

IRISH DIVISION.

The Summer Meeting of the Division was held at the District Asylum, Carlow, by the kindness of Dr. Fitzgerald, on Thursday, July 6th.

The morning having been pleasantly spent in visiting the old castle of Carlow (reduced to its present ruined state in an attempt to adapt it for use as a private asylum) and some flourishing local industries, the members were taken round the asylum, and were then entertained at luncheon by Dr. Fitzgerald.

At the meeting subsequently Dr. Fitzgerald occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. F. E. Rainsford, R. R. Leeper, C. Norman, T. Drapes, E. J. McKenna, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.), as well as Drs. L. Stokes, F. P. Colgan, and R. Lane Joynt, who were present as visitors. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the President and Dr. Oakshott.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed, the Hon. Secretary reported shortly with reference to various matters connected therewith.

A letter from Dr. E. D. O'Neill was read thanking the members of the Division for the resolution of condolence passed at the last meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Division at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin.

It was unanimously decided to consider at the next divisional meeting the provision of regulations for the filling of vacancies amongst the officers of the Association occurring in the interval between two annual meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. J. J. FITZGERALD read a paper entitled "Note on Carlow Asylum."

Dr. DRAPES alluded to the close relation between Carlow and Enniscorthy Asylums, and pointed out that whereas originally £37,000 had been allocated to provide asylum accommodation for four counties, Wexford had spent £60,000 for one. All would like to admit only curable cases, but such a regulation would not be humane. Dr. White had deprecated punishment of the insane, and the principle was good, though possibly the pendulum had now swung too far in the opposite direction.

Dr. F. E. RAINSFORD read a paper on "The Necessity for State Interference on behalf of the Imbecile." This paper will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.

Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN read a paper entitled "Multiple Lipomata in General Paralysis." This paper will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Fitzgerald for his kind hospitality was passed unanimously, and he having replied, the meeting terminated.

RECENT MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

Rex v. Clapham.

Walter James Harry Clapham, 20, was indicted for the wilful murder of his wife, Bessie Amelia Clapham, under very peculiar circumstances, on May 15th, at the Horton Asylum, at Epsom.

It appeared that the prisoner, who was a wheelwright's assistant, was married to the woman, who was then twenty-two years of age, about four and a half years ago. Their married life had been a perfectly happy one, and they lived on extremely affectionate terms. About the time of the birth of her second child, the woman's