3. Section from partially degenerate area of right paracentral lobule of Case 3, 30 diameters, stained with hæmatoxylin. The gliosis is only marked beneath the pia, and in the layer of small pyramids. Numerous nerve cells of the large pyramidal type are seen.

4 *a*. Section from left frontal lobe of Case 4, 15 diameters, stained with hæmatoxylin. Note the microgyria, and the folding of the upper cerebral layers.

4 *b*. Similar section at level of large pyramidal layer, 120 diameters, stained with Nissl's blue. Note the layer with very few cells in the middle of the large pyramid layer.

Occasional Notes.

The Increase of the Lunacy Commission.

The new Lord Chancellor does not seem to be able to increase the Lunacy Commission, although apparently the need for an increase in its strength is becoming daily more apparent, and is acknowledged on all sides.

The prominent excuse at present for all non-progress is the parsimony of the exchequer, a most convenient but unconvincing allegation, when it is proposed at the same time to institute a Royal Commission which would cost a great deal more for many years than the addition of four or five extra medical members to the existing Commission.

We may, therefore, assume that the question of expenditure is a mere excuse, and, from long observation of things governmental, we are convinced that, if the additional appointments concerned a number of fat legal posts, the question of money would not occur, and the urgency of the need would brook of no delay.

The power of the legal profession in the House of Commons, and the consequent ease with which its interests are advanced, should be a strong stimulus to the medical profession to make serious efforts to obtain representation more commensurate with its own interests and the interests of the community in which it is concerned.

In the meantime, however, the scandal of an utterly inadequate Lunacy Commission remains unamended, and with little apparent hope of amendment.

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