

contained an exposition of his method of restoring disorders of nerve and brain functioning by "neuro-induction"—a method which he claimed to be new to science. The technique of the method was then demonstrated on a patient. The discussion which followed was taken part in by a very large number of members and guests, who all, without exception, vigorously criticised the paper. The chief grounds of criticism were that "neuro-induction," as demonstrated, was simply the use of suggestion in a state of complete relaxation, akin to the hypnoidal state of Boris-Sidis; that the introduction of a new term like "neuro-induction" was not justified; and that Dr. Haydn Brown's psychology was confusing, through the use of new terms without exact definition, and the use of old terms in new meanings.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, November 3rd, 1921, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Dr. W. R. Dawson took the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, an apology for unavoidable absence was read from Dr. J. O'C. Donelan. Before the next ordinary business was proceeded with, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. RAINSFORD, seconded by Dr. GREENE and passed unanimously, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a copy of it forthwith to Dr. Colles:

"That we, the members of the Medico-Psychological Association, having learned of the resignation of John M. Colles, K.C., LL.D., Registrar in Lunacy and Honorary Member of this Association, desire to place on record our keen sense of the loss which we, in common with the speciality in Ireland, sustain by his relinquishing the office of Registrar in Lunacy which he held for so many years. During his long and efficient term of office Dr. Colles has been at all times unequalled in his ability in administering the affairs of Chancery lunatics, to whose interests he was devoted, and his visits to the Institutions, public and private, marked as they were by zeal and courtesy, will be much missed by physicians and patients alike.

"We desire to tender to Dr. Colles our most heartfelt wish that he may enjoy for many years his well-earned retirement. He carries with him our highest esteem and regard."

Communications from Dr. Mills and Dr. Hetherington, with reference to the correspondence recently addressed to them, were communicated to the meeting (*vide* p. 390, vol. lxvii, July, 1921).

It was left to the Hon. Secretary to arrange for a suitable place to hold the Spring Meeting.

The HON. SECRETARY explained to the meeting that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible for him to arrange for or hold the Summer Meeting of the Division. His explanation was considered satisfactory.

Owing to the regrettable and unavoidable absence of Dr. Donelan, it was decided to postpone the discussion on the subject of "Parole" until the next meeting of the Division.

Dr. M. J. NOLAN next proceeded to read his communication on "The Paraphrenias" (*vide* p.). The paper was rendered doubly interesting by the exhibition of photographs and collection of autograph letters and albums compiled by the patients whose cases were dealt with in the paper. The Chairman complimented Dr. Nolan on his most interesting communication, and especially upon the four perfect examples of the paraphrenias which he had described. The paper was discussed by Drs. RUTHERFORD, MILLS, RAINSFORD, GREENE and LEEPER, and all expressed their appreciation of its great interest. The connection between the paraphrenic and the paranoid patient was considered, and an effort to draw lines of symptomatological demarcation between the two conditions was referred to by the speaker. All the members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Dr. Nolan for the valuable contribution he had brought before the Division.

This terminated the proceedings.