

enable them to retain their offices very much longer than they have been in the habit of doing. And I have no doubt whatever that this will result in a benefit to the asylum workers throughout the country—a very large class; that it will also result tremendously in the direction of advantage to the insane; because what benefits workers among the insane must enormously benefit the insane. (Applause.) I need hardly repeat that the sympathy of the Commissioners is very warm indeed towards this Act; and I think that I need not give a greater illustration of that than the fact that every Commissioner who is not having his winter holiday, having been in London during August and September, is present here to-night. I greatly appreciate the kind way in which this toast has been proposed and received, and on behalf of the visitors I beg to tender my very hearty thanks. (Applause.)

Dr. HUBERT BOND: At your request, Mr. President, I have to communicate to you, my lord, lady, and gentlemen, a number of regrets which have been received from those who are unable to be with us this evening. But at this late hour I take it that it is not your desire that I read all of them out. I have quite a number here from those who, except for Parliamentary and other duties and the proximity of Christmas, would have been with us to-night.

Letters were read from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Halsbury, Sir James Crichton-Browne, and Dr. Clouston, and a telegram from the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association and the Irish Asylum Officials' Superannuation Committee.

The Chairman.

Dr. ROBERT JONES: My lord, Dr. Alice Vance, and gentlemen, I have a toast placed in my hands this evening which, though the last, I am sure you will agree is not the least, that of our distinguished President, Professor Bevan-Lewis. (Applause.) So far, only half the term of his office has expired. We know what a brilliant success the annual meeting was at Leeds, and we have heard to-night his most poetic speech upon the whole question of asylum administration and asylum workers, a speech which I know comes from his heart. We are fortunate in our President; that is the theme of this last toast. We have a President who is second to none in scientific attainments (hear, hear), in distinguished administrative ability, second to none in the unstinted and full devotion of his mind and heart to the work of his life. His acts speak for themselves. I know him privately, as many of you do; and you all know his public record. An after-dinner speech is not the occasion for entering into his qualities and his acts, but I may be allowed to refer to one or two. First, the obligation we are under to him for the best standard text-book in the English language on mental diseases; secondly, his researches into the comparative pathology of the cerebral cortex. Our President has been elected by the unanimous voice of our Association to the position which is the highest and most distinguished, and the most cherished of all the positions that any private member of our Association can aspire to. I give you, gentlemen, the health of our distinguished President, Dr. Bevan-Lewis. (Cheers.)

The PRESIDENT: I am extremely obliged to you for the way in which you have received this toast. It is particularly gratifying to myself that it has been proposed by Dr. Robert Jones, whose friendship has always been warmly appreciated by me. I thank him for his sentiments, which are distinctly far above anything I deserve; and I can only rejoice that the accident which makes me your President for this year has placed me in the Chair on an occasion which I regard as one of the most auspicious in the history of the Association. (Applause.)

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Drs. Adams and Johnston at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, N.E., on Wednesday, October 6th, 1909.

Among those present were Drs. J. O. Adams, R. R. Alexander, P. J. Baily, D. Bower, A. N. Boycott, A. W. Daniel, A. C. Dove, F. H. Edwards, F. W.

Edridge-Green, J. G. Gordon-Munn, T. D. Greenless, H. E. Haynes, J. W. Higginson, G. H. Johnston, G. H. Keene, W. B. Keith, H. Kerr, R. Langdon-Down, Mary E. Martin, A. S. Newington, E. S. Pasmore, G. E. Peachell, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, R. J. Stilwell, F. R. P. Taylor, F. Watson, J. Kennedy-Will, and R. H. Steen (Hon. Sec.).

The House and grounds having been visited, the members were entertained to luncheon. At the termination of the lunch Dr. Bower proposed a vote of thanks to Drs. Adams and Johnston for their kindness in so hospitably receiving the Division.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15, Drs. Taylor, R. Langdon-Down, Pasmore, Greenlees, Peachell, and the Hon. Secretary being present.

The General Meeting was held at 2.45 p.m., Dr. Adams in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having appeared in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were elected as ordinary members of the Association : John Bain, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.(Glas.), Assistant Medical Officer, Northampton County Asylum.

James Kilian Clarke, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (R.U.I.), House Physician, Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, S.E.

Frederick J. Stuart, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Northampton County Asylum.

The invitation of Dr. Percy J. Baily to hold the Spring Meeting (1910) at the London County Asylum, Hanwell, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

Dr. Bower gave an account of the progress of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bill. Dr. Pasmore and Dr. Shuttleworth also spoke on the same matter.

Dr. F. W. Edridge-Green read a paper on "The Theory of Vision and Colour Perception." The paper was illustrated by numerous coloured lantern slides.

In the discussion which followed Dr. SAVAGE said that he had watched with great interest the progress made by Dr. Edridge-Green in his work on colour vision, even though that work had been discouraged by the authorities at the Board of Trade. Dr. Edridge-Green had produced quite a revolution in the theories of vision. He referred to the remarkable paper by Gladstone on the colour ideas of Homer. He felt very strongly that the Association had reason to be proud of the good work done by Dr. Edridge-Green.

Dr. PASMORE instanced a case of a woman suffering from tumour of the cerebellum pressing on the right occipital lobe. In this case, though the patient could match ordinary colours, she was unable to always name them correctly.

Drs. R. LANGDON-DOWN, A. N. BOYCOTT, and R. H. STEEN also spoke.

Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN in his reply answered the numerous questions which had been put to him by the various speakers. He stated that he agreed with Gladstone that Homer saw two colours only, namely, red and violet.

Dr. T. DUNCAN GREENLEES read a paper entitled "Lunacy Matters in Cape Colony."

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Adams) opened the discussion, and expressed his interest in the account given of the lunacy legislation in Cape Colony. This was probably the latest legislation of the kind in the British Empire. He could not help contrasting the present system of certification with the condition of things which existed in the earlier days of Brooke House.

Drs. SHUTTLEWORTH, BOYCOTT, and STEEN also spoke, and Dr. GREENLEES replied.

Nine members dined together in the evening at the Café Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of this Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Blachford, at the City and County Asylum, Fishponds, Bristol, on Friday, October 22nd, 1909.

The following members were present:—Drs. Ballard, Harvey Baird, Baskin, Bazalgette, Blachford, Cotton, Richard Eager, Glendinning, Kough, Norman