Association ; he received their representative a few days ago, and he was very glad to note in their report a high appreciation of what was being done for them by the mental hospitals of the country. He would merely conclude with the words, "Thank you very much for the pleasant evening we have had, and for the way in which you have received us". (Applause.)

Sir LAURENCE BROCK, *C.B.*, in proposing the toast of "THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION", said he had to ask the indulgence of the company, as he was speaking to a very important toast in circumstances of peculiar difficulty. It was not because he was going in to bat ninth wicket down, but because he had come straight from attending the funeral of his oldest and dearest friend. Death had suddenly snapped a friendship which, for the past thirty years, had meant a very great deal in his life. It would be understood that, in those circumstances, it had been impossible for him to think of what he had to say to-night, and he was sure his hearers would bear with him if he did not feel able to do justice to the importance of this toast. He was not in the mood to decorate his speech, such as it was, with any of those pleasantries, or any of those studied "impromptus", which normally relieved after-dinner speaking, and he would gladly have been relieved of the task, but he was reluctant to leave his task unfulfilled, and he did not want it to be felt that he, or the Board of Control, were wanting in appreciation of the work which the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was doing and had done. He was present to-night because he felt so strongly the value of the work of this Association, and that for two reasons : first because it helped to keep alive an interest in the science and art of medicine among the younger men. The danger of any institutional service was that it was so fatally easy to go on doing routine work which must be done each day. Because one was doing a reasonable amount of work there might be a tendency to feel that one was doing all that needed to be done. It was because this Association maintained an interest in the science of medicine and in study that it was so especially valuable to the younger men in the service.

The second reason why he valued the work of the Association so much was that he felt it was to the doctors that one must look for the education and enlightenment of public opinion. So far as material things were concerned, there was not a great deal to complain of. In the main, their buildings, their mental hospital fabrics, would compare very favourably with any he had seen in other countries. He thought the Service had the best body of nurses to be found anywhere in Europe. (Applause.) Among their doctors were many sincere and earnest workers. But all those present probably knew that the great majority of our public mental hospitals were seriously under-staffed. Visiting Committees could appreciate the need of good buildings ; they could appreciate the need for taking care of the patients, but they did not and could not appreciate what could be done in a hospital which was adequately staffed, or what might be achieved if there were resources for study and research such as there really should be. (Applause.) It was not possible for any central department to do much to educate public opinion ; it rested with the doctors, the leaders in their speciality, the leaders in this branch of the profession, to teach the public what could and what ought to be achieved. It was because he so much appreciated not only what members of the Association had done in the past, but also what might be accomplished, that he had every confidence and the greatest pleasure in asking the assembled company to drink to the toast of "The Royal Medico-Psychological Association", coupled with the name of its President, Dr. Collins. (Applause.)

The toast was cordially honoured.

The PRESIDENT, in responding to the toast, said he felt it to be a very great honour to stand and reply on behalf of the Association. He wished first, and particularly, to thank Sir Laurence Brock for having come to the dinner to show, as he had so well indicated, that the Board of Control did appreciate the work which the Association was carrying on. The Association was out to help in every possible way, and it had always found the Board willing to co-operate in every way they could.

Members had had to listen to him for some time earlier in the day, therefore he did not propose to detain the company long, especially as the hour was late. But he wished to say that the Association was progressing ; it was very proud of itself, and it meant to give all possible opportunities to the younger men, and, in return, he hoped the younger men would appreciate the Association. He repeated his thanks.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The entertainments kindly provided for members and guests during the meeting are enumerated on p. 21 of the supplement, under the heading of "Votes of Thanks".

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