

The meeting then adjourned for lunch, at which the members were entertained by Dr. Harvey, and on re-assembling a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his kind hospitality, and he having replied, the formal proceedings terminated.

In the afternoon the newer portions of the Asylum, some of which, including an open-air sanatorium for phthisical patients, were only just completed, were visited by the members, many of whom, after tea at the Medical Superintendent's house, enjoyed a motor drive through the beautiful country surrounding Clonmel which was kindly arranged for them by Dr. Harvey, thus bringing a very pleasant day to a conclusion.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND) ON INEBRIATES.

The Report of this Committee has now been issued, and we need not refer to it at length here, for those recent Reports on Feeble-minded, Poor Laws, and Drunkards will require full consideration on the part of the Medico-Psychological Association. We merely note that the Committee are convinced that the existing statutes are inadequate, and demand substantial amendments and additions.

NOTES FROM AMERICA.

MEDICAL EXPERT TESTIMONY.

We learn from the *New York Times* of April 22nd last that the Assembly passed the Fowler Bill, recommended by the State Bar Association and the medical societies of New York. It provides for the appointment of from ten to sixty physicians to the court in each judicial department, these to be paid by the county in which the action is tried, and by no other person. They shall have had five years' experience in practice, and may be subject to call by the court or by either party to a civil or criminal action. The judge shall determine the amount of their compensation. A person on trial for murder, though he be penniless, may thus have recourse to unbiased and able testimony. The courts will appreciate evidence of this kind, and the Bill will do much toward restoring the dignity before the public of the medical profession in its legal aspects.

It should be noted that the Bill in no way limits the right of parties to call other expert witnesses.

EMMANUEL HEALING.

In the same newspaper we are told by the Minister of the Church of the Redeemer, Newark, N.J., that he has been working Emmanuel Healing for a year past. The object is to get rid of worry, fear, temper, jealousy, grief, lust, alcoholism, and the physical disturbances consequent; but not to meddle with cancer, tumours, tuberculosis, and other organic maladies. This is not Christian Science, and is not in conflict with medical treatment. The minister claims to have cured stammerers, alcoholics, dyspeptics, and those who had headaches, colds, grief, etc., relying on good advice, affirmatory prayer, and suggestion, but not hypnotism. We are left uninformed as to the nature of affirmatory prayers. Unfortunately—are they not rather of the nature of prophesyings?

THE CASE OF THAW.

The *New York Times* also informed the world on July 9th that the wealthy murderer of Stanford White was then enjoying his annual outing. That is to say, he was removed from the Criminal Asylum of the State of New York to the hospital ward of a jail which was notoriously unsafe, pending yet another inquiry into his sanity. On the 13th August, however, it was announced that it had been judicially declared that Thaw is a paranoic, still insane and unfit for liberation. His delusions were manifested to the Court, and the presiding justice was informed

by Dr. Baker, of Matteawan, that it would not be safe to set Thaw free. He has been returned to Dr. Baker's care, and the *Times* says that the community would be very glad to know that it had heard the last of the Thaw case.

MESSRS. CHURCHILL'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE.

The illustrated catalogue of books published by the publishers of this journal is so excellent in its indexing and illustrations that our readers would do well to refer to it when in need of books relating to medicine or science.

NOTICE BY THE REGISTRAR.

NURSING CERTIFICATE.

The next examination will be held on Monday, November 1st, 1909. For full particulars apply to the Registrar, Dr. A. Miller, Hatton Asylum, nr. Warwick.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in London on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1909.

South-Eastern Division.—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Drs. Adams and Johnston, at Brook House, Upper Clapton, N.E., on Wednesday, October 6th, 1909.

South-Western Division.—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Blachford, at Fishponds Asylum, Bristol, on Friday, October 22nd, 1909.

Northern and Midland Division.—The Autumn Meeting will be held, by the courtesy of Dr. Douglas, at the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, on Thursday, October 21st, 1909.

Scottish Division.—The Autumn Meeting will be held on Friday, November 19th, 1909.

Irish Division.—The Autumn Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 6th, 1909.