

## EXPENSE OF REPORTING.

The SECRETARY stated that Messrs. William Hodge and Company had always reported for them at previous meetings, and the charge they had made was a very moderate one, viz. two guineas, including the expenses of the reporter. The reporting, however, of the last two or three meetings had been so heavy that Messrs. Hodge and Company did not see their way to continue doing the work at the same charge, and now offered that at future meetings their charge should be at the rate of 5s. per hour for attendance, and 1s. per sheet for the extension of the notes, with travelling expenses when required.

After some discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary to make the best terms he could with Messrs. William Hodge and Company.

## MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL—EXAMINERSHIPS AND DIVISIONAL SECRETARYSHIP.

The SECRETARY stated that the vacancies which had occurred were—a vacancy in the Council; a vacancy for the Examinership in Psychological Medicine; a vacancy for the Nursing Certificate Examinership and the Divisional Secretaryship. The Nursing Certificate Examinership, he understood, was in future to be held for three years by each Examiner, but that the Examiner was to be re-appointed annually, and, as Dr. Carlyle Johnstone had been appointed last year for the first time, he presumed that he would hold the Nursing Certificate Examinership for the next two years. There was a vacancy in the membership of the Council, and he had now to vacate the office of Examiner for the Psychological Certificate, having held it for two years.

Dr. TURNBULL proposed that Dr. Campbell, the Senior Assistant of the Crichton Institution, be nominated to fill the vacancy in the Council.

This was seconded by Dr. Keay, and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. HOTCHKIS proposed that Dr. Parker be nominated for the vacant Examinership, and on being seconded, this was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. TURNBULL moved that Dr. Lewis C. Bruce be again asked to fill the office of Divisional Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN thought there could be no doubt as to the propriety of this, and Dr. Bruce was unanimously re-elected as Divisional Secretary.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE opened a discussion on the subject of Superannuation Allowances for Scottish Asylum Workers (see page 474).

Dr. LEWIS C. BRUCE contributed a paper entitled "Further Clinical Observations in Cases of Acute Mania, particularly Adolescent Mania" (see page 441).

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Dr. IRELAND, the meeting terminated.

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Harding at the Northamptonshire County Asylum, Berrywood, on April 23rd, 1903.

Among those present were Drs. J. H. Bayley, T. R. Beale-Browne, W. Harding, A. Miller, A. Newington, R. J. Stilwell, F. J. Stuart, J. Turner, T. Outterson Wood, and Boycott (Hon. Sec.). Visitors: Rev. J. Cunningham, Rev. B. Mathews, and Dr. W. Miller.

The wards and grounds were inspected, and after luncheon a meeting of the Divisional Committee was held.

The General Meeting of the Division was held in the afternoon, Dr. Harding being voted to the chair.

Dr. J. TURNER gave a lantern demonstration in illustration of his article in the January number of the JOURNAL. He showed photomicrographs of the pericellular network surrounding the pyramidal cells of the cortex cerebri, and of the two varieties of nerve-cells (pale and dark) which are differentiated by his method.

Dr. F. J. STUART showed the brain of a microcephalic idiot, the right half of which (corresponding to left hemiplegia in the patient) was microgyrous, and was surface-marked on a plan totally different from the comparatively normal marking of the left half of the cerebrum, there being nothing to suggest a Rolandic fissure in the microgyrous half.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Dr. A. NORMAN BOYCOTT was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary for 1903-4.

The following gentlemen were by ballot elected ordinary members of the Association:—Frederick Hudson Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Herts County Asylum, St. Albans (proposed by Drs. Boycott, Kidd, and Grimmond Smith); Arthur Beresford Kingsford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.(Camb.), 9, Burwood Place, Hyde Park, W. (proposed by Drs. Mercier, Boycott, and Grimmond Smith); Percy Haughton Stratton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, The Priory, Roehampton (proposed by Drs. Savage, Chambers, and Boycott); Herbert Campbell Thomson, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Physician, Middlesex Hospital (proposed by Drs. Percy Smith, Chambers, and Boycott).

Drs. W. Harding, R. J. Stilwell, and J. Bayley were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Drs. Alexander, A. Newington, and Ernest White.

The name of Dr. F. R. P. Taylor was selected for submission to the Council for nomination to fill a vacancy upon that body at the next Annual Meeting.

The invitation of Dr. Rawes to hold the Autumn Meeting at St. Luke's Hospital in October, 1903, was unanimously accepted with great pleasure.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Harding for his hospitality to the Division, and for presiding in the chair.

The members afterwards dined together at the Grand Hotel, Northampton.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Western Division was held at the City and County Asylum, Bristol, on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1903. There were present Dr. Benham in the chair, Drs. Eager, Baskin, Cotton, Blachford, Braine-Hartnell, Morton, Broom, Aveline, MacBryan, Miller, Rutherford, Marnan, MacDonald, Hon. Sec., Ligertwood, and Bullen. Visitors: Prof. Fawcett and Dr. Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. John Marnan and Dr. Henry Broom were both duly elected ordinary members of the Association.

Dr. MacBryan's name was recommended for a seat on the Council, and it was resolved that Dr. Morrison and Dr. Turner should be elected to fill the two vacancies on the Committee of Management.

The Chairman stated that he had very much pleasure in proposing that their friend Dr. MacDonald should be elected their Honorary Secretary once more, and he referred to the excellent services which Dr. MacDonald had rendered. The motion was carried unanimously. Dr. MacDonald, in reply, thanked the members for re-electing him as their Honorary Secretary, and consented to accept the office for this year; but having now held it for ten years he wished to say that he thought the time had come when he would have to ask them to look out for a successor.

It was unanimously agreed that the invitation of Dr. Morrison to hold the next meeting at Hereford, in October, be accepted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

A discussion took place upon the paper read at the last meeting by Dr. Baskin upon "The Treatment of Phthisis in Asylums by Urea and its Salts."

Dr. Baskin brought with him a sample of the urea for the members to see.