

the Masters, and every order of a Master in that behalf shall take effect unless annulled or varied on appeal in manner provided by such rules.

**B. Short title, construction, and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Lunacy Act, 1904, and shall be construed as one with the Lunacy Acts, 1890 and 1891, and this Act and the Lunacy Acts, 1890 and 1891, may be cited together as the Lunacy Acts, 1890 to 1904.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the *first day of January Nineteen hundred and five*.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

From Dr. R. S. STEWART, Glamorgan County Asylum.

Without entering into a discussion of Dr. Mercier's views on the subject of stress, I wish to point out that my use of the word is clearly defined in my paper on "Wages, Lunacy, and Crime" in the January number of the *JOURNAL*, in which I speak of "stress in the ordinary sense of the term," and that the quotation "insanity is, and ever will be, the product of two factors, stress and heredity" is from an article on puerperal insanity, by Dr. Robert Jones, in the *American Journal of Insanity* for April, 1903.

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#### ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association was held on May 17th, at 11, Chandos Street, under the presidency of Sir James Crichton Browne. The meeting was numerously attended. The report shows that there has been a considerable falling off in the number of ordinary members, who now number 3696 as compared with 4902 in 1902. This decrease is due to the increase of the subscription.

The distribution of medals awarded for long and meritorious nursing services in asylums was made by the President, viz. gold medal to Mr. W. Headon, Devon County Asylum; silver medals to Mr. J. Alexander, Notts County Asylum, Miss E. Atkins, Caterham Asylum, and Miss E. Gribble, Holloway Sanatorium.

The financial statement shows that the receipts had increased, and that the balance at the end of the year was £86 15s. 3d.

The Homes of Rest Fund had made grants of £55 to twenty-one applicants.

Sir James Crichton Browne, who has acted as president for the past seven years, retires, and is succeeded by Sir John Batty Tuke.

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#### CHALFONT COLONY CHRONICLE.

The first number of this new periodical has appeared, and gives promise of being a successful and useful publication.

The history of the formation of the colony, illustrated by a portrait of Mr. Passmore Edwards, constitutes the *pièce de résistance* of this number.

The editors apparently would be desirous of receiving contributions and news from other colonies, and to make it a vehicle of communication for all epileptics who are in single cure houses or institutions.

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#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Dr. James Russell, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, has been appointed by the American Medico-Psychological Association a delegate to attend our next Annual Meeting.