

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. F. R. P. Taylor at the East Sussex County Asylum, Hellingly, on April 17th, 1907.

Among those present were Drs. Robert Jones (President), H. H. Newington, Crochley Clapham, A. Helen Boyle, Josephine Brown, A. S. Newington, J. Francis Dixon, Richard Whittington, P. D. Hunter, E. S. Pasmore, Thomas O'C. Donelan, B. Hart, M. A. Collins, J. P. Race, W. T. Crawford, F. W. Stewart, C. H. Fennell, William Rawes, Thomas B. Worthington, William Ireland Donaldson, Francis H. Edwards, H. A. Kidd, A. Rotherham, H. Stilwell, David Hunter, G. N. O. Slater, R. H. Cole, H. E. Haynes, F. R. P. Taylor, and R. H. Steen (Hon. Sec.).

The visitors included Dr. Jeffery (member of the Visiting Committee), and Drs. Henry Colegate, E. Faulks, Edith Martin, and Herbert Berncastle.

Apologies were received from Drs. Crookshank, Boycott, Douglas, T. Outerson Wood, A. Bowles, Harvey Baird, Chambers, Moore, Smith, and Langdon-Down.

The asylum and grounds were inspected, and subsequently Dr. Taylor entertained the members to luncheon. At the termination of the lunch the President proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Taylor for his kindness in so hospitably receiving the Division.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.30, Drs. Rawes, Hunter, Slater, Donaldson, and Steen being present.

The general meeting of the Division was held at 3 p.m., Dr. Robert Jones in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having appeared in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

The following members were elected by voting papers to take office for 1907-8: Hon. Secretary of the Division.—Dr. R. H. Steen.

Representative members of the Division on the Council.—Drs. Boycott, Fennell, Mercier, E. W. White.

The following gentlemen were elected as ordinary members of the Association: George A. Fleming, L.R.C.S.I., L.R.C.P.I., Lic Rotunda Hospital; Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House.

George Henry Keene, M.D.(T.C.D.), Assistant Medical Officer, Essex County Asylum, Brentwood.

George Ernest Peachell, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, West Sussex County Asylum, Chichester.

Charles Mollyson Smith, M.B., Ch.B.(Aberd.), Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath.

Charles E. C. Williams, B.A., B.Ch., M.B.(Dub.), Assistant Medical Officer, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water.

Drs. Taylor, Reginald Langdon-Down, and Dixon were elected as members of the South-Eastern Divisional Committee of Management, which now consists of the following:

<i>Retire in 1908.</i>	<i>Retire in 1909.</i>	<i>Retire in 1910.</i>
Dr. Boycott.	Dr. Donaldson.	Dr. Taylor.
Dr. Kennedy Will.	Dr. Crookshank.	Dr. R. Langdon-Down.
Dr. G. N. O. Slater.	Dr. Stoddart.	Dr. Dixon.

A letter was read from the Hon. General Secretary requesting the Division to ascertain the names of members willing to serve on the National Committee of the International Commission to co-ordinate the work of studying the causes of mental disease and their prevention.

The following were nominated by the meeting, and the Divisional Secretary was instructed to communicate with those not present to ascertain if they were willing to serve: Drs. Robert Jones, Mercier, Bond, Mott, Hyslop, Rawes, and John Turner.

The invitation of Dr. Reginald Stilwell to hold the autumn meeting of the Division at Moorcroft, Hillingdon, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure. The date was fixed for October 8th, 1907. April 21st, 1908, was fixed for the date of the spring meeting.

Dr. CHARLES H. FENNEL read a paper on "The Care of Children in County and Borough Asylums" (see p. 541).

Dr. TAYLOR showed the case of a female patient (E. B.) suffering from recurrent insanity associated with ophthalmia. He stated that the patient had been in the asylum three times. On the first occasion she was restless and depressed on admission, but on the others was suffering from acute excitement. On each occasion, shortly after admission, she developed ophthalmia, which was characterised by severe pain, swelling of the eyelids, and conjunctivitis. Whilst the inflammation of the eye was present the patient was quite well mentally. The ophthalmia lasted about a fortnight and then got suddenly better, the patient at this time becoming mentally worse, at first being somewhat depressed and then passing into a condition of acute mania, during which she was extremely restless and noisy, and had marked hallucinations of hearing and of sight. This condition lasted about a fortnight to three weeks, and then she became well mentally. On two occasions she had a relapse within two months, each relapse being preceded by ophthalmia; then she became well, and was discharged recovered. On the first occasion she stayed in one of the asylums four months and on the second six months. She was twenty-seven years of age on first admission. She is stated to have had an attack of insanity when seventeen years of age, but was not in an asylum. No history of hereditary predisposition was obtained. When well patient is of good intelligence.

Dr. CRAWFORD described the last attack. She was admitted to the Asylum on March 7th, 1907, having been discharged on August 25th, 1906. She was in a condition of simple excitement of a joyful nature. She had opacity of the right cornea and some conjunctivitis. Within a few days of admission she became much better mentally. She now complained of severe pain at the back of the right eye and in the temporal region. The eyelids and conjunctiva became very much swollen, and the cornea was covered with flaky deposit, but there was no ulceration. The eye was fomented, washed out with boracic lotion and atropine instilled. Patient was quite well mentally. A fortnight later the eye got rapidly well, and patient passed into a condition of acute mania. She remained excited for about a week, and then became quite well.

The PRESIDENT proposed that the thanks of the Division should be sent to the Chairman and Visiting Committee for the great privilege they had in holding their meeting at the East Sussex Asylum, and of seeing the very full and complete arrangements made at that institution for the care, curative and custodial, of those suffering from every form of mental disease.

This was unanimously agreed to, and it was requested that the Divisional Secretary should convey the thanks of the Division to the Chairman.

Dr. JEFFERY, on behalf of the Visiting Committee, replied.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of the Division was held at the County and City Asylum, Burghill, Hereford, on Thursday, April 18th, 1907.

The members were kindly entertained to lunch by Dr. Morrison, who subsequently showed them over the Asylum.

The following members were present: Drs. Baskin, Braine-Hartnell, Bullen, Glendinning, Jex-Blake, W. F. MacDonald, Morrison, Nelis, Rambaut, Soutar, and the Hon. Div. Sec.

The visitors were Drs. Thos. Turner, Edgar Morris, J. Oswald Lane, Herbert Jones, Warren Swettenham, Arthur Wood, and Thos. Mendes.

Dr. Glendinning was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the Autumn Meeting were read and signed.

Letters from the relatives of the late Drs. Craddock and Stewart returning thanks for votes of sympathy were also read.

The following candidates were elected members of the Association:

Humphrey P. Blackmore, M.D., Physician, Salisbury Infirmary. Proposed by Drs. Baskin, Aveline, and W. F. MacDonald.