reasonable expenses incurred in sending medical officers to the course. After consultation with the Board of Education it has been ascertained that the Board would not desire to offer any objection to the payment out of funds applicable for the purpose of Part II of the Education Act, 1902, *i.e.*, higher education, of any expenditure consequential on the attendance of school medical officers at those lectures which can legally be paid under the Education Acts.

THE MENTAL AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Mental After-Care Association, which has done much valuable work during the last forty years in aiding the restoration to ordinary mundane activities of large numbers of poor persons discharged convalescent or recovered after treatment in mental hospitals, was held on February 24th at Bridewell Royal Hospital. Alderman Sir Charles Wakefield, Bt., who presided, after giving examples of the beneficent results of the Association's operations with the very limited funds at its disposal, announced his generous intention to defray the deficit of £70 outstanding at the end of last year. The report was read by Dr. Henry Rayner (Chairman of the Council), and its adoption moved by the Right Hon. Sir William Byrne, Bt. (Chairman of the Board of Control), who drew attention to the great value of the timely help and assistance on discharge of necessitous patients in consolidating recovery and preventing relapse, incidentally referring to the high character of the services of the staffs of our asylums, sometimes ungraciously impugned by certain irresponsible sections of the press. The motion was seconded by the Bishop of Barking and carried. The re-election of the officers was proposed by another member of the Board of Control, Dr. Hubert Bond, C.B.E., and seconded by the Hon. John Mansfield (Lord Chancellor's Visitor), and the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed an aggregate income for 1920 of £3,061 15*s.* 8*d.* (more than half of which was derived from charitable sources), was moved by Mr. Gabain and seconded by Sir George Savage, M.D., Treasurer of the Association. A hearty vote of thanks to Sir Charles Wakefield for presiding and for his generous donation closed the proceedings.—*British Medical Journal*, March 5th, 1921.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY: MEDICAL SECTION.

THE first number of this new Journal has recently been published. Dr. T. W. Mitchell is the Editor, and he is assisted by Drs. Ernest Jones, Constance Long, George Riddock and W. H. R. Rivers. Dr. Pierre Janet contributes the first paper, entitled "La Tension Psychologique, ses degrés, ses oscillations." It is evidently not intended to translate contributions by foreign writers, and there is something to be said for this policy when the language is one with which most educated people are familiar. Discussions on "The Revival of Emotional Memories and its Therapeutic Value" form the subject of four articles by Drs. William Brown, Charles S. Myers and W. McDougall. Dr. Constance Long contributes an article on "Psychological Adaptation," and Dr. Ernest Jones writes an important *résumé* of the recent advance in psycho-analysis. Dr. G. Stanford Read contributes a comprehensive review of the clinical studies of Pierre Clark on the "Pathogenesis of Epilepsy." A number of book reviews, abstracts and notes on the contents of recent periodicals conclude the number.

We have also received the second number of the Journal, which includes several contributions of interest and value.

LIMERICK DISTRICT ASYLUM: A CORRECTION.

IN our last issue certain Mental Hospital Reports for the year 1919 were commented upon. Amongst these was one concerning Limerick District. Regret was expressed that the exact number of the report was omitted. Inadvertently the words "from the title-page," which is the usual position, did not appear. The Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr. Irwin, gives prominence to the number, which is the 92nd, at the head of his annual summary to the Committee of the Institution. This would entitle the hospital to the honour of being one of the oldest district institutions of its kind in Ireland.

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