

similar to that which successfully dealt with the surplus female population. Dr. Carlyle Johnston roundly but very properly tells his committee that "the male patients do not, in fact, receive that consideration, that quality of care and treatment, which their friends and guardians have a right to expect."

(¹) Since the above was written announcement has been made of Dr. Clark's much regretted passing away.

Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The GENERAL MEETING was held in London at the Rooms of the Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Thursday, November 21st, 1901, at 3 p.m. Dr. Blandford presided.

Present—*Members*: Drs. G. F. Blandford, C. Mercier, H. A. Benham, H. H. Newington, T. B. Hyslop, H. Rayner, H. T. S. Aveline, C. H. Bond, G. S. Elliot, P. W. Macdonald, C. H. Hitchcock, A. Boycott, H. A. Kidd, E. B. Whitcombe, W. D. Moore, S. R. Macphail, D. Fleck, W. Kingdon, H. E. Haynes, A. Turner, J. R. Whitwell, L. French, E. Daunt, W. S. Kay, S. Edgerley, W. C. Sullivan, R. C. Stewart, J. C. Johnstone, E. D. O'Neill, F. O'Mara, C. Clapham, F. Edridge-Green, S. J. Gilfillan, C. Caldecott, F. H. Edwards, H. N. Cappe, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. Chambers, T. O. Wood, F. R. P. Taylor, H. G. Hill, H. C. MacBryan, H. N. Kershaw, H. Corner, B. Pierce, R. H. Steen, R. N. Paton, C. T. Ewart, R. Pugh, D. Bower, R. J. Stilwell, W. Rawes, W. Douglas, T. S. Adair, A. Miller, J. Baker, J. B. Spence, and Robert Jones.

Visitors: Sir T. Lauder Brunton, Dr. T. Brunton Blaikie, Messrs. H. Barnell, A. H. Bostock, G. L. Craik, Louis French, Alfred Nutt, J. Danvers Power, W. A. Stansfield, A. Wallace, and Hugh H. Weir.

The HON. SECRETARY read a telegram which he had received from the President, Dr. Oscar Woods, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting.

Dr. MERCIER proposed that, owing to the absence of Dr. Woods, the senior ex-President, Dr. Blandford, be asked to take the chair.

This was seconded by Dr. RAYNER, and carried unanimously.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Lloyd Andriezen, and Dr. Wiglesworth.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought the meeting would agree that the minutes might be taken as read, in order to economise time, as they had already appeared in the JOURNAL. Agreed.

The following candidates were elected as ordinary members:—Barnett, Horatio, M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Stretton House, Church Stretton, Salop (proposed by Theo. B. Hyslop, Maurice Craig, and W. H. B. Stoddart); Barwell, Francis B., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Darenth Asylum, Dartford, Kent (proposed by F. R. P. Taylor, E. H. Beresford, and Robert Jones); Cleland, William Lennox, M.B., B.Ch.Edin., Park Side, South Australia (proposed by J. Murray Lindsay, C. Mercier, and A. R. Urquhart); Cooper, K. D., M.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Medical Officer, The Lawn, Lincoln (proposed by A. P. Russell, H. Hayes Newington, and A. R. Urquhart); French, Louis Alexander, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Bethlem Royal Hospital, Lambeth, London, S.E. (proposed by Theo. B. Hyslop, Maurice Craig, and W. H. B. Stoddart); Harding, William, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Northampton County Asylum, Berry Wood, Northampton (proposed

by Robert Jones, H. Hayes Newington, and C. T. Ewart); Munn, Patrick James, M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Three Counties Asylum, near Hitchin, Herts (proposed by S. E. de Lisle, David Bower, and Horace E. Haynes); Ogilvy, David, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.D.Dub., L.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Banstead Asylum, Sutton, Surrey (proposed by T. Claye Shaw, D. Johnstone Jones, and Ernest C. Lambert); Starkey, William, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Roy.Univ.Irel., Assistant Medical Officer, Down District Asylum, Downpatrick, Ireland (proposed by M. J. Nolan, Conolly Norman, and Arthur Finegan).

PENSIONS FOR IRISH ASYLUMS OFFICIALS.

