

There was not a quorum of members present at the General Meeting, which had been summoned for 2.45 p.m.

Dr. Thomson presided, and read a paper entitled, "A Short Account of the Norfolk County Asylum during the past Ninety Years."

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Thomson for his very interesting contribution, and for having so hospitably received the Division.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Tuesday, May 16th, 1905, owing to their not having been a quorum present at the spring meeting held at Norwich.

The members present were—Dr. Percy Smith (President) in the chair; Drs. J. Bayley, J. Chambers, T. O. Wood, R. H. Steen, F. H. Edwards, H. Corner, R. Stillwell, R. Langdon Down, P. Langdon Down, W. Hunter, C. H. Bond, A. S. Newington, C. M. Tuke, and A. N. Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

The minutes of the meeting held at Roehampton on October 6th, 1904, having appeared in the JOURNAL, were taken as read and confirmed.

The report of the meeting held at Norwich on April 27th, 1905, was read.

The following members were elected by voting papers to hold office for 1905-6:—Hon. Secretary to the Division: Dr. R. H. Steen. Four Representatives on the Council: Drs. David Bower, D. G. Thomson, E. W. White, and John Turner.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Boycott for having acted as Hon. Secretary to the Division for the last five years was proposed by the President, and unanimously carried.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:

Mervyn Thomas Archdall, L.S.A.(Lond.), L.R.C.P. & S.(Edin.), L.F.P.S.(Glas.), Resident Licensee of Bishopstone House, Bedford. Proposed by Drs. J. Bayley, R. Percy Smith, and J. T. Hingston.

Bernard Hart, M.B.(Lond.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assist. Medical Officer, Herts County Asylum, Hill End, St. Albans. Proposed by Drs. Boycott, Grimmond Smith, and F. H. Evans.

Richard Whittington, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), 1, Silwood Place, Brighton. Proposed by Drs. Neil, Haynes, and Boycott.

Drs. Boycott, Kennedy Will, and G. N. O. Slater were elected as members of the South-Eastern Division Committee of Management, which now consists of the following members:

Retire in 1906.

Dr. Bayley.
Dr. Harding.
Dr. R. Stilwell.

Retire in 1907.

Dr. Hunter.
Dr. Rawes.
Dr. Lord.

Retire in 1908.

Dr. Boycott.
Dr. Kennedy Will.
Dr. G. N. O. Slater.

The following resolution proposed by Dr. Chambers, and seconded by Dr. Hunter, was carried:—"That in view of the discussion which was held at the adjourned Annual Meeting on the tables, which are placed on the agenda for consideration to-day, this meeting does not make any recommendation."

The invitation of Dr. Langdon Down to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division at Normansfield, Hampton Wick, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1905, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

The date of the next Spring Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, April 25th, 1906.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Herrison, Dorchester, on Tuesday, April 11th.

The President, Dr. Percy Smith, was in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, and the following candidates were elected members of the Association:—George Henderson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.; Robert G. Allen, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.; Marie H. Watson, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., etc.; E. J. Cummins, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., etc.

Dr. Aveline was elected Hon. Sec., and Dr. Braine-Hartnell and Dr. MacDonald were elected representative members of Council.

Dr. R. S. Stewart and Dr. MacDonald were elected members of the Committee of Management.

Friday, October 27th, was fixed as the date of the Autumn Meeting, and Friday, April 27th, was named as the date of the Spring Meeting for 1906.

On the motion of Dr. AVELINE it was agreed to hold the Autumn Meeting at University College, Bristol.

Dr. WEATHERLY read a paper entitled "The Natural Characteristics and Temperament of our patients, and how far they Help and Handicap us in our Treatment" (see page 539).

In the subsequent discussion, which was taken part in by the President, Dr. Miller, Dr. Aveline, Dr. Goodall, and the Hon. Sec., several of the speakers urged the importance of obtaining full and correct histories of our patients, and showed how information thus obtained helped us in our treatment of difficult cases. At a later stage of the discussion, Dr. MacDonald drew attention to a class of case whose temperament was that of vicious vindictiveness, and he frankly stated that he believed the swing of the pendulum against restraint had gone too far and advocated the use of carefully supervised restraint in such cases in preference to the medicinal methods now in vogue. The President and others expressed their hearty agreement.

Dr. Weatherly was heartily thanked for his able contribution on an interesting subject.

Dr. RORIE read a paper on "The Insanities of Decadence" (see page 576).

The PRESIDENT thanked Dr. Rorie for his paper, but thought the age limit was somewhat low, though he was well aware how strongly opinions differed as to the dividing line. Dr. Goodall strongly urged Dr. Rorie to take up what was an important and interesting subject from a pathological standpoint. The Hon. Sec. offered a few remarks, and pointed out how difficult it was to fix the age limit from experience gained at Dorchester where there was such a large number of early and confirmed mental decays.

The members dined afterwards at the King's Arms Hotel, Dorchester.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the Retreat, York, on May 4th, at the invitation of Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dr. T. W. McDowall presided.

There were present Drs. Archdale, Adair, R. Baker, Eurich, Ewan, Geddes, Gramshaw, Grove, Hutchinson, Hearder, Johnstone, Norah Kemp, T. W. McDowall, Mackenzie, Middlemass, Menzies, May, Nixon, Pierce, Pietersen, Rigden, Stewart, Sutcliffe, Tighe, Trevelyan; also three visitors.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. The following were elected members of the Association:—William Edward Stevenson, M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Asylum, Menston; Henry G. Drake-Brockman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, County Borough Asylum, Middlesborough.

3. Dr. Bedford Pierce was re-elected Secretary of the Division.

4. Dr. Hitchcock, Dr. Legge, and Dr. Edgerley were elected representative members of Council.

5. The next meeting was fixed for October 12th, 1905, at Kesteven County Asylum, Sleaford, and the Spring Meeting, at the Derby Borough Asylum, for April 19th, 1906.

6. It was resolved to take no further action in respect to the resolution passed at the last meeting with reference to the classification of insanity.

7. Dr. H. J. Mackenzie read interesting notes of a case in which it appeared that a definite attack of melancholia followed neurasthenia. After a long course of forcible feeding the patient gained weight, and eventually recovered.

8. Dr. Norah Kemp read an account of a female patient who had bi-monthly attacks of acute mania. The attacks were associated with the menstrual periods, and were accompanied by a decided increase of leucocytes in the blood.

In the intervals between the attacks the patient was quite clear in mind.

9. Dr. Bedford Pierce discussed the treatment of atonic dilatation of the stomach,