: John Sutcliffe, M.R.C.S.; Ernest Septimus Reynolds, M.D.

The section was well attended, and the subjects discussed were of exceptional interest.

President's Address.

Mr. Mould, in his presidential address, referred to the recent advances in the accommodation provided for the insane, and mentioned especially the system of having detached blocks or villas. He said that this plan had been adopted at Cheadle since 1862, and that it was now in extensive use in Europe and America, and had the support of the most advanced and enlightened psychiatric physicians. He contrasted the present-day treatment of the insane with that in vogue forty years ago, and he mentioned some of the heroic measures which were formerly adopted, and which with the advance of knowledge had disappeared. He referred to the meeting that had been held in Manchester twenty-five years ago, and he paid a high tribute to the memories of some of the distinguished alienists who were then present.

The Care and Treatment of Persons of the Poorer Classes in the Early Stages of Unsoundness of Mind.

Sir John Sibbald, in opening a discussion on this subject, said that the present position of the matter might be summed up in two propositions: first, persons suffering from mental disorders in their early stages were not, and under British

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