

one which was considered and approved by the recent Departmental Committee of inquiry.

August 11th; Vaccine treatment of lunacy.—Mr. GOULD asked whether the attention of the Minister of Health had been drawn to the articles in the press in reference to the cure of lunacy by vaccine injections; whether he was aware of the allegations that many potentially healthy-minded persons were needlessly confined in an asylum because of the lack of proper curative treatment; and whether he would initiate an investigation into the Lunacy Laws and asylum administration with the object of making such treatment available to the mentally afflicted confined in asylums.—Sir A. MOND said he had seen the article. There was no obstacle to the use of vaccine in any case in which that form of treatment was considered suitable by the medical authorities of an asylum. He had under consideration the question of possible reforms in lunacy administration and treatment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the 'Journal of Mental Science.'

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Most of your readers have been interested in Dr. Lomax's "*Experiences of an Asylum Doctor*" and the comments of various newspapers on its contents.

On pages 126-7 Dr. Lomax refers to Section 283 of the Lunacy Act 1890 and purports to quote this section. But he omits entirely sub-section 3, and quotes sub-section 4 (which can only be read in connection with sub-section 3) as sub-section 3.

Starting with a fallacy he devotes a considerable space of the chapter on "asylum food" to an assertion that a visiting committee may under this section increase the ordinary rate of maintenance in order to devote the excess to the upkeep and repair of the institution, while neglecting the food and personal requirements of the patients. Anyone who has a working acquaintance with the Lunacy Acts knows that this is not the case.

Yours faithfully,

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Annual General Meeting.—First week in July, 1922, at Edinburgh.

Quarterly Meetings.—November 22nd, 1921; February 23rd, 1922; May 25th, 1922.

South-Western Division.—October 28th, 1921, at Bristol Mental Hospital, Fishponds, Bristol; April 28th, 1922.

Scottish Division.—November, 18th, 1921, at Edinburgh.

Irish Division.—November 3rd, 1921; April 6th, 1922; July 6th, 1922.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Nursing Certificates.—The next examinations will be held as follows:

Preliminary November 7th, 1921.

Final November 14th, 1921.

Attention is drawn to the rule that the written examinations must commence not later than 10 a.m.

The new handbook for mental nurses will not be ready until early in 1922.

The Preliminary Examination (*i.e.*, the first of the First Examinations under the New Regulations), to be held in May, 1922, will be according to the syllabus of the present Preliminary Examination.