So much for the past. Both The Retreat and the Association had to look forward to the future. So far The Retreat had been able to work untrammelled on its humanistic lines, but now it might have to work with the State. He hoped the liberty promised would be forthcoming, because it was that liberty which in the past had enabled this institution to be founded. Its organizers had not been restricted by that attitude on the part of authorities which asks, " Is this necessary or is it merely desirable ? " They had always done what was desirable. He hoped they would still be able to do that; that they would be allowed liberty to use their initiative. Both The Retreat and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association had been for many years in the forefront of psychiatry, and he trusted they would so remain.

Mr. ROWNTREE, replying on behalf of the committee of The Retreat, Dr. Pool and his colleagues, thanked the Association and President for the toast. It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity of welcoming their visitors and to provide them with a little refreshment. He recalled the story of Rufus Jones, who when travelling in California stopped at a small hotel. The waiter asked him what he would like for breakfast next day and Jones replied that he would like a cup of tea, some toast and an egg. "And," he added in his whimsical way," perhaps a word of kindness, too." Next morning the man brought him the tea and the toast and the egg and was moving away when Jones said to him, " You have brought me the food I ordered, but what about the word of kindness ? " " Well, sir," replied the waiter, " if you do want a word of kindness—Don't eat that egg ! " Mr. Rowntree hoped the guests would not feel the same way about the food which had been provided for them at The Retreat. Thanks were due on such occasions not only to the Committee, the chairman and the secretary, but to those who went to the trouble of preparing the meal in these difficult days.

He was not going to reply at length to the President's remarks, but if he did so there was surely no subject which would have appealed more than that which Dr. Knight had taken for her paper to be given later. He repeated that the Committee and staff felt it a privilege that the Association should visit The Retreat.

During luncheon some interesting early case-books and other documents were circulated.

PAPERS.

" Quaker Contribution to Psychiatric Thought and Practice," by Dr. GWENDOLINE D. KNIGHT (see p. 564).

The PRESIDENT thanked Dr. Knight for a vivid, visual picture of The Retreat in olden times.

" The Problem of Migraine as an Introduction to the Autonomic Nervous System," by Mr. G. F. Rowbotham, F.R.C.S. (see p. 595).

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Mental Hygiene.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.
Psychiatric Quarterly.

" Sociorum Annales."

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" Memorabilia Psychiatrica."

The Hon. Librarian wishes to inform members that he is making for the Association a collection of noteworthy historical papers and photographs, etc., of interest to psychiatrists. He has already a certain number of value, and would be grateful if any members could assist with originals or copies of anything they may possess, suitable for this collection. In each case the name of the donor will be attached to his gift.

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The Registrar regrets that owing to the difficulty of obtaining silver, nursing badges (brooch type) cannot be supplied at present. Medical Superintendents will be advised as soon as the stock has been replenished. (This notice does not apply to Mental Deficiency badges.)

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