

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A preliminary meeting of this Division was held in the Library of the Medical School, Leopold Street, Sheffield, on March 18th, 1897. Present: Dr. Smith-Kay, Dr. Mould, Dr. Hitchcock, Dr. Holmes, Dr. Adair, and Dr. Crochley Clapham (Secretary).

Dr. Smith-Kay was voted to the chair,

The SECRETARY read correspondence relating to the formation of the Division, including a letter from the General Secretary, containing the following resolution of the Council:—"That the application contained in Dr. Crochley Clapham's letter for the formation of a Northern and Midland Division of the Association in England be complied with;" and, further: "That Dr. Crochley Clapham be appointed Divisional Secretary *pro tem.*"

It was proposed by Dr. MOULD, and seconded by Dr. HOLMES: "That the next meeting of the Division be held in Manchester (Cheadle), on Wednesday, June 16th, 1897."—Carried.

Proposed by Dr. HOLMES, seconded by Dr. ADAIR: "That some distinguished medical man be invited to give an address at the Manchester meeting, and that arrangements for securing same be left to Dr. Mould and the Secretary."

A vote of thanks was passed to the Medical School and the Sheffield Med-Chirurg. Society for the use of the room for meeting. Also a vote of thanks to Dr. Kay for presiding.

SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION.

The inaugural meeting of the South Eastern Division was held on the 21st April, at the London County Asylum, Cane Hill. The following members were present:—Drs. Wm. Julius Mickle (President), J. M. Moody, H. Rayner, D. Nicolson, R. R. Alexander, W. J. Seward, H. Gardiner Hill, F. W. Mott, T. Outterson Wood, Fletcher Beach, E. W. White (Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*), D. G. Thomson, G. Stanley Elliot, H. H. Kidd, D. Bower, S. Rees Philipps, W. Ireland, Donaldson, A. N. Boycott, T. Seymour Tuke, James Adam, H. Corner, G. Stevens Pope, J. G. Gordon-Munn, P. Campbell, L. Rolleston, G. E. Shuttleworth, H. J. Macevoy, G. E. Mould, W. J. H. Haslett, R. H. Cole, W. Lloyd Andriezen, and Drs. E. Fricker, E. P. Furter, H. G. Cribb, R. H. Mornement, and R. W. Wilson (visitors).

From 12 noon to 1 p.m., and again from 2 to 3 p.m., Drs. Boycott and Donaldson conducted detachments of members around the wards, grounds, and administrative departments of the asylum. In several wards demonstrations of interesting cases were given. At the same time Dr. Mott, F.R.S., showed macroscopical and microscopical pathological specimens of brain disease in the Recreation Hall to other members, and Dr. Donaldson exhibited photographs of typical forms of insanity. From 1 to 2.30 p.m. Dr. Moody entertained the members at an excellently-arranged luncheon in the billiard-room. At 3 p.m. the chair was taken by Dr. Mickle (President), at the business meeting, which was held in the Recreation Hall.

The CHAIRMAN called upon the Honorary Secretary (*pro tem.*) to read a letter authorising the formation of the Division.

The HONORARY SECRETARY read the letter and Article 30 of the Memorandum of Association.

Bethlem Hospital, Feb. 23rd, 1897.

Dear Dr. White,—It is hardly necessary for me to officially inform you that the Council agreed to the formation of a South Eastern Division, and that you were appointed Divisional Secretary *pro tem.*, but I was directed by the Council to specially call the attention of Divisional Secretaries to Article 30, and so I write. No doubt the boundaries will be settled by the next Council meeting.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

R. PERCY SMITH.

Dr E. White, Stone, Kent.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following candidates for election as ordinary members of the Association were declared duly elected:—

Harry Gifford Cribb, M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Cane Hill. Proposed by Drs. Moody, Boycott, and Donaldson. Robert Harry Mornement, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Cane Hill. Proposed by Drs. Moody, Boycott, and Donaldson. Frederick Ryott Percival Taylor, M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury. Proposed by Drs. Robert Jones, Savage, and Rayner. Emily Lousia Dove, M.B. Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury. Proposed by Drs. Robert Jones, Savage, and Rayner. Margaret Orange, L.S.A., M.D. Brux., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury. Proposed by Drs. Robert Jones, Savage, and Rayner. Joseph John Guthrie Blandford, B.A., D.P.H.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Banstead. Proposed by Drs. T. C. Shaw, C. H. Bond, and E. W. White. Herbert Nelson Cappe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood. Proposed by Drs. J. E. Barton, Gayton and E. W. White. William Edward Jones, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Earlswood Asylum. Proposed by Drs. Caldecott, E. W. White, and F. Beach. Hugh Kerr, M.A., M.B., C.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Bucks County Asylum. Proposed by Mr. Humphry, and Drs. E. W. White and T. O. Wood.

