

Lavers, MacBryan, Macdonald, Marnan, Morrison, Phillips, Pope, Rorie, J. M. Rutherford, Soutar, Thomas, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary (21).

There was also one visitor.

The chair was taken by Dr. Blachford.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and signed.

The following candidates were elected members of the Association :

Ernest Fryer Ballard, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Somerset and Bath Asylum, Wells. Proposed by Drs. Pope, Spera, and Aveline.

John Robert Parry Phillips, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Bristol City Asylum, Fishponds. Proposed by Drs. Blachford, Bazalgette, and Aveline.

Dr. MORRISON then read an exhaustive criticism on the Report of the Royal Commission for the Care of the Feeble-minded.

This was followed by a paper from Dr. BALLARD on "A Case of Aggravated Hysteroid Movements" (this paper will be published in the April number of the Journal).

Dr. POPE made some remarks on the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bill.

Each of these communications elicited a short discussion.

Dr. NORMAN LAVERS kindly invited the members to meet at Bailbrook House on the occasion of their visit to Bath in the spring—an offer which was cordially accepted. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Dr. Blachford for his hospitality.

A large number of the members dined together subsequently at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Bristol.

#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Douglas at the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, on Thursday, October 21st, 1909.

Dr. Douglas presided.

The following fifteen members were present :—Drs. M. A. Archdale, D. M. Cassidy, A. R. Douglas, J. S. Farries, J. W. Geddes, S. A. Gill, C. L. Hopkins, W. Hunter, G. F. May, T. McDowall, J. Merson, B. Pierce, R. G. Rows, C. T. Street, T. S. Adair, and two visitors, Dr. Coupland and Mr. Wearing.

Apologies were received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, who was prevented by illness; Dr. W. Bevan Lewis, the President of the Association; and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Hopkins proposed, and Dr. Geddes seconded, that the same three members, Drs. Hitchcock, T. McDowall, and Bedford Pierce, form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months. This was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. DOUGLAS then read his paper entitled, "The Care and Training of the Feeble-minded" (this paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL).

Some discussion followed, in which Dr. Gill, Dr. McDowall, and Dr. Pierce took part.

Dr. PIERCE referred to the question of heredity, and said one felt one did not know the extent of heredity of sound people. He wished someone would take the matter up and get some accounts of the family history. If this were done, he thought that they would find that the percentage of heredity would be much greater.

Dr. DOUGLAS replied.

Owing to the short time at his disposal, Dr. W. Hunter was unable to read his paper on "Mongolian Idiocy." He showed, however, a series of photographs illustrative of the condition. His conclusions briefly were—That Mongolian Idiocy is not an entity, that the characteristics of the condition can all be paralleled in the fetus, that in short the Mongolian idiot is a grown-up fetus. He also demonstrated some morphological aspects of the Mongolian idiot, suggesting that the orang possibly approaches much nearer the line of human ancestry than does either the gorilla or chimpanzee.

Dr. Rows made some remarks with reference to the brain photos shown by Dr. Hunter.

A very pleasant meeting was brought to a close by an adjournment to the Winmarleigh Hall in the Asylum, where the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster unveiled a Memorial Window in memory of the late Sir John Hibbert.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

The half-yearly Ordinary Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Physiological Association was held at Bangour Village, on Friday, 19th November, 1909, Dr. Carlyle Johnstone in the chair.

The following members were present:—Drs. Alexander, Dods Brown, Lewis Bruce, R. B. Campbell, C. G. H. Gostwyck, Hotchkis, Jeffrey, Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, Kerr, T. C. Mackenzie, J. H. MacDonald, Douglas Macrae, K. D. C. Macrae, Richard Steele, and Marr, Divisional Secretary.

Mr. Gibson, Chairman of the Edinburgh Lunacy Board; Mr. Johnston, Vice-Chairman of the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board; Mr. Hippolyte Blanc, and Mr. Kidd, Inspector of Poor, were present.

Letters of apology were intimated from the President, Dr. Bevan-Lewis, Drs. Clouston, Yellowlees, Easterbrook, Reid, Parker, Havelock, Watson, Urquhart, and Turnbull.

Dr. Carlyle Johnstone, on behalf of the Superannuation Allowances Committee, explained that the Superannuation Bill had passed its Third Reading in the House of Lords, and gave the gist of the amendments proposed by the House of Lords. He expressed the hope that in a short time the Bill, as amended, would pass into law.

The following were admitted to membership of the Association:

William Gilfillan, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.), Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee, Lenzie. Proposed by Drs. Marr, Parker, and Baugh.

Charles Armit Masson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.(Aberd.), Assistant Medical Officer, Inverness District Asylum. Proposed by Drs. Mackenzie, Marr, and Watson.

Alexander Cameron McKillop, M.B., Ch.B.(Edin.), Assistant Medical Officer, Inverness District Asylum. Proposed by Drs. Mackenzie, Marr, and Watson.

John Ernest Middlemiss, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Gartloch Asylum, Glasgow. Proposed by Drs. Parker, Baugh, and Marr.

Hugh Morton, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.), Assistant Physician, Glasgow Royal Asylum, Gartnavel. Proposed by Drs. Oswald, Marshall, and Yellowlees.

Alexander W. Neill, M.B., Ch.B.(Edin.), Assistant Physician, Royal Asylum, Edinburgh. Proposed by Drs. G. M. Robertson, Ford Robertson, and Dods Brown.

Jane I. Robertson, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.), Assistant Physician, Royal Asylum, Glasgow. Proposed by Drs. Oswald Marshall and Yellowlees.

Joseph Roderick Sutherland, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasg.), M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee, Lenzie. Proposed by Drs. Marr, Parker, and Baugh.

Arthur L. Taylor, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.(Edin.), Assistant Medical Officer, Lanark District Asylum, Hartwood. Proposed by Drs. G. M. Robertson, Kerr, and Dods Brown.

Dr. JOHN KEAY, Medical Superintendent, gave an interesting account of the History and Inception of Bangour Village, and explained the plan of it in detail. Thereafter the members were conducted by Dr. Keay through the several parts of the Institution.

The members were entertained to lunch by the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board.

A vote of thanks to the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board and to Dr. and Mrs. Keay for their hospitality and to Dr. Carlyle Johnstone for his conduct in the chair concluded a most interesting Meeting.

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