

completed within a couple of hours. Therefore he refrained from bringing forward any single matter, because there were so many to which he wished to refer. Undoubtedly it was of vast importance to the community that cases of insanity should receive early treatment; also that certain types should receive treatment without certification. There was also the question of selecting the suitable authority, and notably as to whether the Poor Law should still be used at that very important stage. He hoped he was not wrong in voting that the recommendations should be generally approved, and at the same time holding himself free to say, if called upon, what he thought of certain of them.

The CHAIRMAN then put the motion to the meeting and declared it carried.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the paper by Dr. G. R. A. de Montjoie Rudolph was received but not read or discussed (*vide* p. 30).

This terminated the meeting.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held on Wednesday, October 8, 1924, at Peckham House, Peckham, S.E. 15, by the kind invitation of Dr. F. R. King, the Superintendent.

There were 36 members present. Among visitors present were Rev. J. S. Luscombe and Messrs. W. H. Gattie and T. Burton Miller.

Members were shown round the Hospital and grounds, and then entertained to lunch, at the conclusion of which Lord SANDHURST proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. King, which was carried with acclamation. Dr. KING replied.

The meeting was held at 2.30 p.m., and Dr. Chambers took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The following candidate for election as an ordinary member was duly balloted for and elected:

DORIS ODLUM, M.A.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., House Physician, Lady Chichester Hospital, Hove, Sussex.

Proposed by Drs. Helen Boyle, M. E. Martin and N. E. Crow.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the Spring Meeting, 1925.

Dr. F. DILLON then read his paper entitled "The Methods of Psychotherapy" (see p. 48). Dr. CHAMBERS voiced the meeting's appreciation of the paper and opened a discussion, in which Drs. G. F. BARHAM, J. CARSWELL, H. WOLSELEY-LEWIS, J. N. SERGEANT and G. W. SMITH took part.

Mr. W. H. GATTIE afterwards read his paper on "Some Anomalies under the existing Lunacy Acts," a discussion of which was then opened by Dr. CHAMBERS, followed by Drs. BARHAM, KING, WOLSELEY-LEWIS, SERGEANT and R. WHITTINGTON.

The members were then entertained to tea, which concluded this very interesting and enjoyable meeting.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING was held by the kind invitation of Sir Cecil Chubb and Dr. S. Edgar Martin at "The Old Manor," Salisbury, on Thursday, October 23, 1924.

There were present twenty-two members and four visitors.

Dr. P. W. MacDonald was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Dr. Starkey was nominated as the Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and J. G. Soutar as Representative Members of Council.

The Spring Meeting was fixed for Thursday, April 23, 1925, at Brislington House, Bristol, on the kind invitation of Dr. J. M. Rutherford.

A letter from Mrs. Glendinning thanking the members for their expression of sympathy with her in the loss of her husband, Dr. J. Glendinning, was read.

Dr. F. W. BRODERICK then read a paper on "The Natural Arrest of Dental Caries" and illustrated it with specimens, and showed a patient in whom arrest had been secured. Drs. P. W. MACDONALD, F. H. EDWARDS, A. C. KING-TURNER, H. DEVINE and REED took part in the ensuing discussion and Dr. BRODERICK replied.

During the morning members and visitors were conducted round the Institution and grounds by Drs. Westrup and Reed, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Martin, and were most hospitably entertained to lunch, at which Sir Cecil Chubb presided.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Cecil Chubb and Dr. Martin for their hospitality and the provision of a most interesting day's programme.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on Thursday, October 23, at The Grange, near Rotherham, on the kind invitation of Dr. G. E. Mould, who entertained the members to lunch.

Sixteen members were present.

Dr. Mould occupied the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Drs. T. Stewart Adair, G. E. Mould and Bedford Pierce were re-elected members of the Divisional Committee.

The following candidate for election as an ordinary member of the Association was duly balloted for and declared elected:

GEORGE BROWN, M.B., B.Ch.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, South Yorkshire Mental Hospital, Sheffield.

Proposed by Drs. W. J. N. Vincent, J. M. Mathieson and F. Back.

Dr. J. M. MATHIESON then read reports of two cases. The first was that of a man who a month prior to his admission to Wadsley Mental Hospital, swallowed metal rivets, washers and hob-nails to the number of over 500 and weighing in all 51 oz. These were removed by operation, but the man subsequently died of tuberculosis.

The points of interest were (1) the length of time the metal was present in the stomach without giving rise to grave symptoms, and (2) the comparatively healthy appearance of the mucosa of the stomach and its capacity to assimilate food, although more than half full of metal.

The second case was that of a man who, while recovering from an attack of manic-depressive insanity, developed high fever with intense headache. This was accompanied by paresis of groups of muscles, drowsiness and ptosis. The blood was found positive for both typhoid and paratyphoid B. The *post-mortem* examination revealed a large subdural abscess extending the whole length of the left cerebral hemisphere, with marked depression of the brain, especially in the frontal and occipital areas. The intestines were recovering from typhoidal infection and the pus from the abscess gave typhoid reactions.

The chief points of interest were (1) the simulation of many characteristic signs of encephalitis lethargica, (2) the presence of the large abscess in the brain, without any definite localizing symptoms or fundus changes, and (3) the paresis of definite groups of muscles.

Several members spoke in the discussion which followed.

Dr. FREDERICK BACK then gave a paper on "The Malarial Treatment of General Paralysis." This gave the results obtained from the cases treated at the Wadsley Mental Hospital this year. There had been no death from the malaria and no case had been made worse. The clinical results show that two cases had been discharged and were back at work, and that in three others the improvement had amounted to a remission, and they also were about to be discharged. In seven others a considerable improvement was noted—a total of 75 *per cent.* in which benefit resulted; 25 *per cent.* showed slight improvement or no change.

The patients have shown mental improvement in becoming quiet, clean, orderly and industrious; physically in regaining muscle-tone and a steady gait. In some cases the pupillary reaction and the knee-jerks have returned.

The laboratory findings showed that in 83 *per cent.* there was a decreased gold