

tified, for from personal knowledge of his patients I can state they have all spoken well of the care and attention they received, and of their comfortable surroundings when under his medical supervision.

And now to summarise. I believe we desire—

- (1) An extension of single care, certified or notified.
- (2) The registration of persons and houses receiving patients to ensure efficient custodians and suitable environment.
- (3) A licensing of these houses if necessary, with periodic inspection by deputy or district commissioners.
- (4) An extension of the voluntary boarder system to county and borough asylums receiving private patients, and an extension of the existing voluntary boarder system in private asylums, so that these patients shall be outside the fixed number of the licence
- (5) A voluntary boarder system for the cases received uncertified in single care and in nursing homes.

In conclusion I desire to thank you for the kind attention and support you have given me to-day.

Dr. T. OUTTERSON WOOD agreed with the suggestion of Dr. Weatherly, and supported by Dr. Ernest White, that the voluntary boarder system should be encouraged and made available for county asylums as well as licensed houses and hospitals for the insane, and that in licensed houses voluntary boarders should be notified to the Commissioners, but not included in the list of patients for which the houses are licensed as at present. He also strongly supported Dr. Henry Winslow in advocating the necessity for asylum-trained nurses for private patients as the best means of checking the large number of suicides which occur. The points he desired to especially mention were that for years the Association had been actively engaged in procuring special legislation for cases of incipient insanity. That certain forms of undeveloped insanity were suitable, and others unsuitable for single care, and should be differentiated. That asylum-trained nurses were necessary for mental cases, and hospital-trained nurses are useless. That unskilled care is wrong, and that the perfunctory visits of a physician cannot check abuses. That nursing homes should be registered and inspected. That all doubtful cases of mental disorder cared for by persons other than relations should be notified to the Commissioners, and that deputy Commissioners and local experts should be appointed by the Lunacy Board.

The members dined together in the evening at the Langham Hotel.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Central Station Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, March 27th, 1903.

There were present Dr. C. C. Easterbrook, Dr. Graham, Dr. R. D. Hotchkis, Dr. William W. Ireland, Dr. J. Carlyle Johnstone, Dr. John Keay, Dr. J. H. Macdonald, Dr. Hamilton C. Marr, Dr. Parker, Dr. Alexander Robertson, Dr. George Robertson, Dr. James M. Rutherford, Dr. Thomson, Dr. A. R. Turnbull, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. W. R. Watson, Dr. Yellowlees, and Dr. Lewis C. Bruce, Divisional Secretary for Scotland.

On the motion of Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, Dr. Graham took the chair.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the members for again promoting him to the honourable position of Chairman. He said that since the last meeting of their Division one of their most respected members, Dr. Clouston, had passed through a very serious illness, and it would be a pleasure for them to learn that he was now convalescent and on a trip to more congenial climes for the recovery of his health. He proposed to send a congratulatory letter to Dr. Clouston on his recovery, expressly hoping that he would soon be back amongst them.

The SECRETARY then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved of.

Alexander Spalding Mackie Peebles, M.B., Ch.B.(Edin.), Assistant Physician, Perth District Asylum, Murthly (proposed by Drs. Urquhart, Bruce, and Mitchell), was elected an ordinary member.

## 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.