

Committee, of which he was a member. "His lordship was quite prepared at any time to recognise the medical superintendent in his proper position. No patient could enter there unless admitted after an examination by the medical superintendent. That was an important function, and his lordship was willing he should retain it. Again, if a patient were to be removed from Youghal Asylum, that should be done only in the judgment of the medical superintendent. These two functions exhausted entirely the duties of the medical superintendent in regard to the auxiliary asylum." That showed the position which Dr. Woods was in. The present Chief Secretary for Ireland, replying to a question by Captain Donelan and Mr. Sloan the other day in the House, said "the consent of the Lord Lieutenant to the appointment of a visiting medical officer had only been given as a tentative measure, which would be open to reconsideration if the arrangement should prove defective, and as to the second [point], the committee had been informed that the resolutions were illegal, and had been called upon to correct the illegality." That was the state of affairs at present. There were not yet quite 400 in the asylum, but it had been gradually filling up. There were 229 males and 149 females in the asylum on May 15th. It had been suggested by the Bishop of Ross that it would probably hold 450 before it was done with.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE asked what class of patients they were.

Dr. DAWSON replied that the auxiliary asylum was intended to take the patients who were in workhouses, but they had to pass through the Cork District Asylum and be certified by Dr. Woods as being harmless before they were sent down there.

Dr. MERCIER, by the request of the President, re-read the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT said he supposed it was intended to send the resolution to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Dr. MERCIER said he was going to propose, as a subsidiary resolution, that the resolution just passed be sent to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant. He did so.

A MEMBER seconded it, and it was carried.

Dr. W. MAULE SMITH read a paper entitled "The Use of Hypnotic Drugs in the Treatment of Insomnia" (see page 561).

Mr. G. T. HINE, F.R.I.B.A., exhibited the plans and gave a description of the asylum now being erected for the County of London at Long Grove, near Epsom. This was much appreciated by the meeting, and in the interesting discussion which followed, in which Drs. Macdonald, Hayes Newington, Powell, Bond, and Robert Jones took part, numerous complimentary references were made to Mr. Hine's work. Dr. Mercier's and Dr. Robert Jones' papers were unavoidably postponed.

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

The following members were present at the Council Meeting which was held on the same day:—Dr. R. Percy Smith, President, in the chair; Drs. David Bower, Arthur N. Boycott, Lewis C. Bruce, Maurice Craig, William R. Dawson, Charles K. Hitchcock, Robert Jones, Richard J. Legge, Henry C. MacBryan, Peter W. Macdonald, Chas. Mercier, Alfred Miller, H. Hayes Newington, Bedford Pierce, Frederic R. P. Taylor, Ernest W. White, T. Outterson Wood.

Letters of apology were read from Drs. Geo. Braine-Hartnell and M. J. Nolan.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Thomson, at the Norfolk County Asylum, on Thursday, April 27th, 1905.

The following members were present:—Drs. Bower, Chambers, Fielding, Higginson, Hunter, A. S. Newington, Rawes, Thomson, and White.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting had been received from Dr. Percy Smith (the President) and from many other members of the Division.

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

There was not a quorum of members present at the General Meeting, which had been summoned for 2.45 p.m.

Dr. Thomson presided, and read a paper entitled, "A Short Account of the Norfolk County Asylum during the past Ninety Years."

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Thomson for his very interesting contribution, and for having so hospitably received the Division.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Tuesday, May 16th, 1905, owing to their not having been a quorum present at the spring meeting held at Norwich.

The members present were—Dr. Percy Smith (President) in the chair; Drs. J. Bayley, J. Chambers, T. O. Wood, R. H. Steen, F. H. Edwards, H. Corner, R. Stillwell, R. Langdon Down, P. Langdon Down, W. Hunter, C. H. Bond, A. S. Newington, C. M. Tuke, and A. N. Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

The minutes of the meeting held at Roehampton on October 6th, 1904, having appeared in the JOURNAL, were taken as read and confirmed.

The report of the meeting held at Norwich on April 27th, 1905, was read.

The following members were elected by voting papers to hold office for 1905-6:—Hon. Secretary to the Division: Dr. R. H. Steen. Four Representatives on the Council: Drs. David Bower, D. G. Thomson, E. W. White, and John Turner.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Boycott for having acted as Hon. Secretary to the Division for the last five years was proposed by the President, and unanimously carried.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:

Mervyn Thomas Archdall, L.S.A.(Lond.), L.R.C.P. & S.(Edin.), L.F.P.S.(Glas.), Resident Licensee of Bishopstone House, Bedford. Proposed by Drs. J. Bayley, R. Percy Smith, and J. T. Hingston.

Bernard Hart, M.B.(Lond.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assist. Medical Officer, Herts County Asylum, Hill End, St. Albans. Proposed by Drs. Boycott, Grimmond Smith, and F. H. Evans.

Richard Whittington, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), 1, Silwood Place, Brighton. Proposed by Drs. Neil, Haynes, and Boycott.

Drs. Boycott, Kennedy Will, and G. N. O. Slater were elected as members of the South-Eastern Division Committee of Management, which now consists of the following members:

<i>Retire in 1906.</i>	<i>Retire in 1907.</i>	<i>Retire in 1908.</i>
Dr. Bayley.	Dr. Hunter.	Dr. Boycott.
Dr. Harding.	Dr. Rawes.	Dr. Kennedy Will.
Dr. R. Stilwell.	Dr. Lord.	Dr. G. N. O. Slater.

The following resolution proposed by Dr. Chambers, and seconded by Dr. Hunter, was carried:—"That in view of the discussion which was held at the adjourned Annual Meeting on the tables, which are placed on the agenda for consideration to-day, this meeting does not make any recommendation."

The invitation of Dr. Langdon Down to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division at Normansfield, Hampton Wick, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1905, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

The date of the next Spring Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, April 25th, 1906.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Herrison, Dorchester, on Tuesday, April 11th.

The President, Dr. Percy Smith, was in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, and the following candidates were elected members of the Association:—George Henderson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.; Robert G. Allen, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.; Marie H. Watson, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., etc.; E. J. Cummins, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., etc.

Dr. Aveline was elected Hon. Sec., and Dr. Braine-Hartnell and Dr. MacDonald were elected representative members of Council.