

### Part IV.—Notes and News.

#### THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held at No. 11, Chandos Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 27th, 1917, Lieut.-Colonel David G. Thomson, M.D., R.A.M.C. (President), in the chair.

*There were present:* Sir George H. Savage, Sir R. Armstrong-Jones, and Drs. T. Stewart Adair, Fletcher Beach, David Bower, A. Helen Boyle, James Chambers, Maurice Craig, R. H. Cole, A. W. Daniel, J. F. Dixon, T. Drapes, R. Eager, J. H. Earls, C. F. Fothergill, A. Hume Griffith, N. Lavers, T. S. Logan, M. E. Martin, A. Miller, A. W. Neill, Bedford Pierce, J. G. Porter Phillips, J. N. Sergeant, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. P. Smith, T. E. K. Stansfield, James Stewart, R. C. Stewart, C. M. Tuke, H. Wolsley-Lewis, and R. H. Steen (Acting Hon. General Secretary).

*Present at the Council Meeting:* Lieut.-Colonel D. G. Thomson, M.D., R.A.M.C. (President), in the chair, Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones, and Drs. T. S. Adair, A. Helen Boyle, James Chambers, R. H. Cole, Thos. Drapes, R. Eager, J. G. Porter Phillips, J. N. Sergeant, G. E. Shuttleworth, T. E. K. Stansfield, H. Wolseley-Lewis, and R. H. Steen (Acting Hon. General Secretary).

Dr. Bedford Pierce attended on the invitation of the President.

The following sent communications expressing regret at their inability to be present: Drs. C. C. Easterbrook, J. G. Soutar, John Keay, E. W. White, N. Lavers, H. T. S. Aveline, G. D. McRae, C. A. Crichlow, W. R. Watson, and A. N. Boycott.

The minutes of the May meeting were taken as read, they having already appeared in the July number of the Journal, and signed as correct.

The PRESIDENT said he had to inform the meeting that a Special Meeting of the Council was held on September 20th for the purpose of appointing a Treasurer. At that meeting the Council, acting within its powers, appointed Dr. Chambers, of Roehampton, to be the Association's Treasurer, in place of the late Dr. Hayes Newington.

Before beginning the actual business it was his painful duty to report to the meeting the deaths, tragically enough on the same day, of two of the great pillars of this Association—Dr. Hayes Newington and Dr. Urquhart. Both died shortly after the last Quarterly Meeting. In the ordinary course it would have fallen to his duty to pronounce a panegyric on the work and worth of those two deceased members, but, opportunely, in the October issue of the *Journal of Mental Science*, there appeared an excellent account of the careers of both. Under those circumstances he did not propose to detain the meeting with any long story of the life's work of those two men: it was well known to all those present, and he felt that any words of his would be but feeble, and could not in any way supplement what had been so well said in the articles referred to. He asked the meeting to pass, by upstanding, a resolution of condolence with the families of Dr. Newington and Dr. Urquhart, which he formally moved.

The vote was passed accordingly.

In addition to those two gentlemen, death had laid its hand heavily on other members, and these losses were equally sad and deserving of sympathy. The first was that of Dr. William Graham, who was Medical Superintendent of Belfast District Asylum. Any of the members who were at the British Medical Association meeting in Belfast some years ago, and who visited the asylum at Purdysburn, would know what valuable and splendid work Dr. Graham did there. The tragedy of his somewhat premature death was described in the *British Medical Journal*, p. 674. His death was the sequel of an accident, which happened while he was still in the prime of life and energy.

Another of the deaths was that of Col. James Hyslop, D.S.O., who was Deputy Director of Medical Services of the Union of South Africa. He died at the Sanatorium, Pietermaritzburg, on October 5th, at the age of 60. He also was known for the general good work which he did in the South African States, and

for his special work in the asylum at Pietermaritzburg. He moved a resolution of condolence with the relatives of those deceased members.

This also was carried by members upstanding.

The following gentlemen were duly elected members:

McIVER, COLIN, Capt., I.M.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., c/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co., 54, Parliament Street, S.W.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. G. Porter Phillips, W. H. B. Stoddart, and R. H. Steen.

WRIGHT, MAURICE B., Major, R.A.M.C., M.D., C.M. Edin., Mental Specialist, Eastern Command, 118, Harley Street, London, W.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. C. Woods, Maurice Craig, and R. H. Steen.

Dr. Adair and Dr. Sergeant acted as scrutineers.

The PRESIDENT said a letter had been received from Dr. David Orr, of Prestwich Asylum, expressing the regret of himself and his co-author that neither were able to attend to present their paper in person, as they were unable to leave in consequence of emergency war work. Dr. Devine, a colleague of Dr. Rows, would present the paper.

#### PAPER.

Dr. DAVID ORR and Major R. G. ROWS, R.A.M.C.: "Further Observations on Experimental Toxi-infections of the Central Nervous System" (with lantern illustrations). (See p. 18).

The PRESIDENT expressed the thanks of the meeting to the authors for having made the Association privy to the important work they were carrying out in this domain of pathology.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE said he would like to suggest that when important and intricate scientific contributions, such as this one, were presented to the Association at its meetings, it would be a great advantage—certainly it would be to him—if a *précis* could be circulated beforehand.

The PRESIDENT expressed his agreement with what Sir George Savage had said. The suggestion would be carefully considered by the Council, and he did not doubt it would be acted upon. It was a common practice in societies which were doing scientific work, and he did not see why it should not be followed by this Association.

It only remained for him to thank Dr. Orr and Major Rows for their contribution; they kept the Association up to date with researches, and members could imagine the zeal and energy with which they were pursuing their work, at this time when everybody was working so strenuously.

#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held by the kind invitation of Dr. Jeffrey at Bootham Park, York, on Thursday, October 25th, 1917.

Dr. Jeffrey presided.

The following seventeen members were present: Drs. M. A. Archdale, J. G. Blandford, A. J. Eades, J. W. Geddes, F. P. Hearder, T. Herbert, G. R. Jeffrey, W. S. Kay, R. McD. Ladell, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, S. R. Macphail, B. Pierce, M. L. Rowan, J. B. Tighe, and T. S. Adair, and one visitor, Dr. C. S. Lowson.

Several apologies for non-attendance were received.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Drs. McDowall, Pierce, and Street were unanimously re-elected to form the Divisional Committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. Bedford Pierce gave some notes of an interesting case he had had under his care of a patient with a peculiar periodicity, being to all intents and purposes insane one day and sane the next. This condition was kept up for a long period—the patient finally left the asylum. She came back at a later date, but on this occasion had lost the periodical character of her insanity.

The question of rationing in the asylums, and the present difficulties in the way of obtaining satisfactory food supplies was then generally discussed and considered. A good many different experiences were given both as to the results of using a