

Edridge-Green, J. G. Gordon-Munn, T. D. Greenless, H. E. Haynes, J. W. Higginson, G. H. Johnston, G. H. Keene, W. B. Keith, H. Kerr, R. Langdon-Down, Mary E. Martin, A. S. Newington, E. S. Pasmore, G. E. Peachell, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, R. J. Stilwell, F. R. P. Taylor, F. Watson, J. Kennedy-Will, and R. H. Steen (Hon. Sec.).

The House and grounds having been visited, the members were entertained to luncheon. At the termination of the lunch Dr. Bower proposed a vote of thanks to Drs. Adams and Johnston for their kindness in so hospitably receiving the Division.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15, Drs. Taylor, R. Langdon-Down, Pasmore, Greenlees, Peachell, and the Hon. Secretary being present.

The General Meeting was held at 2.45 p.m., Dr. Adams in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having appeared in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were elected as ordinary members of the Association : John Bain, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.(Glas.), Assistant Medical Officer, Northampton County Asylum.

James Kilian Clarke, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (R.U.I.), House Physician, Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, S.E.

Frederick J. Stuart, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Northampton County Asylum.

The invitation of Dr. Percy J. Baily to hold the Spring Meeting (1910) at the London County Asylum, Hanwell, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

Dr. Bower gave an account of the progress of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bill. Dr. Pasmore and Dr. Shuttleworth also spoke on the same matter.

Dr. F. W. Edridge-Green read a paper on "The Theory of Vision and Colour Perception." The paper was illustrated by numerous coloured lantern slides.

In the discussion which followed Dr. SAVAGE said that he had watched with great interest the progress made by Dr. Edridge-Green in his work on colour vision, even though that work had been discouraged by the authorities at the Board of Trade. Dr. Edridge-Green had produced quite a revolution in the theories of vision. He referred to the remarkable paper by Gladstone on the colour ideas of Homer. He felt very strongly that the Association had reason to be proud of the good work done by Dr. Edridge-Green.

Dr. PASMORE instanced a case of a woman suffering from tumour of the cerebellum pressing on the right occipital lobe. In this case, though the patient could match ordinary colours, she was unable to always name them correctly.

Drs. R. LANGDON-DOWN, A. N. BOYCOTT, and R. H. STEEN also spoke.

Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN in his reply answered the numerous questions which had been put to him by the various speakers. He stated that he agreed with Gladstone that Homer saw two colours only, namely, red and violet.

Dr. T. DUNCAN GREENLEES read a paper entitled "Lunacy Matters in Cape Colony."

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Adams) opened the discussion, and expressed his interest in the account given of the lunacy legislation in Cape Colony. This was probably the latest legislation of the kind in the British Empire. He could not help contrasting the present system of certification with the condition of things which existed in the earlier days of Brooke House.

Drs. SHUTTLEWORTH, BOYCOTT, and STEEN also spoke, and Dr. GREENLEES replied.

Nine members dined together in the evening at the Café Monico.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of this Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Blachford, at the City and County Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol, on Friday, October 22nd, 1909.

The following members were present:—Drs. Ballard, Harvey Baird, Baskin, Bazalgette, Blachford, Cotton, Richard Eager, Glendinning, Kough, Norman

Lavers, MacBryan, Macdonald, Marnan, Morrison, Phillips, Pope, Rorie, J. M. Rutherford, Soutar, Thomas, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary (21).

There was also one visitor.

The chair was taken by Dr. Blachford.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and signed.

The following candidates were elected members of the Association :

Ernest Fryer Ballard, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Somerset and Bath Asylum, Wells. Proposed by Drs. Pope, Spera, and Aveline.

John Robert Parry Phillips, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Bristol City Asylum, Fishponds. Proposed by Drs. Blachford, Bazalgette, and Aveline.

Dr. MORRISON then read an exhaustive criticism on the Report of the Royal Commission for the Care of the Feeble-minded.

This was followed by a paper from Dr. BALLARD on "A Case of Aggravated Hysteroid Movements" (this paper will be published in the April number of the Journal).

Dr. POPE made some remarks on the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bill.

Each of these communications elicited a short discussion.

Dr. NORMAN LAVERS kindly invited the members to meet at Bailbrook House on the occasion of their visit to Bath in the spring—an offer which was cordially accepted. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Dr. Blachford for his hospitality.

A large number of the members dined together subsequently at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Bristol.

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#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Douglas at the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, on Thursday, October 21st, 1909.

Dr. Douglas presided.

The following fifteen members were present :—Drs. M. A. Archdale, D. M. Cassidy, A. R. Douglas, J. S. Farries, J. W. Geddes, S. A. Gill, C. L. Hopkins, W. Hunter, G. F. May, T. McDowall, J. Merson, B. Pierce, R. G. Rows, C. T. Street, T. S. Adair, and two visitors, Dr. Coupland and Mr. Wearing.

Apologies were received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, who was prevented by illness; Dr. W. Bevan Lewis, the President of the Association; and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Hopkins proposed, and Dr. Geddes seconded, that the same three members, Drs. Hitchcock, T. McDowall, and Bedford Pierce, form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months. This was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. DOUGLAS then read his paper entitled, "The Care and Training of the Feeble-minded" (this paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL).

Some discussion followed, in which Dr. Gill, Dr. McDowall, and Dr. Pierce took part.

Dr. PIERCE referred to the question of heredity, and said one felt one did not know the extent of heredity of sound people. He wished someone would take the matter up and get some accounts of the family history. If this were done, he thought that they would find that the percentage of heredity would be much greater.

Dr. DOUGLAS replied.

Owing to the short time at his disposal, Dr. W. Hunter was unable to read his paper on "Mongolian Idiocy." He showed, however, a series of photographs illustrative of the condition. His conclusions briefly were—That Mongolian Idiocy is not an entity, that the characteristics of the condition can all be paralleled in the fetus, that in short the Mongolian idiot is a grown-up fetus. He also demonstrated some morphological aspects of the Mongolian idiot, suggesting that the orang possibly approaches much nearer the line of human ancestry than does either the gorilla or chimpanzee.