

tioners in dealing with early and doubtful cases of mental disease under the following headings: (1) The stigma of certification; (2) the lack of approved homes for observation and treatment without certification; (3) the lack of facilities for obtaining expert advice; (4) the lack of facilities for general practitioners to gain expert knowledge.

#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 15th, 1918.

*Present:* Major Buchanan, Capt. Yellowlees, Lieut. Gostwyck, R.A.M.C., Drs. Carswell, Crichtlow, Easterbrook, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, T. C. Mackenzie, Tuach Mackenzie, Orr, Ford Robertson, and Surgeon-Commander R. B. Campbell, R.N., Divisional Secretary, Dr. T. Murray Lyon being present as guest.

Dr. Carlyle Johnstone occupied the chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting the CHAIRMAN referred in appropriate terms to the loss which the Association had sustained since last meeting by the death of Dr. William Reid, Medical Superintendent, Aberdeen Royal Asylum. He stated that Dr. Reid was one of the oldest members of the Scottish Division, and that he had had a long association with asylum administration, having acted as Medical Superintendent of Aberdeen Royal Asylum for thirty-three years. The Chairman also referred to Dr. Reid's fine personal qualities. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Reid, and their sympathy with his relatives in their bereavement, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minutes to Mrs. Reid.

The minutes of the last Divisional meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

The SECRETARY intimated an apology from Lieut.-Col. Keay, President of the Association, who was unable to be present on account of illness. It was the unanimous wish of the Division that the Secretary should convey to the President an expression of regret on learning of the reason for his absence and best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Apologies were also intimated from Drs. David Yellowlees, Oswald, Hotchkis, Skeen, Carre, McRae, Steele and Sutherland.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of the nominated member of Council, the two representative members of Council, Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Maxwell Ross, and the Divisional Secretary.

Drs. J. H. Skeen and T. C. Mackenzie were nominated by the Division for the position of Representative Members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The following candidate after ballot was admitted to membership of the Association: Madeline Archibald, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Argyll and Bute District Asylum, Lochgilhead. Proposed by Drs. Kerr, Dunlop Robertson, and R. B. Campbell.

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON's paper on "The Freudian Interpretation of some Clinical Symptoms" was in his absence read by Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE. A short discussion followed, in which several members took part.

The SECRETARY reported that the Sub-committee appointed by the Division to consider amendments to the existing lunacy laws had met that afternoon and considered the report of the English Lunacy Legislation Sub-committee, whose recommendations had already been circulated to the Members of the Association, and the Sub-committee expressed general approval of the recommendations contained in the report. After some little discussion the Secretary was instructed to inform the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the Association that the Division approved of the recommendations contained in the Report of the English Lunacy Legislation Sub-committee.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the business of the meeting.