The purview of the journal includes laboratory researches and clinical observations on abnormal mental phenomena, as seen in hysteria, neurasthenia, hallucinations, delusions, alterations of personality, etc., etc.

The numbers hitherto published contain matter of a very interesting character and of considerable originality; if the standard thus set is maintained this journal will prove a very valuable addition to the literature of abnormal psychology.

Ballinasloe Asylum.

Some time ago an occurrence in regard to the manner of dealing with an attendant charged with breach of discipline in this asylum was commented on unfavourably in this journal. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we note in the *Connaught Champion* of March 17th the report of a case in which the committee of this asylum exercised their disciplinary powers in the most exemplary and satisfactory manner, showing at the same time the keenest desire, not only to protect the patients, but to support the medical superintendent and officers in the maintenance of the discipline that is so necessary to the successful treatment of the insane. The comments of the *Connaught Champion*, in a special article on the case, are also extremely satisfactory, as indicating that there is a healthy local public feeling determined to support its official representatives in insuring that kindly and sympathetic treatment of the sick and suffering which is so eminent a characteristic of our Irish brethren.

The Asylum Workers' Association.

The Asylum Workers' Association, which has now entered on its second decade, held its annual meeting on June 1st, at 11, Chandos Street. Sir J. Crichton-Browne took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir J. Batty Tuke, who was unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

The Report of the Executive Committee, and the address of the Chairman testify to the continued activity and useful work of the Association.

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The registration of asylum nurses is the most valuable and important interest at the present time, and the Association has taken an active part during the past year in supporting this.

Registration of asylum nurses is definitely assured if a Registration Act is obtained, but as the Report points out, it is now necessary to exert all possible influence to insure adequate representation on any future Registration Board.

The number of asylum workers has been estimated at 20,000, and the number of mental nurses, male and female, who will be eligible for registration will probably be almost as numerous as the general nurses. It is desirable, therefore, that not only should the Medico-Psychological Association be represented on the Registration Board in virtue of its position as the teaching and examining body, but also the Asylum Workers' Association, as representing so many fully-trained nurses, as well as the large body in process of training.

The efforts made by the Asylum Workers' Association in regard to the pension question, the Homes of Rest, the good service medals, etc., and last, but by no means least, the valuable information and instruction afforded by its organ, *The Asylum News*, should command the adhesion of every asylum worker. We heartily join in the regret expressed by Sir James Crichton-Browne that only 3227 of a total of 20,000 asylum workers should contribute to the support of an Association which confers so many benefits and offers so many advantages at so small a cost to the members.

The indifference of so large a majority of the workers to the advantages that would accrue from a more general combination cannot be easily explained. Probably the influence of the members of the Medico-Psychological Association, if actively exercised, would largely help to remove this unfortunate want of *esprit de corps*.

The State Registration of Nurses.

An important deputation, organised by the Central Hospital Council for London, was received by Lord Crewe, the Lord President of the Council, on June 14th. The deputation included Sir Frederick Treves, Sir Thomas Barlow, Dr. J. Kingston Fowler, Dr. W. H. Allchin, and several matrons of London and provincial hospitals.

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