formation. Its influence on civilised communities might go far to correct many of the faults of social life, which furnish the basis for the development of mental maladies, and so become an important factor in preventive medicine.

The one thing needful to put in action the machinery that has been created is a grant of money from the governments of the various countries, and it is very desirable that the members of the Medico-Psychological Association should seize all personal opportunities of forwarding this object. The Parliamentary Committee without doubt will exercise that collective influence, the importance of which has been so recently shown in the pensions legislation. Very considerable effort, however, will be needed at the present time to obtain from the Treasury of the nation the modest sum that is required for a purpose which may exercise such an important influence on the future health of the nation.

The Asylum Workers' Association.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on May 25th, under the presidency of Sir W. Collins, when a very satisfactory annual report was presented.

The report showed that the membership had largely increased during the past year, having risen from 3,025 at the end of 1908 to no less than 4,575 at the end of 1909. This is very truly attributed to the interest excited by the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act.

The financial position remains sound, the balance at the end of the year having considerably exceeded that of the previous year. The Homes of Rest Fund has also increased, but there would seem to be room for considerable extension in this direction. Ninety pounds as the total subscription of 4,000 members does not appear to be a sum adequate to the usefulness of the object.

The report very fully recognises the services of Sir W. Collins in promoting the objects of the Association, and of Dr. Shuttleworth, who has so ably aided its development from its earliest stages. It has now reached a point in which its success, as a practical and influential body, is permanently assured.

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