

their very kind hospitality. This was seconded by Dr. GAVIN and carried unanimously.

Subsequently the members were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Grace.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Perth District Asylum, Murthly, on Friday, May 24, 1935.

Dr. Lewis Bruce, Divisional Chairman, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman. An apology was read from Dr. Marr for his inability to be present at the meeting.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting the Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Sturrock, in which she thanked the Scottish Division for the wreath which they had sent as a token of their respect and affection for the late Dr. Sturrock. Tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Sturrock by several members, and the Secretary was asked to write Mrs. Sturrock, conveying to her the sincere sympathy of the members of the Division in her bereavement.

Reference was then made to the illness of Dr. Douglas McRae, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. McRae, conveying to him the sincere wishes of the Division for his speedy recovery.

Dr. R. D. Clarkson and Dr. A. M. Dryden were unanimously elected Representative Members of the Council.

Dr. Wm. McAlister was unanimously elected Divisional Secretary.

Dr. R. D. Clarkson was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division and Vice-President of the Association.

The present Members of the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council, Drs. Douglas McRae, T. C. McKenzie, R. D. Hotchkis, Donald Ross and W. M. Buchanan, were unanimously nominated for re-election.

The following were appointed Members of the Divisional Standing Committee of Management: Drs. R. D. Clarkson, A. M. Dryden, R. B. Campbell, C. A. Crichlow and A. R. Boyd.

The following were nominated as Examiners for Nursing Certificates and Professional Examinations:

- (1) Professional Examinations: Drs. Wm. McAlister and R. B. Campbell.
- (2) Nursing Examination (Preliminary): Dr. John McDougall.
- (3) Nursing Examination (Final): Dr. W. D. Chambers.
- (4) Nursing Examination (Mental Deficiency): Dr. C. G. A. Chislett.
- (5) Nurse Examiner: Miss Christie, Ayr.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Thos. A. Munro, Research Worker under the Medical Research Council, in which Dr. Munro invited Medical Superintendents in Scottish Mental Hospitals to co-operate with him by selecting suitable case-material for his research work into the influence of consanguinity on the production of mental disease. After discussion the meeting agreed to give Dr. Munro all possible assistance.

The following candidates (after ballot) were admitted as Ordinary Members of the Association:

MAXWELL SHAW JONES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders.

Proposed by Prof. D. K. Henderson, Drs. Angus MacNiven and T. Ferguson Rodger.

FRED HAYDEN TAYLOR, M.B., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., B.Hy., D.P.H.Durh.

Proposed by Drs. McWilliam, Angus MacNiven and T. Ferguson Rodger.

Members were kindly entertained to lunch, after which Dr. Bruce welcomed the Division to Murthly.

After lunch Dr. Bruce conducted members for an enjoyable walk along the banks of the River Tay, after which tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Bruce, was much appreciated.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS IVOY CONSIDINE, F.R.C.S.I.

Although not widely known to members of the Association outside of Ireland, Dr. Thomas Ivoy Considine had a large circle of friends both in the Irish Free State and in Northern Ireland, with whom his official work had brought him in contact, and who, like many others, readily fell under the influence of his charm of manner, kindly nature and sterling qualities of mind and heart. To all such the unexpected news of his passing has come with a shock of sincere regret.

Dr. Considine came of a stock representing the best class of Irish country society. The youngest of the sons of the late Mr. Heffernan Considine, he was born in 1868 at the family country seat, Derk, Pallas Green, co. Limerick. He received his early education at Clongowes Wood College. He studied medicine at the school of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. He took the qualifications of the Irish Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in 1894, and proceeded in 1900 to the Fellowship of the latter college. In 1894 he was appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Central Criminal Asylum, Dundrum, a post which he held until 1910, when he was appointed to succeed the late Sir George Plunkett O'Farrell as Inspector of Asylums in Ireland. In this latter position he showed the qualities for which he was always distinguished, of straightforward fearlessness in doing what he considered right, combined with kindly consideration towards both patients and officials. When I joined him in 1911, in succession to the late Dr. Edward Maziere Courtenay, I acquired for him feelings of appreciation, liking and respect, which have never changed. When I ceased to be connected with the Dublin department, it fell to my lot to be a good deal in communication with him in connection with the adjustment of certain matters between the services of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland; and here also his attitude was always marked by kindly reasonableness, which greatly facilitated the successful carrying out of the necessary arrangements. On the change of government in 1922, the Irish Free State authorities offered him the post of Resident Physician and Governor of the Central Criminal Asylum, vacant owing to the retirement of his former chief, Dr. George Revington. He held this post until his retirement in 1933 on attaining the age of 65 years. He had married in 1915, and in the following years four children were born to him and his wife, so that a happy family life, combined with congenial work, for which he was particularly well fitted, rendered the period following his return to Dundrum the happiest of his career. As has been said by one who knew him well, "With all his strength of character, he was intensely sympathetic and tender-hearted, so that everyone came to him with their troubles", and he took the keenest interest in his patients, one of whom said that he had made the place a home. A loyal staff ensured the smooth working of the institution in a spirit of happy co-operation. Last, but not least, he had as his capable second-in-command an old friend of similar tastes and experience to his own in the person of Dr. Gervase Scroope, who eventually succeeded him. His professional standing was recognized by his election in 1910 as an Honorary Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

No account of Dr. Considine would be complete without some reference to his great record as a sportsman. A magnificent cricketer, he was the mainstay of the Phoenix Club, Dublin, in its heyday. For many years he represented his country in international cricket, touring the U.S.A. with the Irish team in 1893. He was an almost equally good forward at Association football. He was well known on the croquet grounds at Ranelagh, where he defeated more than one would-be champion. He was a fine shot. He hunted many seasons with the Ward