

After lunch a clinical meeting was held, at which over forty were present. Dr. STEWART showed: (1) A case of cerebral syphilis with unusual complications; (2) a case of progressive muscular atrophy. Dr. DAVIES JONES showed (1) a case of acromegaly and (2) symbolic drawings by a case of delusional insanity. Dr. T. S. GOOD showed three cases of encephalitis (hyperkinetic form), and suggested that many cases admitted as examples of confusional insanity, or as the acute phases of dementia præcox, were really post-encephalitic in origin.

All these cases gave rise to discussion, and the meeting was a most interesting and instructive one.

Dr. and Mrs. Good afterwards entertained the members to tea, and were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. J. I. Russell and the Committee of Visitors, at the North Riding Mental Hospital, Clifton, York, on Thursday, April 28, 1927, at 2.15 p.m.

Twenty members and four visitors were present. Letters of apology were received from the President (Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord) and others.

The members had an opportunity of being shown over the hospital and laboratory in the forenoon, and also saw many examples of the patients' handicrafts.

Dr. Russell entertained the members to lunch, and a cordial vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Bedford Pierce and carried unanimously.

Dr. Russell was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The death of Dr. E. S. Simpson, of Beverley, was sympathetically referred to by Dr. M. A. Archdale, and it was agreed that the Secretary should send a message of condolence to his widow.

Dr. J. B. Tighe was elected Secretary to the Division in succession to Dr. J. R. Gilmour, who had resigned.

Drs. H. Dove Cormac, N. Macleod and M. A. Archdale were elected Representative Members of Council.

The meeting agreed to take no action with regard to applying for powers under Bye-law 26.

Dr. ARCHDALE then proposed that a clinical centre should be formed at Newcastle, and Dr. MIDDLEMISS brought forward a similar motion regarding Leeds. A prolonged discussion took place upon the whole question of the formation of centres throughout the Division. It was considered very desirable that these local committees should be established, but it was finally agreed to postpone any action until some general scheme had been formulated by the Association.

Dr. LOUIS MINSKI then gave a paper on "Endocrine Therapy," which was discussed by several of the members present.

Dr. J. A. GILFILLAN read a paper on "Environmental Factors in Mental Diseases." In this he traced the influence of environment in the causation and development of various groups of symptoms and delusions. He gave an account both of his observations in mental hospitals and also of several cases he had observed and noted while in a prisoners' camp in Germany.

Dr. W. FRASER read a paper on "Blood-Sugar Estimation" in several groups of mental illness.

It was left to the Secretary of the Division to fix the place and date of the Autumn Meeting.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert, on Friday, June 10, 1927.

There were 23 members present.

Dr. R. D. Hotchkis, Divisional Chairman, occupied the Chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read and approved, and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Drs. H. C. Marr, Patrick Steele, H. de M. Alexander, Chislett, Easterbrook, Connell, Aidan Thomson, Donald Campbell, L. C. Bruce, George Gibson, T. C. Mackenzie, J. H. Skeen, Dods Brown, and Donald Ross, Sir Hugh Arthur Rose and the President.

Dr. R. D. Hotchkis was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Division for the ensuing year.

Drs. R. B. Campbell and Neil T. Kerr were unanimously re-elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan as Divisional Secretary.

The following candidates after ballot were unanimously admitted as ordinary members of the Association :

GOVINDARAJPURAM RAMAPATTAR PARASURAM, B.A., L.M.S. Madras, M.R.C.P.E., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Calicut, Malabar District, Kalpathi Post Office, South Malabar, India.

Proposed by Drs. J. Keay, C. A. Crichtlow and R. Bailey.

I V Y MACKENZIE, B.Sc., M.A., M.D., F.R.F.P.S. Glasg., Consulting Physician to the Glasgow District Board of Control ; 10, Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, C. 3.

Proposed by Drs. Hamilton C. Marr, W. K. Anderson and W. M. Buchanan.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend Drs. Douglas McRae and W. M. Buchanan, and Miss McCabe and Miss MacCallum to the General Nursing Council for Scotland for appointment as examiners for the medical and nursing sections of the Council's Final Written Examination in Mental Nursing.

It was also unanimously resolved to recommend the reappointment of the original panel of medical and nurse examiners for the practical and oral part of the General Nursing Council's Final Examination for Mental Nurses.

There was nothing further to report regarding the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act Amendments.

After consideration it was unanimously agreed not to take advantage of Bye-Law 26 of the revised Bye-Laws of the Association, whereby on an application by a Divisional Secretary the Council may authorize elections to be held by show of hands instead of by ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the General Secretary intimating that the Scottish Division desired to continue holding elections by ballot.

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON called attention to the fact that foreign journals received by the Association, and sent out for review in the *Journal of Mental Science*, were not required to be returned for filing in the Library of the Association. He considered that the Association should have all psychiatric literature in its Library for members. The meeting agreed with the views expressed by Dr. Henderson, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Library Committee in the matter.

Members then broke up into groups and were shown over the hospital by Dr. Campbell and his assistants.

Members were entertained to lunch, after which Dr. HOTCHKIS expressed the cordial thanks of the Division to the Stirling District Board of Control and to Dr. Campbell for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting and for their kind hospitality.

On the meeting reassembling, Dr. J. S. I. SKOTTOWE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Methods in Vogue at the Boston Psychopathic Clinic," and indicated the advantages and disadvantages of the intensive method of case study there adopted. The paper was discussed by Drs. D. K. HENDERSON, W. D. CHAMBERS, W. McALLISTER, R. MARY BARCLAY and W. McWILLIAM.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the Meeting, after which members were entertained to tea at the Copse by Mrs. Campbell.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on April 7, 1927, at Elm-hurst, Glasnevin, by the kind invitation of Drs. Henry and W. Eustace.

There were 14 members present.