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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Medicine by Research held at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 17th November, 1899, the President, Lord Lister, said that he thanked the Association for the honour they had done him in electing him President. He went on to say that the law in regard to experiments on animals had always appeared to him a great mistake. He had given evidence before the Commission on the subject, and the late Sir John Erichsen told him that the Commission had not had a single instance brought before it of abuse in connection with experiments on animals in this country. Legislation was uncalled for, and it was an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of action of scientific men; it had the effect of hampering legitimate investigation, and it most certainly sometimes prevented beneficial and useful inquiries. But they must make the best of the law as it stood, and that Association did a great amount of good by smoothing the way of investigators, and making it easier for them to obtain licences, and in other ways. Such being the case, he felt proud to occupy the position of President.

The Honorary Secretary read the following Report of the Council:

In presenting the first Report since the reconstitution of the Association, the Council beg to draw attention to the following work done during the past year:

In the course of reorganising the Association a difficulty arose as to ascertaining who were members of the Association, as there had never been any annual subscription, and consequently there was no list of members

since 1882. To arrive at some definite conclusion in regard to this point, it was necessary to go carefully through the minutes and documents of the Association since its formation. The result of this examination gave a list of fifty-seven names; and to each of these gentlemen a notice in regard to the reconstitution of the Association and the payment of subscription was sent on May 28th. To twenty-eight persons on this list who had not answered a second reminder was sent on November 1st. Up to the present day forty-six have answered, and have paid the subscription as members of the Association; three have paid for this year, but have requested that their names be removed from the list of members.

In addition to the above steps, a copy of the Rules of the Association, a list of the Council and Officers of the present year, and a circular, pointing out that any person holding a licence becomes *ipso facto* a member of the Association on payment of the subscription, was sent to every holder of a licence not already a member—in all 259.

As the results were not very satisfactory, the Professors—fifteen in number—at the chief centres of medical research were personally written to, and had enclosed to them a list of the men holding licences who were working in their districts, drawing attention to the desirability of the licensees becoming members of the Association. This was sent out on July 13th.

The result of these applications has been that twenty-one licensees have joined the Association, and it is anticipated that more will do so.

The number of members who have already paid their subscriptions is 101.

The Council has been engaged in drawing up Rules for the Association, a copy of which has been sent to each member.

With regard to the special work of the Association, the Council report that since February, 1899, the Home Office have sent for consideration and report of the Council of the Association seventy-two applications for licences and certificates, all of which have been recommended by the Council to the Home Office, with the result that they have all been granted.

In the Association's work in connection with assisting gentlemen to obtain licences and certificates, and in distributing literature when required, help has been given in twenty-three cases since February of this year.

A Committee on Literature has been formed to consider the publication of pamphlets, which will be issued in due course.

To give an idea of the amount of correspondence, including the routine work of the Association and the efforts to make known its claims, the total number of communications sent out by the Association amounts to 700 since February of this year.

As shown by the Treasurer's Report, the balance in the hands of the Association is £36 7s. 6d.

The Council would be glad if members would bring the aims and work of the Association before those interested in the subject, with a view to their becoming members.

The Council propose the following addition to Rule 7 :

Any member may on entrance pay a composition fee
of £5.

On the suggestion of Dr. Langley it was proposed from the Chair and carried, that the addition to Rule 7 should be as follows :

Any member may pay a composition fee of £5.

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Dr. Pavy, F.R.S., Honorary Treasurer, in presenting his report said that a balance of £17 os. 1d. had been handed over from the old Association, and that subscriptions had brought this balance up to £71 10s. 1d., against which the expenditure was £35 2s. 7d., leaving a balance of £36 7s. 6d. He could testify to the arduous work that had been performed by the Secretaries in bringing the Association into the financial position in which it stood at the present time. He noticed from the books that nothing had been contributed since 1895, and since that date expenditure had been going on without any money being received, and yet with the small present subscription of 10s. from each member the Association had been brought into a healthy situation from a financial point of view. With the members that they had now to go on with as a basis for further work, he thought it could be reasonably hoped that the number would be so increased that their credit balance would in the future stand higher than it did then. In conclusion, he informed the meeting that the accounts of the Association had been audited by Dr. Church, the President of the Royal College of Physicians.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICINE BY RESEARCH.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.	1899	EXPENDITURE.	1899	£	s.	d.
March 15—Balance from Sir S. Wilks, Bt. 17 0 1		May 11—Cheque book ...			0	2 1
March to Nov. 17—		July 27—Secretarial services ...			26	0 0
Subscriptions—per receipt book (2 for 1900) ... 50 10 0		Nov. 11—Adlards' printing account ...		11	9	6
paid through Banker ... 4 0 0		Nov. 11—Honorary Secretary's sundry expenses ...		3	1	0
		Nov. 15—Return of one of the two subscriptions paid in error through Banker by Dr. W. Hale White ...			0	10 0
		Balance ...		36	7	6
	<u>£71 10 1</u>					
						<u>£71 10 1</u>

Nov. 17, 1899.

Audited and found correct, W. S. CHURCH.

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