

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Barton, at the Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood, on April 30th, 1902.

Present: Drs. Barton, Bolton, Bower, Chambers, P. Campbell, Cappe, H. Corner, W. I. Donaldson, C. Edwards, F. H. Edwards, C. Stanley Elliott, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Evans, Drs. Edridge-Green, France, Fee, Gayton, Gardiner Hill, Haynes, Hyslop, Robert Jones, Kerr, Moody, Mott, Macmillan, A. S. Newington, Peeke Richards, Steen, Shuttleworth, Grimmond Smith, Stoddart, R. J. Stilwell, F. R. P. Taylor, E. W. White, and Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

After luncheon a meeting of the Divisional Committee was held. During the morning the grounds and asylum buildings were inspected, and at 2.45 p.m. the General Meeting of the Division took place, Dr. Barton being voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:— Frederick Cairns Blakiston, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Herts County Asylum, Hill End, St. Albans (proposed by Drs. Boycott, Grimmond Smith, and McConaghey); Percival L. Langdon-Down, M.B., B.C. Cantab., Normansfield, Hampton Wick (proposed by Drs. T. S. Tuke, R. Langdon-Down, and Boycott); Robert Serjeant, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House (proposed by Drs. Edwards, Lavers, and Boycott).

OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Dr. A. Norman Boycott was nominated as Honorary Secretary to the Division for 1902-3.

Drs. Everett, Gardiner Hill, and T. S. Tuke retired by rotation from the Divisional Committee, and Drs. Wolseley Lewis, Amsden, and F. H. Edwards were elected in their places.

The name of Dr. Mott was suggested to the Council to fill the vacancy on that body at the next Annual Meeting.

NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from the Drs. Tuke to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division at Chiswick House in October, 1902, was unanimously accepted.

Dr. N. H. MACMILLAN read a paper on "The Treatment of Colitis" (see page 509).

At the close of the discussion on this paper the following resolution, proposed by Dr. E. W. WHITE and seconded by Dr. MOTT, was unanimously carried:

"That this Division of the Medico-Psychological Association approves of the register for recording cases of dysentery and diarrhoea in asylums, and will do its utmost to further the carrying out of the same."

The Chairman regretted that time did not permit Dr. H. Corner to read his paper on "Melancholia as the Expression of Physical Disorder."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Barton for entertaining the Division at Brookwood, and also for presiding in the chair.

The members afterwards dined together at the Café Monico, Regent Street.

RECENT MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

Welsh v. Duckworth and others.

This was a remarkable action brought to recover damages for conspiracy and false imprisonment. The plaintiff was sergeant in the Liverpool Police Force, and the defendants are superior officers in the same service. As far back as 1891 plaintiff was employed at the docks, and it was admitted that while so employed