contention, but as to the broad general fact of the existence of such signs, or indications of hereditary mental degeneracy, I do not entertain the slightest doubt." That is, studying clinically "degrees and forms of imbecility and paranoia and allied states," he holds the existence of a "brain configuration differing from the standard about as much as the form of mental affection itself differs clinically and nosologically from the cases yielding the standard conformation of brain." Of course, both the normal and abnormal standards are elastic, not rigid.

NEWS AND MISCELLANY.

Dr. O. Wellington Archibald, Superintendent of the Hospital for Insane at Jamestown, North Dakota, has been removed from office and Dr. A. S. Moore, who was formerly assistant physician there, and who has been practising in the town adjoining, has been appointed to the position by one and the same resolution. This change was made by a bare majority of the board, which like the papers and the public, seems to be divided into two opposing parties.

Staff Meetings. During the past six months "staff meetings" have been held daily at the Eastern Michigan Asylum. By mutual understanding, administrative work was for the greater part excluded, and the time occupied in the discussion of questions pertaining to medicine, and psychiatry in particular. The presiding officer is usually the superintendent, or, in his absence, the assistant superintendent. A permanent secretary records the essential points of each meeting, reads the minutes each day, and also assigns the meeting to some member of the staff. The minutes are indexed, filed, and retained for reference.

The matter submitted by the physician in charge is left to his selection. Especial attention is, of course, given to recently admitted patients. Often a number of cases are presented illustrating a special type. Again, abstracts on subject relating to psychiatry or neurology are read. Criticisms on books, abstracts from journals, and original articles are frequently presented. Thus the subject matter may vary to a great extent. One hour each day is given to the meeting. These meetings are considered to be advantageous in every respect. The unflagging zeal and the interest manifested certainly verify this statement.

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A New Hospital for the insane was authorized in Maryland by the legislature of 1894.