ELECTION OF DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

Dr. RAYNER said he had very great pleasure in proposing Dr. White as Secretary, adding that he (Dr. White) had worked for years in the interests of the Association, and would always continue to do so.

Dr. NICOLSON seconded, stating that the Committee would have considerable difficulty in finding one more capable to fill the position.

Upon the motion being put to the meeting it was adopted unanimously.

Dr. WHITE thanked the members for electing him, and said he would endeavour to do his best, and if he failed in any respect he would, be glad if the matter were brought to his notice.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to elect a Divisional Committee of Management. He went on to say that the S.E. Division was a most important one, as it embraced 158 members, or one-third of the voting power of the Association. This Committee was to consist of nine members, and the Honorary Secretary, that number being one half of the number on the Association Council. For the first three years, three members would retire annually, the vacancies being created by ballot, then members would retire by tenure of office. It was proposed that the Committee should consist of five Medical Superintendents (present and past) in the South and East of England, a representative from the Hospitals for the Insane, two representatives from Private Asylums and one Assistant Medical Officer.

Dr. NICOLSON suggested that another Assistant Medical Officer should be put on the list.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the names of members whom it was proposed to place on the Committee, viz.: Drs. Swain, Moody, Seward, Thomson, Bower, Alex. Newington, Rayner and Turner, and Mr. Bayley.

A MEMBER said he had no wish to increase the number of the Committee, but he would like to see the Assistant Medical Officers better represented.

Dr. BOWER suggested the name of Dr. Boycott in place of his own.

Dr. SEWARD suggested that his name should be removed from the Committee.

Dr. RAYNER suggested that if anyone should be sacrificed it should be he. At the same time he considered it an honour to serve on the Committee, and only withdrew his name because he felt assured that an Assistant Medical Officer was a more suitable candidate for the position.

The CHAIRMAN said he would test the question by asking those who were in favour of the Committee being composed of five Medical Superintendents of County Asylums, two Superintendents of Private Asylums, one Hospital man, and one Assistant Medical Officer, to signify their approval by holding up their hand. No hands were shown. An amendment, that two Assistant Medical Officers should serve on the Committee was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Dr. BOWER, and seconded by Dr. THOMSON, that Dr. Boycott's name be added to the list of the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said Dr. Bower had no right to withdraw his name, he being a representative of the Private Asylums.

Dr. ANDRIEZEN asked the Chairman whether it was a hard and fast rule of the Council that the Committee should be a multiple of three.

The CHAIRMAN replied that if the Committee consisted of a multiple of three, it was possible to have a complete change of members every three years, by an equal number retiring every year.

The SECRETARY announced that Dr. Seward had waived his claim to serve on the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN then accepted Dr. Seward's resignation, and after some discussion, it was proposed by Dr. NICOLSON and seconded by Dr. BEACH that the Divisional Committee of Management consist of Drs. Swain, Moody, Thomson, Alexander Newington, Rayner, Bower, Turner, Boycott, and Mr. Bayley, with the Honorary Divisional Secretary.—Carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The Committee then proceeded to select two suitable names to submit to the Council for nomination to fill vacancies at the next annual meeting, should there be two vacancies for the Division.

Dr. BEACH proposed the name of Dr. Moody.

Dr. ADAM seconded.

Dr. T. O. WOOD proposed the name of Mr. Bayley.

Dr. BOWER seconded.

The CHAIRMAN then moved that the names of Dr. Moody and Mr. Bayley be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Council to fill the vacancies thereat, should such vacancies exist.—Carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING.

The SECRETARY read a letter from Mr. Bayley stating he would be glad to receive the Division on the 13th or 20th October next, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. Bayley's invitation be accepted for the 13th October, provided this date did not clash with any General Meeting.—Carried unanimously.

Dr. WHITE then said,

Mr. President and Gentlemen,—We, members of the Medico-Psychological Association, resident in the South and East of England, to-day take a new departure. Prompted by the same principles which guided the original founders and early pioneers of our Association, we meet to form a South-Eastern Division. Those principles were, the advocacy of co-operation on the part of medical men engaged in the practice of psychological medicine, the discussion of the results of individual experience, the improvement in the moral and medicinal treatment of the insane, and the better knowledge of each other. Owing to the gratifying extension of our roll of membership (we now muster upwards of 500) decentralisation has become necessary to preserve our ancient tenets. It is a time-honoured principle with us that we shall periodically meet at Institutions for the Insane (Public and Private) in order that we may be brought into direct touch with the work that we are individually carrying out for ameliorating the surroundings, and advancing the treatment, of those committed to our care. At the present time two of the four General Meetings of the Association are held at our Headquarters in London, and necessarily so, because of the large amount of administrative work

