AMENDED RULES *proposed for the adoption of the Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane, by the Revision Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting*, 1854, *to be considered at the meeting on the* 19*th of July.*

I. *Objects.*—That the objects of the Association shall be the improvement of the management of asylums and hospitals for the insane; the acquisition and diffusion of a more extended knowledge of insanity and its treatment; and the promotion of free communication on these subjects between the members.

II. *Members.*—That the Association do consist of medical officers of hospitals and asylums for the insane, public and private; and of legally qualified medical practitioners otherwise engaged in the treatment of insanity.

III. *Election of Members.*—That the election of members do take place by ballot at the Annual Meetings; a majority of two-thirds of those present being requisite for the election of each candidate.

[III. *Election of Members.*—(As otherwise proposed.) That gentlemen eligible as candidates shall be admitted members of the Association on the Secretary receiving a recommendation to that effect, signed by three members, one of whom at least shall be the medical superintendent of a public asylum.]

IV. *Annual Subscriptions.*—That each member pay an annual subscription of one guinea, the subscription to be due, in advance, at the Annual Meeting, or on the first of July of each year; to which date the account shall be made up.

V. *Arrears.*—That any member in arrear of his subscription more than twelve months after the expiration of the year for which it becomes due, and more than a month after application by the Secretary for the same, shall cease to be considered a member of the Association.

VI. *Honorary Members.*—That gentlemen, whether of the medical profession or otherwise, who are distinguished by the interest they take in the erection and management of asylums, and the proper treatment of the insane, be eligible for election as honorary members. The election to be by ballot, as in the case of ordinary members.

VII. *Officers.*—That the officers of the Association do consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Auditors, who shall be elected at each Annual Meeting.

VIII. *President.*—That the President for the year do enter on his duties at each Annual Meeting, and that his successor shall be appointed before the meeting separates.

IX. *Treasurer and Secretary.*—That the Treasurer and Secretary, be eligible for re-election.

X. *Annual Meetings.*—That Annual Meetings of the Association be held on or about the last Thursday in June, or first Thursday in July, in each year, at one o'clock; such meetings to be called both by advertisement and circular to each member, giving at least two weeks' notice.

XI. *Committee.*—That the Officers of the Association, and the President elect, do constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number, which shall meet at twelve o'clock on the day of each Annual Meeting, in order to arrange for the business of the day.

XII. *Place of Meeting.*—That the Annual Meeting be held either at the Freemason's Tavern, in London, or, if so agreed at the preceding Meeting, or after circular to each member, in some provincial town or city, where there is a public Asylum, or where some other object is likely to attract the members.

XIII. *Adjournment of Meetings.*—That the Annual Meetings may be adjourned to a second day if a majority of those present so decide.

XIV. *Order of Business.*—That after the minutes of the preceding Meeting have been read, and the ordinary business transacted, reports from members appointed to prepare the same, and other papers and communications shall be received, and free discussion be invited on all topics connected with the objects of the Association. A Report of the proceedings to be published in the Asylum Journal.

XV. *Finances and Asylum Journal.*—That after the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Association, the surplus funds shall be appropriated in aid of the production of the "Asylum Journal," published by authority of the Association; the accounts of the Editor of the said journal, and of the Treasurer of the Association, shall be examined by two Auditors, who shall report to each Annual Meeting. Each member of the Association to be entitled to receive the said publication without further payment. The Editor of the Journal shall be considered an officer of the Association.

XVI. *Disuse of Obsolete Terms.*—That by members of the Association such terms as "Lunatic" and "Lunatic Asylum," be as far as possible disused, and that except for official or legal purposes the terms "Insane person" and "Asylum," or, "Hospital for the Insane," be substituted, and that generally, all terms having an approbrious origin or application, in connection with the insane, be disused and discouraged.

XVII. *Registers of Cases.*—That to insure a correct comparison of the results of treatment in the several Institutions, it is strongly recommended to those members who have the superintendence of public asylums, to keep registers of the admitted cases according to the form agreed on at a meeting of the Association, held at Lancaster, in 1842 * and to append to their respective Annual Reports Tabular statements on, as far as possible, a like uniform plan.

XVIII. *Alteration of Rules.*—That any member wishing to propose any alteration in, or addition to the rules, do give notice of his intention at a previous Annual Meeting; or at least give a month's notice to the Secretary, who shall inform each member of the Association of the same, in the circular by which such meeting is called.

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Hon. Sec. to Revision Committee.

* Copies of these Registers which were printed at the charge of the Association, may still be obtained at cost price, on application to the Secretary, from Mr. Simpson, Bookseller, York.

Appointment.—WM. PHILLIMORE STIFF, Esq., M.B., Lond., to be Medical Superintendent of the Nottingham County Lunatic Asylum.

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