

we must regard this matter as an especial object of our own, as our mission. I have for a long time held the opinions with regard to suicide that I have expressed to-day, and for the last ten years I have been working at this question. I do hope now that I have brought the subject to the attention of the members of this Society that they will join in forcing it fairly and consistently upon the attention of the public at large.

The PRESIDENT—It is proposed by Dr. Arlidge, and seconded by Dr. Sankey, "That a committee be appointed to examine the lunacy laws of the Continental States of Europe and of the United States of America, and to report thereon to this Association, with recommendations for the adoption of such of them as may seem desirable additions to or amendments of the laws in force in the United Kingdom." Also that the following gentlemen form the committee:—Dr. Boyd, or the President for the time being; Dr. Wood, Dr. Sankey, Dr. Christie, Dr. Davey, Dr. Maudsley, Dr. Sibbald, Dr. Batty Tuke, Dr. Arlidge, Dr. Clouston, and Dr. Lalor, with power to add to their number.

The resolution was agreed to.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Royal College of Physicians and to the Medico-Chirurgical Society for the use of their rooms.

The proceedings then terminated.

The Members and their friends dined together in the evening at Willis's Rooms.

The Honorary Secretary has received the following letter from Dr. LOCKHART ROBERTSON:—

Lunatic's Visitors' Office,
45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.
September 9th, 1870.

MY DEAR DR. TUKE,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ult., conveying to me the very flattering resolution passed by the Medico-Psychological Association at the late annual meeting, when my resignation of the Editorship of the *Journal of Mental Science* was accepted.

I beg you will say to the Association how highly I value this expression of their satisfaction with the manner in which I have performed the several duties of Secretary and of Editorship during the past fifteen years. So pleasant were they to me, that I now sometimes, in the weariness of hope fulfilled, wish I were again working with you at our common objects of interest in the advancement of the practice and science of Medico-Psychology.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

C. LOCKHART ROBERTSON.

The following Circular has been issued by the Commissioners in Lunacy:—

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, WHITEHALL PLACE, S.W.,
July, 1870.

SIR,

Attention has lately been given to the subject of transfers, under the Commissioners' consent, of private patients from one Asylum to another, or from the care of one person to that of another.

The friends of patients frequently request that the necessary documents for their transfer may be forwarded immediately. Before acceding to this request, however, a medical report as to the patient's bodily state, mental condition, and fitness for removal has to be obtained, and thus considerable delay is caused.