which devolves upon the Council and its various Committees; a third is the Annual Meeting held in England, Scotland, or Ireland, and the fourth the quarterly gathering usually summoned for some provincial asylum or town near it. Now, it has occurred to certain of us that more should be done to encourage the junior members, and develop the young blood of our Association. As many of these are unable to be absent from their asylums at the same time as their Superintendents, this can only be effected by divisional work; and actuated by a desire to compass this end, we have taken steps to form this South-Eastern Division. More than two years ago the initial action was contemplated, but in order to ensure success, we preferred that the Division should come into being by a gradual process of evolution, rather than that we should run any risk of failure by too precipitate action. In January last it was decided to get to work, and as a preliminary step a letter was sent to the Medical Superintendents of the asylums of the counties which should form this Division to invite their support. The replies received were most encouraging to the movement, in fact they were almost unanimously in favour of it. In consequence a second letter was indited to every member of the Association resident in the Southern and Eastern counties (158 in all). Seventy-four replies in the affirmative, with signatures affixed to the petition, came back. These included those of the President, Ex-President, Treasurer, General Secretary, a Lord Chancellor's Visitor, a Commissioner in Lunacy, and 34 past and present Medical Superintendents of County and Borough Asylums and Public Hospitals for the Insane. These signatures are before you to-day. In response to this petition, presented at the last Quarterly General Meeting of the Association at Nottingham, the Council acceded to our request in the terms of the letter read to-day, and asked me to undertake the duties of Honorary Divisional Secretary (*pro tem.*). To-day's meeting is the outcome of this appointment. Now, our meetings should be held twice a year, in spring and autumn, for winter is not a suitable season in which to visit an asylum at a distance, and in midsummer our annual gathering attracts us. They must, moreover, be held at Institutions for the Care and Treatment of the Insane, in order that we may criticise in a friendly way each other's work, and develop thereby the general principles of scientific treatment and institutional management which we have at heart.

Last year a Collective Investigation Committee was appointed at the Annual Meeting. Now, I maintain, if anything can help the work of this Committee, it is the formation and active co-operation of Divisions of the Association. This was one of the objects of our founders, which has unfortunately been lost sight of, but which will be redeveloped by the decentralisation of the Association's work. Surely if any scientific body can obtain valuable results by collective investigation, we can! We are a world of our own! and our statistics should be all the more valuable because of our isolation. This is a field of labour which demands our closest attention; by developing it much can be done to advance rational treatment, and more, if State assisted, to prevent mental disease in the future.

So valuable is our time to-day, that I feel I must not detain you a moment longer than is necessary. Let us do our utmost to induce our junior members to read papers and take part in the discussions of these Divisional meetings. This province is theirs! and here they should feel that if any have precedence they have. The senior members will give the game the start; the junior must keep the ball a rolling. Let it be understood that belonging to the Division entails no additional subscription. The Council recognised the prospective value of these Divisions and undertook to bear the legitimate expenditure, believing, of course, that their development would bring additional members and kudos. Now, the counties which it is suggested should be included in the South-Eastern Division are London, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Beds, Herts, Hunts, Bucks, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. The other two Divisions of England are the Northern and Midland and the South-Western. The boundary line separating these two Divisions at the present time is drawn between North and South Wales, Salop and Worcester, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. Oxford, Berks, Hants, and the Isle of Wight, which form a

fair province, are claimed by the South-Western Division. Why? I know not! for Berks comes within 16 miles of London; Hants is almost as near, and Oxford lies between Northampton and Berks. Surely this province is ours! This will be a matter for your Divisional Committee to discuss at an early date, in order that a claim may be presented to the Sub-Committee of the Council appointed at its last meeting to define and fix the boundaries of the three English Divisions. The Northern and Midland Division appears to me too large. Surely North Wales and Shropshire should be handed over by it to the South-Western Division. At present the members in disputed counties are doubly blessed, for they receive invitations to the gatherings both in the South-East and South-West. Gentlemen, may to-day be an auspicious one in the history of our Association! May our barque "the South-Eastern Division," which we to-day launch on the sea of Progress, safely sail o'er calm and troubled waters, seeking our El Dorado, as did the voyagers of old! And may we be attracted, as they were, by "the unknown" for the benefit of suffering humanity and the advancement of our art!

The PRESIDENT said that Dr. White had done what few orators do, combined eloquence, wit, and brevity. He had touched upon the question as to what Division the Counties of Berks, Hants, and Oxford rightly belonged. The members would best see the respective claims of the S.E. and S.W. Divisions by consulting the two maps before them. This was a matter this meeting could not decide, but if any member had any suggestion to make, they would be glad to hear him.

A MEMBER asked if this Committee could pass a resolution upon the question.

Dr. WHITE (Hon. Sec.) replied that it could express an opinion. It was proposed that the three counties in dispute be included in the S.E. Division.

The PRESIDENT suggested it would be better if the Committee forwarded a resolution stating that it is expedient that the three counties be included in the S.E. Division.

