

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. M. A. Collins and the Visiting Committee, at Ewell Colony for Epileptics, Epsom, on Tuesday, October 7th, 1913.

Among those present were: Drs. G. F. Barham, G. N. Bartlett, G. S. Blandey, D. Bower, P. C. Campbell, J. Chambers, G. Clarke, R. H. Cole, M. A. Collins, A. W. Daniel, W. T. Donaldson, J. H. Earls, E. Faulks, H. E. Haynes, G. H. Johnston, H. A. Kidd, J. R. Lord, E. T. Pasmore, N. H. Oliver, C. Rolleston, J. N. Sergeant, J. J. M. Shaw, T. E. K. Stansfield, and R. H. Steen.

The visitors included the Rev. G. Boys Johnston, the Rev. J. Woodhouse, Drs. G. H. Stevenson, J. Stewart, C. G. Welch, S. Welch, and Messrs. T. Hunter, H. F. Keene, and W. C. Clifford-Smith.

Letters and telegrams regretting inability to be present were received from Drs. J. L. Baskin, F. Beach, J. V. Blachford, C. Hubert Bond, C. Caldecott, F. H. Edwards, C. T. Ewart, C. F. Fothergill, F. C. Gayton, D. Hunter, R. Jones, J. Keay, H. Kerr, Lewis, R. Miller, F. W. Mott, W. F. Nelis, J. G. Porter Philips, de Steiger, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, F. R. P. Taylor, and D. G. Thomson.

During the morning the members and guests visited the various villas, the adjoining workshops, the intervening gardens, and the farm. At one o'clock they were entertained to luncheon in the recreation hall.

The Meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2 p.m.

The General Meeting was held at 2.30 p.m., Dr. Chambers in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

The invitation of Dr. Seymour Tuke to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at Chiswick House on April 30th, 1914, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

Dr. J. Noel Sergeant was elected Hon. Secretary of the Division in place of Dr. David Hunter, who had left the Division on his appointment as Medical Superintendent to the Coppice, Nottingham.

The following gentlemen were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

John Munro Gage, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Earlswood Asylum, Redhill, Surrey, and Harold Freize Stephens, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Earlswood Asylum, Redhill, Surrey.

Dr. Kidd proposed and Dr. Stansfield seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. David Hunter, the late Secretary, with an expression of regret that the Division was losing his valuable services. This was carried unanimously.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. T. E. K. STANSFIELD read a paper on "The Villa or Colony System for the Care and Treatment of Mental Disease" (see p. 30).

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was agreed that Dr. Faulks' paper should be read at the next meeting of the Association.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Visiting Committee of the Colony and Dr. Collins for their hospitality.

At the conclusion of the meeting members and guests repaired to Dr. Collins' house in response to Mrs. Collins' kind invitation to tea.

In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

## SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on November 21st, 1913.

Present: Sir Thomas Clouston, Drs. Bruce, Easterbrook, Gostwyck, Havelock, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, Kellas, Kerr, Lawrie, Macpherson, Marr, Tuach Mackenzie, T. C. Mackenzie, McRae, G. M. Robertson, Ford Robertson,

Dunlop Robertson, Sturrock, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary), Dr. Chalmers Watson being present as guest.

Sir Thomas Clouston occupied the chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting the Chairman referred in appropriate terms to the loss which the Association and the specialty of Psychiatry had sustained since last meeting through the death of Sir John Batty Tuke, a distinguished physician, and an honorary member of the Association. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep regret at the loss of Sir John Batty Tuke, and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement. The Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minute to Lady Tuke.

The Chairman also referred to the recent resignation of Dr. Urquhart from the Medical Superintendship of Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth, and also to the resignation of Dr. Watson from the Medical Superintendship of Govan District Asylum, and he thought that these events could not pass without the Association recognising the long and valuable services which both members had rendered in the interest of lunacy, and at the same time expressing the hope that they would be long spared to enjoy their well-earned retirement. It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be instructed to send an excerpt of the minute to Dr. Urquhart and Dr. Watson.

The minutes of the last Divisional meeting and the special meeting held on June 21st, 1913, were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Arising out of the minutes of last meeting, Dr. KEAY asked if anything had been done to bring royal asylums into line with district asylums so far as pensions to the members of the staff were concerned.

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON stated the difficulties which the boards of royal asylums had met in their endeavour to have their claims recognised under the Mental Deficiency Act in a similar way to parochial asylums and lunatic wards of poorhouses. He stated that the Royal Asylums Boards still had the matter under consideration, and that he was hopeful that a private Bill might be introduced into Parliament some time soon dealing with the payment of superannuation allowances on the same lines as presently exists in district asylums.

The SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from Dr. Chambers, President of the Association, regretting his inability to be present, and apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Alexander, Crichtlow, Oswald, and Shaw.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, Robertson, McRae, Orr, and the Divisional Secretary.

Drs. G. Douglas McRae and Neil Kerr were nominated for the position of representative members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The following candidates, after ballot, were admitted to membership of the Association:

(1) Carl Petter Carlsson, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, Keay, and Gostwyck.)

(2) John Cruickshank, M.D.Glas., Pathologist, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. (Proposed by Drs. Easterbrook, Chambers, and Gilmour).

(3) Laura Katherine Davies, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Pathologist and Assistant Medical Officer, Edinburgh District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Keay, Campbell, and Steele.)

(4) David George Lindsay, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dundee District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Tuach Mackenzie, Keay, and Campbell.)

(5) Magnus Ross Mackay, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Inverness District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Keay, and Campbell.)

(6) Ian R. Macleod, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Montrose Royal Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Havelock, Leggett, and Campbell.)

(7) Celia Mary Colquhoun Macneil, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Pathologist, Stirling District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, Keay, and Gostwyck.)

(8) John Murray Moyes, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.M.Leeds, Second Assistant

Medical Officer, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. (Proposed by Drs. Easterbrook, McRae, and Chambers.)

(9) Henry Yellowlees, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Perth District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Bruce, Easterbrook, and Campbell.)

(10) Charles J. Tisdall, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Assistant Physician, Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. (Proposed by Drs. Easterbrook, Chambers, and Campbell.)

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON drew attention to the new reception hospital which the Edinburgh Parish Council had decided to erect for the reception and treatment of cases of incipient insanity, and he pointed out that the proposed site of the hospital was not conveniently placed to enable full advantage of the hospital to be taken for teaching purposes, and he moved "that a deputation of the Division be appointed, with power to add to their number, to approach the Local Government Board, the General Board of Lunacy, and the Edinburgh Parish Council, with a view to making the site of the proposed observation or reception hospital more accessible for the teaching of psychiatry, if the deputation considers that any good may result from their action." This was seconded by Dr. Carlyle Johnstone, and unanimously agreed to. It was decided that the deputation should consist of Sir Thomas Clouston, Drs. G. M. Robertson, McRae, and the Divisional Secretary, with power to add to their number if found expedient to do so.

Dr. FORD ROBERTSON read an exhaustive and instructive paper on "Vaccine Treatment in Asylums," which led to an interesting discussion, in which Sir THOMAS CLOUSTON, Drs. BRUCE, McRAE, and CHALMERS WATSON took part (see page 17).

The SECRETARY drew attention to the difficulty which now occurred in getting the members of the Division to attend the usual Dinner after the meeting, and in consequence of the small number attending these dinners, it had become difficult to get any of the hotels to arrange a special dinner for them. He suggested that the opinion of Members of the Division should be obtained as to whether the customary dinner after the meeting should cease to be held, seeing so few members took advantage of it. It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary should take steps to get the opinion of the members of the Division, and to act accordingly.

A vote of thanks to Sir Thomas Clouston for presiding concluded the business of the meeting.

Eight members of the Division afterwards dined together in the North British Station Hotel.

#### IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on November 6th, 1913, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

The following members were present: Drs. Drapes, Rainsford, Thomas Adrian Greene, Redington, Henry Eustace, Leeper (Hon. Sec.).

Letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read from Drs. Hetherington, O'Neill, Nolan.

Dr. DRAPES having been moved to the chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following letter was read from Mrs. Mazière Courtney:

"2, Andover Place, Cheltenham;

"May 7th, 1913.

"Dear Dr. Leeper,—I have received your letter enclosing the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association. Will you please convey to them my most sincere thanks for their sympathy and for the very kind terms of their resolution.

"I am, yours sincerely,

"KATHLEEN COURTNEY."

The meeting next proceeded to discuss the third item upon the agenda, *vis.*, "To consider the effects of the Government of Ireland Bill upon the existing legislation regarding superannuation of asylum officials." Regret was expressed that the meeting had not the valuable advice of Dr. Nolan, who was unavoidably absent, and a telegram was received from him, and read by the Hon. Secretary, in which he expressed the opinion "that ear-marking of full four-shilling grant for lunacy purposes is of primary importance, and suggest resolution accordingly."