PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASSIST-
ANT PHYSICIANS OF HOSPITALS FOR
THE INSANE.

The fifth meeting of the Association of Assistant Physicians of Hospitals for the Insane was held at the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, Mendota, Wisconsin, September 16 and 17, 1897.

The following members were present: A. L. Warner, R. M. Phelps, Emily F. Wells, Viola French, S. F. Mellin, George Boody, George A. Post, Irwin H. Neff, Frank I. Drake.

The following applicants for membership were present: Dr. A. F. Lemke, Prof. W. O. Krohn, and Dr. Samuel Dodds.

FIRST SESSION.—SEPTEMBER 16, 8.45 P. M.

Dr. Geo. A. Post, president, called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Lyman, superintendent of the Wisconsin State Hospital, who gave an address of welcome, supplementing his address with an account of the Wisconsin method of treating the insane.

The minutes of the fourth meeting of the Association, held at the Eastern Michigan Asylum, Pontiac, Mich., December 3 and 4, 1896, were adopted as printed in the issue of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INSANITY* of January, 1897.

The secretary then made the following report, which was accepted:

“At the last meeting of the Association the attendance was not as anticipated, and with one exception, was local. This apparent drawback has received attention before. In addition to the reasons mentioned at the previous meeting, it should be remembered that this was the second meeting of the year, and this doubtless prevented a representative attendance. Notwithstanding that the attendance at the meetings has not been as hoped for, the interest in the Association has not abated. The one essential point requiring our consideration, namely, how to

secure a larger attendance, is before us and demands solution. Individual work is also essential. It would appear that the adoption of special work, as outlined by one of our members, would extend the interest from meeting to meeting; therefore, if practicable, such work should be assigned. The meeting of the Association twice annually would seem impracticable, and undoubtedly annual meetings would permit of the attendance of more members. It is unnecessary to say that, as heretofore, the Association needs the active work of each member."

The following report of the Treasurer was accepted:

Receipts.—Dues for Membership	\$52 00
Expenditures.—Stationery and books	\$ 95
Telegrams	4 04
Printing programs	7 00
Postage	19 03
Expressage of papers	30
Stenographer's services	22 78
Total	\$54 10—\$54 10
Deficit	\$2 10
Deficit from previous meeting	4 45
Making a total deficit of	\$6 65

The following persons were elected to active membership: Drs. C. D. Morris and C. B. Chapin, of the Eastern Michigan Asylum, Pontiac, Mich.; Prof. W. O. Krohn and Dr. A. F. Lemke, of Illinois Eastern Hospital, Kankakee, Ill.; Dr. Samuel Dodds, Illinois Southern Hospital, Anna, Ill.; Dr. Minerva Newbecker, Nebraska Hospital for the Insane, Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. W. F. Wilson, Home for Feeble-Minded, Faribault, Minn.; Dr. Wm. L. Russell and Dr. Wm. Steinach, Willard State Hospital, Willard, N. Y.; Dr. Anne Burnett, Dr. Charles F. Applegate, and Dr. Alfred T. Gundry, Hospital for the Insane, Clarinda, Iowa.

Elected to honorary membership: Dr. William B. Lyman.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Geo. A. Post; vice-president, Dr. George Boody; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Irwin H. Neff. Members of Executive Committee: Geo. A. Post, George Boody, Irwin H. Neff, R. M. Phelps, S. F. Mellin.

The report of the Committee for the assignment of work according to a plan adopted at a previous meeting was accepted, and after discussion, assignment of work was requested.

Motion carried that the president appoint a committee of two for the completion of plan and assignment of work. The president appointed Drs. Neff and Phelps.

Dr. Phelps moved that the meetings be held annually. Motion carried.

The committee appointed to report as to the feasibility of limiting the membership to certain States reported unfavorably. Committee discharged.

Dr. R. M. Phelps read a paper entitled "Imbecility an Element in Insanity." Discussion: Warner, Dodds, Wells, Neff, and Boody.

Dr. George Boody read a paper on "Pure Cocaineism." Discussion: Neff, Warner, Dodds, and Phelps.

Dr. E. F. Wells read a paper by Dr. V. Podstaka, entitled "The Early Diagnosis of Paretic Dementia." Discussion postponed.

Adjournment at 11.30 P. M.

SECOND SESSION.—SEPTEMBER 17, 10.00 A. M.

Discussion of Dr. Podstaka's paper by Neff, Warner, and Phelps.

Prof. W. A. Krohn read a paper entitled "The Relation of Laboratory Psychology to the Study of Insanity." Discussion: Warner, Neff, and Boody.

Dr. A. F. Lemke read a paper entitled "A Report of a Case of Tubercles of Brain, with Some Remarks on Psychical Changes Occasioned by Brain Neoplasm." Discussion: Boody, Phelps, and French.

Dr. S. F. Mellin read a paper entitled "Report of the Ophthalmologist at Willard State Hospital for One Year." Discussion: Boody, Warner, Neff, and French.

Adjournment at 12 M.

THIRD SESSION.—SEPTEMBER 17, 2.00 P. M.

Dr. Irwin H. Neff read a paper on "Staff Meetings in Hospitals for the Insane." Discussion: Mellin, Wells, French, and Phelps.

Dr. R. M. Phelps read a paper on "Classification Based on

Clinical Lines, Combined with a Tabulation of Clinical Data."

Discussion: Mellin and Neff.

Dr. Samuel Dodds read a paper entitled "The Advantages of Cottages in the Treatment of Certain Cases." Discussion: Mellin, Neff, Phelps, and Boody.

Dr. George Boody read a paper entitled "Report of an Autopsy," with exhibition of photographs.

Owing to limitation of time, a paper by Dr. Irwin H. Neff, entitled "A Syphilitic Case, with Post-mortem," was read by title.

The selection of a place for the next meeting, to take place during May, 1898, was left to the Executive Committee.

Adjournment at 4.00 P. M.

IRWIN H. NEFF, Secretary.