

in a quite early stage, by means of variations and alterations in the patient's speech. If those observations were confirmed, they would prove of very great value to the specialty. The vast majority of cases of general paralysis were nowadays diagnosed with ease; he did not think there was any disease of such importance which could be recognised so certainly as general paralysis, as there were so many laboratory and clinical methods, each of which was independent of any other. Still, every now and then a case cropped up in which, in spite of all one's care, it was very difficult to make out whether it was early general paralysis or merely a case showing the symptoms of tertiary syphilis; therefore any additional method of testing must be of extreme value.

Dr. Scripture had also described the malarial treatment of general paralysis. He, the speaker, felt very much interested in that and he would like to try the experiment in some cases. But in spite of the very positive statements which Dr. Scripture had made, on the strength of the observations of Austrian physicians, he himself did not feel convinced on the subject. During the time he had been studying mental diseases he had heard of many methods of curing general paralysis. It was extraordinary that in the case of a disease which was so incurable and so fatal as general paralysis, so many methods should have been advocated which were held by those who recommended them to be cures. Another one which some had advocated was the use of nucleinic acid: physicians asserted that that would cure general paralysis. So also was tuberculin asserted, many years ago, to be a cure. But the number of cases of general paralysis which had been cured must be very limited if any. He had recently attended two conferences, one in Paris, in honour of Bayle, where there was a great international gathering from all the allied countries, and the conclusion reached there was that there was no cure for general paralysis. He also attended the Neurological Section of the British Medical Association meeting in Glasgow, where the same subject was discussed. At the meeting there were several London physicians, and it was stated that nobody had seen a case of general paralysis that had recovered. One physician hoped to be able to cure it, another described a case which he thought likely had been cured, but the patient died in eighteen months of phthisis, and it remained uncertain. This particular patient had become very excited at a music-hall; he had filled his pockets with sovereigns and then threw handfuls of them at the dancer, Mme. Gaby Deslys. Afterwards he never would admit there had been anything the matter with him.

Nevertheless, as general paralysis was a disease which, if left alone, went inevitably to a fatal termination, there should be no cessation in the endeavour to achieve some means of checking its deadly course or even to prevent it.

The meeting then terminated. The members dined together in the evening at the Imperial Restaurant.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. W. D. Moore at the Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, on Tuesday, October 24, 1922.

The members were shown round the hospital and grounds and were then entertained to luncheon, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. H. Trevor, and carried with acclamation.

The Meeting was held at 2.30 p.m.

Dr. J. Chambers took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following candidate was elected an ordinary member:

MARGARET TURNER McGEORGE, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House, Peckham Road, S.E. 5.

Proposed by Drs. F. H. Edwards, H. J. Norman, and Noel Sergeant.

It was decided to accept with thanks the invitation of Dr. A. Helen Boyle to hold the Spring Meeting at Hove and to fix the date provisionally for Wednesday, March 21, 1923.

Dr. W. D. MOORE read an interesting paper on "Holloway Sanatorium," after which Dr. BERNARD HOLLANDER gave a short address on "Is the Intellect Localisable?"

Members were then entertained to tea, which concluded a very pleasant meeting.