

Dr. Newington had much pleasure in mentioning the matter, and in stating that Dr. Benham was much better, and hoped soon to be amongst them again as well as ever.

The following candidates were elected as ordinary members: Dudgeon, Herbert William, M.D. Durham, M.B., B.S. Lond., Horndean, Mowbray Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., Medical Officer to the Egyptian Asylum, Abassieh, Cairo, Egypt (proposed by G. H. Savage, James M. Moody, and H. Hayes Newington); Forshaw, W. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury, Woodford Bridge, Essex (proposed by Robert Jones, C. T. Ewart, and J. S. Bolton); Forsyth, John Glen, M.B., C.M. Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum, Garlands, Carlisle (proposed by W. F. Farquharson, Geo. A. Rorie, and John Findlay); Kerr, Neil Thomson, M.B., C.M. Ed., Medical Superintendent, Lanark District Asylum, Hartwood, Shotts (proposed by J. Carlyle Johnstone, T. C. Clouston, and W. Ford Robertson); Round, John, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.F.P.S. Glasgow, 34, Huntingdon Street, Barnsbury, N. (proposed by T. Claye Shaw, H. Hayes Newington, and Robert Jones); Rows, R. G., M.D. Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Pathologist, County Asylum, Lancaster (proposed by David Orr, J. S. Bolton, and Robert Jones).

The PRESIDENT referred to the loss of members during the past year by death, viz. Dr. Strange, Dr. Boddington, and Dr. Bonville Fox. He was sure every one in the room deeply regretted their removal. It was usual at the annual meeting to mention those losses, and he merely referred to them now in order to express his own deep sympathy with the friends of those gentlemen.

REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE.

The PRESIDENT said that the report of the Tuberculosis Committee came before the Council Meeting that day, and in order to have the matter formally placed before the present meeting he would call upon Dr. Weatherly.

Dr. WEATHERLY said it was his pleasure to simply bring before the meeting in a formal way the report of the Tuberculosis Committee. The report had been printed, was in the hands of the Council, and would be in the hands of every member before the next Annual Meeting, when he would be glad to move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT said that at the Annual Meeting an opportunity would be afforded of discussing this report. He thought members would agree to the suggestion of Dr. Weatherly that the report should be laid on the table. Agreed.

Dr. HENRY RAYNER opened a discussion on "Sleep in relation to Narcotics in the Treatment of Mental Diseases" (see p. 460).

Dr. T. CLAYE SHAW read a paper entitled "The Surgical Treatment of Delusional Insanity based upon its Physiological Study" (see p. 450).

Dr. ROBERT JONES' paper, "Notes on the Treatment of Morphinomania," was not read owing to the advanced hour of the afternoon. It appears in this number of the JOURNAL (see p. 478).

Members afterwards dined together at the Café Royal, Regent Street.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division was held in the Central Hotel, Glasgow, on March 28th.

Present: Drs. Clouston, Carlyle Johnstone, Carswell, Ford Robertson, Graham, Havelock, R. D. Hotchkis, Hamilton Marr, John Keay, Macdonald, McRae, Maxtone Thom, Mitchell, Oswald, W. A. Parker, Rorie, G. M. Robertson, A. R. Turnbull, Urquhart, W. R. Watson, Yellowlees, and Dr. Lewis C. Bruce, Divisional Secretary for Scotland. On the motion of Dr. Turnbull, Dr. Graham was called upon to preside.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved, and signed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The following candidates were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:—Dr. Kenneth D. C. McRae, Assistant Physician, District Asylum, Inverness; Dr.

Eric M. Thomson, Assistant Medical Officer, James Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth; Dr. Leonard D. H. Baugh, Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert; and Dr. Frederick Watson, Assistant Medical Superintendent, District Asylum, Ayr.

Dr. BRUCE proposed, and Dr. YELLOWLEES seconded, the nomination of Dr. Carlyle Johnstone to the Examinership for the Nursing Certificate.

Dr. URQUHART proposed, and Dr. PARKER seconded, the nomination of Dr. Carswell as Examiner for the Medical Certificate of the Association.

After some discussion these proposals were adopted by the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Dr. TURNBULL said that he understood that the Assistant Medical Officer representing Scotland now retired, and proposed Dr. McRae as his successor.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE suggested that whoever was named as a member of Council ought to engage to attend the meetings.

Dr. OSWALD moved that Dr. Macdonald, Senior Physician at Hawkhead Asylum, be nominated, as he would undertake to attend the meetings in London.

Dr. PARKER said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

After some discussion as to the importance of attending the Council Meetings, especially that one usually held in May, the Chairman announced that the feeling of the meeting was evidently in favour of Dr. Macdonald's nomination, and this was agreed to *nem. con.*

PLANS OF VILLA AT PERTH ROYAL ASYLUM.

