

Dr. F. J. STUART showed the brain of a microcephalic idiot, the right half of which (corresponding to left hemiplegia in the patient) was microgyrous, and was surface-marked on a plan totally different from the comparatively normal marking of the left half of the cerebrum, there being nothing to suggest a Rolandic fissure in the microgyrous half.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Dr. A. NORMAN BOYCOTT was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary for 1903-4.

The following gentlemen were by ballot elected ordinary members of the Association:—Frederick Hudson Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Herts County Asylum, St. Albans (proposed by Drs. Boycott, Kidd, and Grimmond Smith); Arthur Beresford Kingsford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.(Camb.), 9, Burwood Place, Hyde Park, W. (proposed by Drs. Mercier, Boycott, and Grimmond Smith); Percy Haughton Stratton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, The Priory, Roehampton (proposed by Drs. Savage, Chambers, and Boycott); Herbert Campbell Thomson, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician, Middlesex Hospital (proposed by Drs. Percy Smith, Chambers, and Boycott).

Drs. W. Harding, R. J. Stilwell, and J. Bayley were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Drs. Alexander, A. Newington, and Ernest White.

The name of Dr. F. R. P. Taylor was selected for submission to the Council for nomination to fill a vacancy upon that body at the next Annual Meeting.

The invitation of Dr. Rawes to hold the Autumn Meeting at St. Luke's Hospital in October, 1903, was unanimously accepted with great pleasure.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Harding for his hospitality to the Division, and for presiding in the chair.

The members afterwards dined together at the Grand Hotel, Northampton.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Western Division was held at the City and County Asylum, Bristol, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1903. There were present Dr. Benham in the chair, Drs. Eager, Baskin, Cotton, Blachford, Braine-Hartnell, Morton, Broom, Aveline, MacBryan, Miller, Rutherford, Marnan, MacDonald, Hon. Sec., Ligertwood, and Bullen. Visitors: Prof. Fawcett and Dr. Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. John Marnan and Dr. Henry Broom were both duly elected ordinary members of the Association.

Dr. MacBryan's name was recommended for a seat on the Council, and it was resolved that Dr. Morrison and Dr. Turner should be elected to fill the two vacancies on the Committee of Management.

The Chairman stated that he had very much pleasure in proposing that their friend Dr. MacDonald should be elected their Honorary Secretary once more, and he referred to the excellent services which Dr. MacDonald had rendered. The motion was carried unanimously. Dr. MacDonald, in reply, thanked the members for re-electing him as their Honorary Secretary, and consented to accept the office for this year; but having now held it for ten years he wished to say that he thought the time had come when he would have to ask them to look out for a successor.

It was unanimously agreed that the invitation of Dr. Morrison to hold the next meeting at Hereford, in October, be accepted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A discussion took place upon the paper read at the last meeting by Dr. Baskin upon "The Treatment of Phthisis in Asylums by Urea and its Salts."

Dr. Baskin brought with him a sample of the urea for the members to see.

He remarked that since the meeting in October last he had received a large number of letters from medical men throughout England. He stated that he did not know of any asylum—except the Devon County Asylum—where urea was being administered.

With regard to its administration he said the process was very clear, and was described very simply in his paper of October last. Pure urea was the best form to administer on account of its more pleasing taste and rapid solubility in ordinary media, water, etc. at ordinary temperatures.

With regard to results, he spoke of a few cases which had occurred at the Devon County Asylum; in two instances he was sorry to say death had resulted, but these patients were very far advanced in consumption. He thought that when urea was going to be administered it would be better to select the cases; in such conditions he thought the results would be satisfactory.

In conclusion he affirmed that it was perfectly clear that if experiments were not made no advance could be gained, and he suggested that his paper should receive their consideration.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and it was seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded Dr. Baskin for his able paper.

Dr. BENHAM contributed a paper entitled "Remarks on Suicides in Public Asylums" (see page 447).

Dr. J. V. BLACHFORD contributed a paper on "The Frequency of Occurrence of Granular Ependyma in General Paralysis" (see page 483).

Professor FAWCETT spoke of the great importance of the subject, and of the desirability of following up the matter, and expressed a hope that Dr. Blachford would carry his work very much farther, and he felt sure that by doing so it would result in great credit to the institution.

Dr. BULLEN congratulated Dr. Blachford on his excellent paper, and trusted that he would prepare, at some future date, another paper on microscopic investigations, which would be a most interesting subject.

The CHAIRMAN said that a valuable subject had been opened up, which he hoped they would not allow to drop.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman said they all regretted to hear that Dr. MacDonald had been so ill and thoroughly run down. He could fully appreciate his position, because last year he himself was in a similar state of health. He understood that Dr. MacDonald was going to Switzerland, and he trusted that he would come back with all his old energy and vigour restored.

Dr. EAGER returned thanks, on behalf of the meeting, to the Chairman for his generous hospitality.

The members and visitors dined together in the evening at Stuckey's Restaurant, Bristol.

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#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at Cheddleton Asylum, Leek, on the 30th April, 1903. Dr. Menzies occupied the Chair.

Members present: Drs. McLeod, Macphail, Miller, Menzies, Bedford Pierce, Rice, Rambaut, Sheldon, Torney, Trevelyan, and Hitchcock.

Visitor: Dr. F. Edwards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. MILLER proposed that Dr. Bedford Pierce should be recommended to the Council to succeed Dr. Hitchcock as Hon. Sec. to the Division, and expressed his regret that Dr. Hitchcock should have been obliged from ill-health to resign office. Dr. Bedford Pierce was unanimously appointed, and expressed his thanks to the Division for electing him. At the same time he asked for their cordial support, in order that the Division should continue to be a success.

Dr. McDOWALL, of Morpeth, having kindly invited the Division to his asylum for the October Meeting, the invitation was cordially accepted, and the Secretary was requested to endeavour to arrange the meeting for the first or second Friday in October.