a few hours in this case, but the boy, who was polymorphous-perverse, sublimated his libido by teasing the cat, and recovery ensued. Such a case as this proves the value of psychoanalysis, for had he been psychoanalysed he would undoubtedly have recovered. That he was not psychoanalysed was not the fault of psychoanalysis, but because of the fact that no psychoanalyst was on the spot. I could go on writing like this for yards if you like. ["Please don't."—EDITOR *J. M. S.*]

BALLINASLOE ASYLUM.

IN publishing the following item of news, which appeared in the daily press in Ireland, we think it only fair to express our conviction that the deplorable state of things described as existing in Ballinasloe Asylum is altogether exceptional as regards Irish asylums generally. The fact that both the Medical Superintendent and the Senior Assistant Medical Officer are absent on military service may possibly be regarded as an extenuating circumstance. But, while admitting that some derangement of management may have been due to this cause, it is difficult to account for such a general demoralisation of an asylum staff as would permit of the occurrence of the reprehensible conditions disclosed in the Inspectors' report. We shall await with interest the result of the sworn inquiry which is to be held into the circumstances:

BALLINASLOE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Inspectors' Report.

Sworn Inquiry asked.

(From our Correspondent.)

Ballinasloe, *April 3rd.*

At the meeting of the Ballinasloe Asylum Committee to-day the report of the Lunacy Inspectors on their recent inspection of the institution was read. It stated that the patients in some of the male and female divisions were huddled together, practically naked, in a cold ward, lying on wet straw, and the condition of things was scandalous. They did not think that in any civilised country such a condition of things existed as they found in the wards visited. It was hard to realise that creatures who could neither speak nor act for themselves would be left in such a manner.

The Chairman said it was a very strong report.

Mr. Millar asked who was responsible for the awful state of things.

The Clerk said that Dr. Kirwan, R.M.S. (who was in the R.A.M.C.), had said that it would take £3 nightly to keep clothes on the patients and furniture in the divisions referred to.

The Acting R.M.S. (Dr. English) said that she was not aware that the patients were treated in the manner stated, and it had never been reported to her. The proper thing was to hold an inquiry.

It was decided to call for a sworn inquiry on the Inspectors' report.

ASYLUMS ROLL OF HONOUR.

WE have been requested by Dr. Tighe, of Gateshead Borough Asylum, to state that Dr. Hubert Shield, First Assistant Medical Officer, joined the R.A.M.C. in November, 1914, and that fourteen members of the male staff have joined the colours.

[This should have appeared in the January issue of the Journal, and we regret that it was omitted through oversight.—ED.]

THE LIBRARY.

MEMBERS of the Association are reminded that the Library at 11, Chandos Street, W., is open daily for reading and for the purpose of borrowing books. Books may also be borrowed by post, provided that at the time of application threepence in stamps is forwarded to defray the cost of postage. Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Lewis to enable the Association to obtain books from

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the lending library belonging to that firm should any desired book not be in the Library. In addition, the Committee is willing to purchase copies of such books as will be of interest to members. Certain medical periodicals are circulated among such members as intimate their desire to be included in the list.

The Committee desires to record the following recent additions to the Library:

Donations.—A complete set of *Brain*, presented by Dr. MacDonald; *The New Psychiatry*, by W. H. B. Stoddart, presented by the Author; *The Physical Basis of Will*; *Common Source of Error in Seeing and Believing*; *Introductory Lecture, University College*; *Heredity Variation and Genius*, also an *Essay on Shakespeare*, and an *Address on Medicine*, by H. Maudsley, presented by the Author, per Dr. Rayner.

Purchases.—*Dreams* (1915), by H. Bergson; *Interpretation of Dreams* (1913), by S. Freud; *Sixty-fourth Annual Report, Inspectors of Lunacy, Ireland* (1915).

Applications for books should be addressed to the Resident Librarian, Medico-Psychological Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.

Other communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the City of London Mental Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

R. H. Steen,
Hon. Secretary, Library Committee.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Nursing Examinations.

Preliminary . . . . . Monday, May 1st.
Final . . . . . Monday, May 8th.

Professional Examination Certificate in Psychological Medicine and Gaskell Prize, first week in July.

Essays for Bronze Medal must be sent to Registrar on or before June 14th.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

The next General Meeting will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Tuesday, May 16th, 1916.

The date and place of the Annual Meeting will be fixed at the Quarterly Meeting on May 16th.

Irish Division.—July 4th, 1916; November 2nd, 1916.

The Annual General Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Wednesday, May 17th, 1916, chair will be taken at 3 p.m. by Sir John Jardine, Bart., K.C.I.E., M.P., LL.D., President of the Association.

The Annual Report will be submitted, Officers elected, and Presentations will be made of Medals for Long and Meritorious Nursing Service.

Matters of much importance to Asylum Workers will be discussed, and it is hoped that there will be a large and representative gathering of members and friends of the Association.

Tea and coffee after the meeting.

J. F. Powell, M.R.C.S.,
Hon. Sec.

APPOINTMENTS.

Erskine, W. J. A., M.D.Edin., Medical Superintendent of the Isle of Wight Asylum, Newport.

Graves, T. C., M.B., B.S.Lond., Medical Superintendent of the Hereford County and City Asylum, *vice* Dr. Morrison, deceased.

Fulton, Miss J. M., M.B., Ch.B., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Barming Heath Asylum, Maidstone.

Irwin, Peter Joseph, L.R.C.P.I.&L.M., L.R.C.S.I.&L.M., Medical Superintendent, District Asylum, Limerick.

Fitzgibbon, Michael Joseph, L.R.C.P.I.&L.M., L.R.C.S.I.&L.M., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Limerick.

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