Dr. URQUHART apologised for bringing such a very slight affair before the meeting. It was only of interest to those who were dealing with private patients, and more especially with those paying the higher rates of board. The lower part was to be built of stone, with a verandah to the south, and the upper part of brick, half timbered. The main feature was a central hall, large enough to be used for billiards. The patients' parlours were grouped round this central hall, with glass-panelled doors for the purpose of intimate supervision. Private patients were not, as a rule, willing to have attendants sitting beside them at all times. The attendant was, therefore, usually relegated to the corridor, in a most uncomfortable position. Otherwise the domestic arrangements were of the usual villa type, minus kitchen premises. These two villas were placed to the north of the main asylum, one on either side of the chapel, the basement of which was to form stores, and a subway to be continued to the central kitchen. The important point now to be determined is the question whether these houses should be quite detached, or connected by some kind of corridor. He had therefore endeavoured to ascertain from the patients themselves what their preference would be, and had consulted with Dr. Clouston as to the results of his experience. The upshot was that it had appeared to him that the Murray had as much entirely separate accommodation as was desirable in present circumstances, and that the majority of patients were strongly in favour of an attached house, so that they might live in the main current of life in the asylum without any difficulty in moving about the establishment on winter evenings, etc.

The CHAIRMAN said that the erection of such a convenient residence for the patients who were able to afford it was a very interesting subject, where they might be supervised in a convenient, unobtrusive, and effective manner. It might be too much to expect that a thorough examination of the plans could be made in a cursory manner round the table, and perhaps Dr. Urquhart might see his way to give a fuller account of the building when convenient.

Dr. CLOUSTON thanked Dr. Urquhart for having brought these plans before them. One could not express an opinion merely by glancing at the plans, but they all knew that these houses would be tasteful outside and in, and if there was as much comfort as they had at Craig House, he would have very great satisfaction in having these houses attached to his institution. He thought, however, that there ought to be two staircases. He doubted if it was a proper thing to fill up the space on the first floor over the hall by box-room accommodation, and thought it better to place the cupboards round about.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE seconded the vote of thanks, and said that the plans showed an amount of artistic skill which was generally absent from asylum buildings.

Dr. URQUHART, in reply, said that with regard to the single staircase, it ought to be stated that the villa was really a small house, as there were only eight bedrooms on the first floor. The height of the ceilings downstairs was 11 feet 6 inches, and the windows were all to open casement fashion. There was no use of having small rooms with fourteen-foot ceilings, as at Gartnavel, and he did not think that any cupboard should be any higher than they could reach comfortably from the floor, and modern libraries were now constructed in the fashion adopted. The whole of the roof over these cupboards was a glass canopy, and the first-floor rooms would not be in use by day. With regard to the cost, if that house were built for State-supported patients there would be space in it for seventeen. As it was, they expected to accommodate from seven to nine, depending upon the rates paid. The contract price, exclusive of foundations, which would cost about £80, came to £1604, so that would be about £100 a bed on the ordinary calculation, which he thought sufficient even for patients paying £200 or £300 a year. The finish of the inside was somewhat elaborate, but he thought that they would be able to complete the house at the price indicated. Perhaps the best way of describing the villa in detail would be on the occasion of a visit of the Scottish Division to Perth.

Dr. CLOUSTON opened a discussion on "Toxæmia in the Etiology of Insanity" (see page 434).

A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Graham for his conduct in the chair.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of the Northern and Midland Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held on Wednesday, April 16th, at Shaftesbury House, Formby.

Members present: Drs. Blair, T. P. Cowen, S. Edgerley, Stanley A. Gill, C. H. Gwynn, C. K. Hitchcock, R. Legge, Alfred Miller, Bedford Pierce, H. A. Robinson, F. O. Simpson, A. Simpson, J. B. Tighe. Visitors: Drs. Drury, E. H. Gill, A. C. Blackney.

Dr. Stanley Gill having been voted to the chair, Dr. Hitchcock read the minutes of the last meeting, and stated that he and Dr. Miller had attended the Council Meeting in London. He reported the result of the representations that had been made regarding nominations by the Northern and Midland Divisions to fill vacancies in the Council.

The minutes were then adopted, after which the Chairman announced that there were one or two strangers present, whom they welcomed.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

Dr. PIERCE proposed that Dr. Hitchcock be re-elected. This was seconded by Dr. MILLER, and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. HITCHCOCK said he would be glad to take the office for another year. He did not think, however, that one man should continue in the office year after year, because it added to the interest of a society when members took office in rotation. If, however, the Society wished him to accept office he would be glad to do so.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from Dr. Pope to hold the Autumn Meeting of the division at Middlesbrough was unanimously accepted.

The following candidate was elected as an Ordinary Member:—A. Mair Rattray, M.B., C.M. Edin., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, City Asylum, Gosforth, Newcastle (proposed by Drs. Callcott, T. W. McDowall, and Robert Smith).

Dr. F. O. SIMPSON read a paper entitled "Calcification of the Pericardium" (see page 529).

Dr. T. P. COWEN read a paper entitled "Pupillary Symptoms in the Insane and their Import" (see page 501).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman at the close of the meeting.

Previous to the business meeting Dr. Gill entertained the Division at luncheon. Those members who were able to remain spent a very pleasant evening as his guests.