

on all with whom he came into contact, and he laid the basis of sound psychiatric training in Australia.

And now members were gathered to-day to hear him speak on psychiatry and to learn from Sir John's long experience.

Sir JOHN MACPHERSON, *C.B.*, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., then delivered the Ninth Maudsley Lecture on "The New Psychiatry and the Influences which are Forming it." Over 100 members and visitors were present.

Dr. J. G. SOUTAR said he had been asked to discharge what was to him a very pleasant duty, and what he was sure would receive the enthusiastic approval of everyone in the room, and not only in this room, but when the words of the lecturer found their way into print and were read, throughout the world. It was to voice an expression of high appreciation and very sincere thanks for this Maudsley Lecture. (Applause.) It had occurred to him, during its delivery, how great was the occasion when the occasion and the man came together. That coincidence in this case was, of course, of the highest possible value, and he thought that at this time, and during recent years, when so much valuable work had been done in different directions in psychology, some person was wanted who could bring together, in the way Sir John had done, the different lines of work on the subject. With his special equipment, which he had both by nature and in his philosophical, critical and sympathetic attitude towards the work, and by his long and varied experience, he had had the opportunity of bringing the theories which had necessarily been promulgated—some of them carried to extreme length—to the test of an experience, which was a valuable one.

This lecture, he felt sure, would be of the greatest possible importance and value in making psychiatrists realize how far they had gone, and in what respects they had gone wrong in the work they had been doing. It was also valuable because of the encouragement the Lecturer had given from his experience to much which the Association had been working at, namely, the proper attitude, or the proper balance, which ought to be held between the legal and the medical aspects in dealing with patients.

Dr. W. F. MENZIES said he seconded the vote of thanks to Sir John Macpherson with very great pleasure. Members knew that Sir John was a man of abysmal knowledge, also that he was an orator, therefore those who had heard this lecture were not disappointed. It had been a most charming lecture, and delivered with the greatest eloquence.

The resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation.

This terminated the meeting, after which members and their guests took tea together in the restaurant.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division took place on Thursday, April 5, 1928, at the Royal Eastern Counties' Institution for Mental Defectives, Essex Hall, Colchester.

There were present, Lord Sandhurst and twenty-one other members.

On arrival members were welcomed by a Guard of Honour consisting of the School Companies of Guides and Scouts, an adult Company of Guides, the first male gymnasium team and the women's gymnasium team, suitable music being provided by the patients' brass band.

Short demonstrations of the methods of oral-manual training for lower-grade defectives by the Lower Boys' School, Guide drill and ambulance work by the adult company, drill dancing and singing by the Upper Boys' School were given in one of the class-rooms, followed by gymnasium displays by the women's and men's teams and semaphore signalling by the Upper Girls' School.

Members were afterwards hospitably entertained to luncheon by Dr. F. Douglas Turner, the Medical Superintendent.

Lt.-Col. LORD, in proposing the health of "Our Host," referred to the pleasure it gave to all of them to meet at an institution for mental defectives, and which was symbolic of the better provision which had recently been made within the Association for the study of mental deficiency and its definite recognition as an important and progressive branch of the Association's work.

The meeting was then held. Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, *C.B.E.*, M.D., F.R.C.P.E. *ex-President*, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting, having appeared in the Journal, were taken as read. They were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Dr. Noel Sergeant was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. H. J. Norman, J. R. Whitwell, N. R. Phillips, E. Casson and H. G. L. Haynes were elected, Representative Members of the Council.

Drs. H. G. L. Haynes, R. M. Macfarlane and P. K. McCowan were elected to fill vacancies on the Divisional Committee of Management.

The following candidate for ordinary membership was, after a ballot, declared unanimously elected:

S. W. DAVIES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

Proposed by Drs. H. Wolseley-Lewis, W. E. Collier, and T. Ronald Forsythe.

Dr. D. F. Rambaut was nominated to represent the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council for England.

It was left to the Secretary to fix the date and place of the Autumn Meeting.

There was some discussion on the arrangements in progress of being made for Clinical Meetings in the Division.

Dr. F. DOUGLAS TURNER then read a paper on the "Aims and Objects of a Mental Deficiency Institution."

Some discussion followed, and the Chairman voiced the thanks of the meeting for this very interesting and informative paper.

Members were then given a most interesting display of Dalcroze eurythmics and dancing in costume by female patients, which was followed by an inspection of the training shops and an exhibition of the articles produced. Members were impressed by the fine work done, much of it being very artistic. It demonstrated what can be done in this direction by excellent organization and effective training and teaching in an institution devoted to the care and treatment of mental defectives, and the marked advance made in recent years in this branch of psychiatry.

Dr. and Mrs. Turner entertained the members to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Western Division was held, by kind invitation of the Warden and Managers, at Stoke Park Colony for Mental Defectives, Stapleton, Bristol, on Thursday, April 26, 1928.

Twenty-two members and two visitors were present. Dr. J. G. Soutar was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. J. R. Lord, Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, J. D. Thomas, R. Eager and others.

Dr. W. Starkey was re-elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and J. G. Soutar representative members of Council for 1928-29.

Drs. S. E. Martin and J. P. Phillips were elected members of the Committee of Management.

It was resolved to submit the name of Dr. E. C. Barton-White to the Nominations Committee as the representative of the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Councils.

It was proposed that the Autumn Meeting of the Division be held on Friday, October 26, 1928, the place to be arranged by the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

A letter from the General Secretary was read, in which the Division was invited by the Council to elect a matron, assistant matron or sister tutor to represent the Division on a proposed "Nursing Advisory Committee to the Education Committee." This proposal was discussed at some length by Drs. S. V. Blachford and J. G. Soutar, and there was a strong feeling that it was an ill-advised and dangerous experiment which might have far-reaching results. If, however, the Annual Meeting, to which the proposal will be submitted, decided that such a Committee should be formed, then this Division would be prepared to nominate a member.

THE HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that as regards the question of Clinical Meetings, areas had been formed with centres at Oxford, Bristol, Exeter,