

**PART V.—NEWS, CORRESPONDENCE, APPOINTMENTS, LIST OF MEMBERS, &c.***Proposed Library of the Association.*

THE President and Committee desire to bring before the Association the question of gathering a small library composed of the English and Foreign Journals of Insanity, of asylum reports and similar papers, to which hereafter, by purchase or donation, the standard works in psychology might be added.

Even in London there exists no complete series of these journals and reports, the best collection being that in the College of Surgeons' library. It is self-evident that a complete series of these papers ought to be in the possession of the Association. The same observation applies to the several reports of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The editor is endeavouring to arrange a complete series of exchanges with all the journals on insanity published in Europe and America. Again, if the superintendent of each asylum would send a complete set of the published reports and rules of his asylum, a nucleus for the collection would soon be formed. A similar success might, it is hoped, attend the application by this Association to the Commissioners in Lunacy for a copy of their reports. The several parliamentary returns might also readily be obtained, and it is believed that authors (members of the Association and others), would, from time to time, add copies of their published works to the collection. The honorary secretary (Dr. Harrington Tuke) has placed a room in 37 Albermarle Street at the free disposal of the Association for the safe custody of such a library—a room which will, at all times, be open to the members of the Association who may wish to consult their books. The President and Committee trust, therefore, that this appeal may not be made in vain. They undertake that the reports thus sent shall be bound in their series of years, marked with the name of the Association, and carefully preserved with all other books and documents which may from time to time be added by gift or otherwise to the library.

The receipt of any reports or books thus presented will be duly acknowledged in the Journal. Dr. Erlenmeyer, editor of the 'Archiv. der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychiatrie,' offers a copy of a large work on 'Asylum Construction' which he has in the press for this proposed library, and there exists both in Germany and France a great willingness on the part of alienist physicians to bring their writings under the notice of their English brethren, so that the editor feels confident that this appeal would be liberally responded to from abroad.