Dr. E. D. O'NEILL, of the District Asylum, Limerick, said that before reading the resolution which stood in his name he wished to briefly explain to the members how the matter came to be brought up that day. At the annual meeting in Cork he read a paper on the pension question, in which he put forward definite views. But, unfortunately, through an oversight, he omitted to have a resolution proposed at that meeting giving effect to the conclusions in his paper. Accordingly, at very great personal inconvenience, he was present at this general meeting to rectify that omission by asking the members of the Association to unanimously pass the resolution he was about to propose. There was nothing of a contentious character in the proposition, and he felt sure it would be unanimously adopted. He had originally hoped to include in the proposition the three countries of the kingdom, because he regarded the question as of an international character, one which affected all asylum officials in England, Scotland, and Ireland. He thought the members should make a determined and united effort to push forward the question; otherwise he feared that when some of the members of the Association came to look for that superannuation to which they were entitled, they would find themselves grievously disappointed. A resolution framed on the same lines had already been proposed on behalf of English asylum officials. It might reasonably be asked, How did that resolution crop up at that meeting? Should it not have been submitted to the Irish Division? The only reasons he had for not bringing it before the Irish Division was that there would not be a meeting until next April, and he was anxious to have the approval of the Council of the Association, and that the resolution should be ratified at a general meeting. The resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, that the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland earnestly desires to call the attention of Government to the great injustice inflicted on Irish asylum officials by the wording of the clause of the existing Act of Parliament dealing with the question of superannuation. It regrets that the Government did not avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by recent legislation to make more secure the provision for old age in the asylum service. The Association respectfully urges on the Government an alteration of the said clause by the introduction of the word 'shall' instead of 'may.' It points out that all other services have a fixed scale of pension, and every official knows, when he is entering, what he will be entitled to on retirement; whereas asylum officials are left entirely to the discretion of their committees, from whom there is no appeal. Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Hon. George Wyndham, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution. As Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Association, on behalf of England he could say that the question had been before that Committee for many years past—at least ten or twelve,—and the Committee thought they were gradually making headway. They were extremely glad to get the help of Ireland nowadays, and no doubt the Irish members of the Association would be able to bring pressure to bear upon their own members of Parliament, as the members of the Association in England had endeavoured to do. The question of justice to asylum attendants was very much like a heap of stones by the road-side, at which horses which were not accustomed to heaps of stones were apt to shy. At first it was found that all committees and members of Parliament, when the question was put before them, put it on one side as a thing not to be considered; but they were now beginning to give it more attention, and more promises of support were forthcoming. As Dr. O'Neill had said, it would be a great help for them all if

they could secure the assistance of Ireland; and then when England had been successful also, possibly Scotland would be able to get a similar measure of justice.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Sir THOMAS LAUDER BRUNTON, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, read a paper entitled "Fairies, Apparitions, Visions, and Hallucinations." This paper and the discussion thereon will be published in the April number of the JOURNAL.

Dr. WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN (of H.M. Prison, Pentonville) read a paper entitled "Crime and General Paralysis" (see page 28).

Members afterwards dined together at the Café Royal, Regent Street.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A Council Meeting was held at 2 p.m. on the same day.

Present: Drs. Rayner (Acting President), H. Hayes Newington (Treasurer), J. B. Spence, P. W. MacDonald, T. S. Adair, Theo. B. Hyslop, L. A. Weatherly, G. S. Elliot, C. H. Bond, C. A. Mercier, H. A. Benham (Registrar), C. H. Hitchcock, A. N. Boycott, A. Miller, H. Gardiner Hill, H. A. Kidd, R. Percy Smith, H. T. S. Aveline, and Robert Jones (Hon. Sec.).

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Moore at the Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, on October 16th, 1901.

Among those present were Drs. Fletcher Beach, Moore, Andriezen, Gardiner Hill, Chambers, A. S. Newington, Miller, Lindsay, Hyslop, Edridge-Green, Haynes, J. W. Evans, Cole, Adèle de Steiger, R. C. Despard, Haslett, Fielding, Cecil Osburne, Forsyth, Fee, P. Campbell, Taylor, Stanley-Elliott, Noott, F. H. Edwards, Tinker, Roots, Bower, J. R. Hill, Corner, Shuttleworth, Harper, Patterson, Gayton, Outterson Wood, Worth, Kidd, and Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

After luncheon a meeting of the Divisional Committee was held. During the morning and afternoon the members inspected the buildings and grounds, and at 3 p.m. the general meeting of the Division took place, Dr. Fletcher Beach being voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from G. Harold Urmson, Esq., Commissioner in Lunacy, thanking the Division for their vote of sympathy on the occasion of his recent accident.

An invitation from Dr. Barton to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at the Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood, in April, 1902, was unanimously accepted.

Dr. ADÈLE DE STEIGER read a paper on "Two Cases of Lipoma of the Brain" (see page 64).

THE BURDEN OF LUNACY.

Dr. ANDRIEZEN gave a discourse upon the question, "The Burden of Lunacy, can it be mitigated?"

In his opening remarks he stated that appeared from the returns of the Commissioners in Lunacy that there were 1300 more lunatics last year than the year before, but the base-line from which the Commissioners made their computation was not, in his opinion, a reliable one. They took their census upon one day only—January 1st in each year. Now the population of asylums on that particular date might be largely reduced on the one hand, or largely increased on the other hand, by the conditions of the winter. The only proper and accurate way of getting a reliable basis was by taking a daily or weekly census for the whole year and striking an average. He had, for his purpose, taken the average number of lunatics resident in asylums as giving a census which afforded the nearest possible approach to accuracy. He should deal with the average number resident in all institutions, except those for imbeciles or idiots whose numbers