In reply to Dr. Philipps, the PRESIDENT said that the matter was at present under consideration by a Committee of the Council.

It was moved by Dr. BEACH, and seconded by Dr. T. OTTERSON WOOD, that it is expedient that the three counties of Oxford, Berks, and Hants should belong to the South Eastern Division.—This was carried *nem. con.*

Dr. MOTT then gave an address upon "Some cases of Syphilitic Brain Disease resembling General Paralysis" (with lantern demonstration). Dr. Mott showed microscopical and macroscopical specimens of generalised syphilitic arteritis. He also gave a short account, with lantern demonstration, of some cases of syphilitic brain disease which presented clinical features that simulated general paralysis. He pointed out that cases of multiple gummata were often mistaken for general paralysis, and referred to three cases that had come under his observation. A number of cases, of generalised syphilitic arteritis, presented in the early stages curious transient phenomena indicating disturbance of the circulation in the hemispheres, *e.g.*, mental confusion, vertigo, fainting fits, aphasia, word blindness and deafness and all forms of monoplegias and hemiplegias, the nature of the defect depending upon the portion of brain temporarily deprived of circulation. The symptoms may last a few minutes, a few hours or a few days, and as Heubner pointed out they do not occur unless two large adjacent branches of the circle of Willis are obstructed by the endarteritis. Dr. Mott referred to the experiment of Dr. Leonard Hill upon ligation of the vessels supplying the brain in dogs and the temporary paralytic and psychical effects produced, which effects rapidly pass off when collateral circulation is established. Should collateral circulation be not established permanent paralysis sets in, accompanied often by dementia. He considered that iodide of potassium and mercury were beneficial rather in prevention of extension of the endarteritis than by its effects on already established disease. A number of such cases had come under his notice both at Charing Cross Hospital and in the asylum. As a rule the temporary phenomena are overlooked and it is only

when there is a permanent destruction of cerebral substance that the patient seeks treatment.

A full account of these cases Dr. Mott purposes to publish shortly in the Archives of the Pathological Laboratory of the London County Asylum.

Dr. NICOLSON congratulated the South Eastern Division on possessing the services of such a man as Dr. Mott, and said that members were especially fortunate in being able to listen to such an interesting subject, presented in so clear, concise, practical and suggestive a manner. He thanked Dr. Mott for opening up the work of the Division.

The PRESIDENT said the question of general paralysis and syphilis was very interesting, but unfortunately they had no time for discussion. He gave particulars of a case in July, 1896. Personally, he found no difficulty in saying whether a case was one of syphilis or general paralysis. There are very few cases that own one single cause—causes are very complex. The returns as to causes are not worth the paper they are printed upon, they are frequently based upon statements of Relieving Officers.

Dr. MOTT said he was only too glad to give his experience to the Division, also that he agreed with Dr. Mickle, that brain disease is caused by several factors, but he hoped at an early date to prove more conclusively the statements he had made that afternoon.

The other papers on the agenda were not read for want of time.

In the evening 21 members dined together at the Café Monaco, Piccadilly Circus, W., amongst them being Drs. Chambers, H. G. Blandford, Bond, Alliot and Rawes, who were unable to attend the meeting at Cane Hill.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Members of this Division was held at Barnwood House, near Gloucester, on April 27th. There were present Drs. Maury Deas, Benham, J. Greig, Soutar, Henley, Townsend, Morrison, Hanbury, Aldridge, McByran, Bullen, Blachford, Iles, Eager, MacDonald, *Hon. Sec.*, Percy Smith, A. L. Newington, and five visitors.

On the proposition of Dr. BENHAM, seconded by Dr. SOUTAR, Dr. Deas was voted to the chair.

Dr. MACDONALD (*hon. secretary*) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The following candidates for membership were unanimously elected:—William Arthur McCutchan, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, County and City Asylum, Hereford. Proposers: Dr. Morrison, Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Hanbury. Ernest D. Warren, L.R.C.P. and M.R.O.S., Assistant Medical Officer, City Asylum, Digbys, Exeter. Proposers: Dr. Rutherford, Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Davidson, William R. Thurnam, M.B. and B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, City and County Asylum, Bristol. Proposers: Dr. Benham, Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Blachford. Thomas S. Good, M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Littlemore, Oxford. Proposers: Dr. Sankey, Dr. MacDonald, Dr. Davidson.

RE-ELECTION OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

Dr. SOUTAR said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Dr. MacDonald as *hon. secretary* for the division.

Dr. BENHAM seconded, and testified to the time, attention, and enthusiasm that Dr. MacDonald put into the duties.

The CHAIRMAN said he put the motion with great pleasure, as he knew it would be carried unanimously, which was done by the meeting.

Dr. MACDONALD returned thanks. The duties involved a certain amount of labour, but he was quite willing to carry them on at any rate for another year.