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Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland.

At an informal meeting held at 40, Wimpole Street, on Wednesday, May 23rd, 1906, at which were present :

Sir Richard Douglas Powell, F.R.C.P., Professors Clifford Allbutt, Little, Osler, Drs. Garrod, G. A. Gibson, Herringham, Robert Hutchison, H. D. Rolleston and Hale White, the question of forming an Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland was discussed.

A Committee, consisting of Drs. Rose Bradford, Garrod, Herringham, Robert Hutchison, H. D. Rolleston, and Hale White, was appointed to draw up a scheme for report.

The Committee met on ^{Monday} May 28th and ^{Friday} June 12th, at 65, Harley Street, all the Members being present on each occasion.

A second informal meeting was held at 62, Wimpole Street, on Monday July 2nd, at which the following Report was adopted :—

REPORT.

1. That it is desirable that an Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland be formed.
2. That it should contain Honorary and Ordinary Members.
3. That Ordinary Members should be Physicians actively engaged in the teaching of Medicine or in research.
4. That invitations to become Original Ordinary Members should, in the first instance, be sent to the Physicians and Assistant Physicians of all Hospitals in the United Kingdom recognised by the Universities and Licensing Bodies as places "at which the curriculum of professional education may be completed."

N.B.—The total number thus invited would be about 250.

5. That it is desirable that the Association should not contain more than about 200 Ordinary Members.

6. That the subscription should be about twenty-five or thirty shillings per annum, for which sum each Member should be entitled to receive the proposed "Archives of Medicine" as each number is published.

N.B.—See note at end of Report.

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" Idea Assocⁿ originated @ W.O. " in statement of letter to P.O. Resolutions.

It would appear that W.O. must have called the original meeting at least in the note sent out to the Phys. of the Clin. Hospital of Ireland by James Little under date June 23 1906

he is P.O. says " I was asked by Prof. Baker to attend a meeting in London on May 23

for the purpose of considering the expediency of forming an Association of Physicians

..... Professor Baker has promised to come & explain his views on the

advantages of the proposed Association

on Wednesday July 4

On July 21 a similar meeting was held in Edinburgh 23 Drumshigh Gardens

Prof. Drummond, J. G. Philip, Dr. W. Russell, John Shorter & others

Some changes in the Resolutions

Delegates appear to have been sent out to various cities - cf. a letter from P.O. to Liverpool July 2 relating to receiving them.

Stale White Journal has been interested in starting a journal.

First meeting held London

Meeting was dinner at Sturminster's with

W.O. Stale White Journal re. Called

to consider the formation of a journal.

W.O. said " why not have a journal but

an association to journal on the

again."

7. That the meetings should be held once yearly for three days, at Easter or Whitsuntide.

8. That the meetings should be held in University towns, and in towns which are the seat of recognised Medical Schools.*

9. That the Officers of the Association be a President, Honorary Secretaries, and an Executive Committee.

That a President be appointed yearly, and hold office for one year.

That a General Honorary Secretary be appointed to hold office for three years.

That a Local Honorary Secretary be appointed for each meeting from among the Members resident in the town selected for the meeting.

That the Executive Committee consist of fifteen Members including the President and the General Secretary (*ex-officio*).

That four of the Ordinary Members retire annually.

That no more than four of the Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee should be resident in any one town.†

10. That the above Officers should be elected at the General Meeting.

11. That the election of new Members be part of the duties of the Executive Committee.

12. That no reporters should be present at the meetings of the Association, and that no reports of the proceedings should be sent to the Journals.

That it is highly desirable that communications to the Association should, as far as possible, be spoken rather than read.

13. That short abstracts of Communications made to the Association should be, unless the authors refuse permission, published in the proposed "Archives of Medicine" as Proceedings of the Association.

NOTE.—It is hoped that means may be found to publish an "Archives of Medicine" for purely medical subjects. This would be an independent publication and would contain other matter than that brought before the Association. But it is suggested that Members of the Association might obtain it at a reduced price, and that it might be the recognised vehicle for the Proceedings. It would thus stand to the Association in the same relation as that which the "Journal of Physiology" holds to the Physiological Society, or "Brain" to the Neurological.

* At a Meeting held in Dublin on July 4th the following additions were adopted:—To Paragraph 8—"and that there should be a definite arrangement to insure that meetings should be held in each of the three countries."

† To Paragraph 9—"That each country should be adequately represented on the Executive Committee"

was promised to go on a plan this year.