simple; and 2nd, active, excited, or resistive melancholia. Mention the forms of insanity in which suicide is most to be apprehended.

VI.—Define shortly the terms "mental exaltation," "insane delusion," "masked or larvated epilepsy," and "genetous idiocy."

ASYLUM STATISTICS.

The attention of the Medical Superintendents of Asylums is drawn to the possible effect of the new County Councils in changing the period of the Statistical Year as given in the annual reports, seeing that the financial year will in future end in March. We hope that every effort will be made to continue the present plan of making the *statistical* year end with Dec. 31. Any change would tend to lessen the value of the tables. Uniformity both for the purpose of comparison of past and future tables, and the returns of different asylums, in future is most desirable.—[EDS.]

Appointments.

ALEXANDER, J. W., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., appointed Junior Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Rainhill.

BIRT, A., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Durham County Asylum.

CALDECOTT, CHAS., M.B., B.S.Lond., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Holloway Sanatorium for the Insane.

CALLCOTT, J. T., M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Borough Asylum.

CROOK, H. E., M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Attendant to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester.

FINNY, WM. E. St.L., M.B., M.Ch.Roy.Univ. Ireland, appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath.

FINUCANE, M., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Hants County Asylum.

GREENE, A., L.R.C.S.I., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Consulting and Visiting Physician to the Ennis District Lunatic Asylum.

MCDOWALL, T. W., Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, has been appointed Lecturer on Psychological Medicine at the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MAIR, L. W.D., M.B.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Coppice Lunatic Asylum, Nottingham.

MOYNAN, W. A., M.D., M.Ch., appointed Medical Superintendent of Wyke House Asylum, Isleworth.

POPE, P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the State Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Broadmoor.

RIDLEY, J. B., M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan Asylums Board Schools for Idiot Children, Darenth, Kent.

SMITH, R. G., M.A., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire County Asylum.

TANNER, C. P., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum.

TURNER, J. J. C., Secretary of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester, has been appointed, with his wife, Superintendent and Matron of that Institution. He will continue to hold the office of Secretary. The late Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, have been appointed Master and Matron of the Holborn Union-house.

WIGLESWORTH, Dr., appointed Lecturer on Mental Diseases in University College, Liverpool.

WILSON, R. A., M.B., C.M.Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Rubery Hill Asylum, Birmingham.

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