

lack confirmation, yet the investigations now carried on by many skilled workers may lead to a cure being discovered. The amount of good that such an institution can do for the poorer of the middle classes is shown by the fact that more than one third of its population pay £40 only, while a seventh part pay less than £40.

The Murray, Perth.—Dr. Urquhart supplies yet another table of causal factors. It certainly more nearly approaches that suggested by the Statistical Committee, in that it supplies a larger amount of correlation. We note one particular item "neuropathic heredity denied." Is this term of sufficient accuracy to be ranked with admitted heredity? Beyond the mere possibility of intentional lying, there is the common occurrence of a man not being wise enough to know his own grandfather, and especially all his own uncles and aunts. Further, many families get split up as time goes on, and anything may occur to one member without others hearing of it.

Dr. Urquhart enters a strong plea for the maintenance, in all its efficiency, of the Scottish Asylums' Laboratory. As we have noted above there are signs of activity in the direction of laboratory work elsewhere, and we may be excused for entertaining some apprehension that this activity may be perhaps disruptive rather than constructive. We should most earnestly deprecate anything like the former. If we recollect accurately the old king when he wanted to show the benefits of union sent for sticks and bound them together. He was not foolish enough to show the benefits of union negatively by sending for a bundle of sticks to unbind and break them one by one. Scotland led the way in uniting; it should keep the lead by maintaining one national institution supported by all, as far as possible.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A QUARTERLY MEETING was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on Tuesday, May 24th, 1910, Prof. W. Bevan-Lewis, M.Sc., President, in the Chair.

Present: The President and the following sixty members: T. S. Adair, H. T. S. Aveline, Fletcher Beach, G. S. Blandy, C. Hubert Bond, D. Bower, R. Campbell, J. Chambers, S. Clarke, Maurice Craig, W. R. Dawson, J. F. Dixon, T. O'C. Donelan, A. R. Douglas, T. Drapes, J. H. Earls, F. W. Edridge-Green, W. Graham, T. D. Greenlees, W. H. Haslett, R. D. Hotchkiss, D. Hunter, Robert Jones, R. Langdon-Down, N. Lavers, J. R. Lord, W. H. C. Macartney, C. Mercier, J. H. Macdonald, M. E. Martin, J. Middlemass, A. Miller, C. S. Morrison, C. M. Murrell, H. Hayes Newington, L. R. Oswald, S. R. Philipps, Bedford Pierce, H. E. C. Quin, D. Rice, N. Raw, W. Rawes, H. Rayner, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, A. Simpson, R. Percy Smith, J. G. Soutar, J. B. Spence, T. E. K. Stansfield, R. H. Steen, R. C. Stewart, R. J. Stilwell, W. H. B. Stoddart, J. D. Thomas, T. Seymour Tuke, J. Turner, A. R. Urquhart, W. Vincent, and F. Watson.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Fennell, P. W. MacDonald, Nolan, Outterson Wood, A. R. Turnbull, and others.

Attendance at previous Council Meeting: T. S. Adair, H. T. S. Aveline, W. Bevan-Lewis, C. H. Bond, Robt. B. Campbell, J. Chambers, W. R. Dawson, W. Graham, H. Hayes Newington, R. D. Hotchkis, Robert Jones, C. Mercier, A. Miller, L. R. Oswald, R. Percy Smith, H. Rayner, R. H. Steen, W. H. B. Stoddart, A. R. Urquhart, W. Vincent, and H. Wolseley-Lewis.

THE DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII.

The PRESIDENT remarked that before the business of the meeting was commenced he had a very painful function to perform, namely, to refer to the very serious calamity which happened to our land on the fateful 6th May. None could dissociate themselves from the great wave of universal sorrow which swept over the Empire to its remotest confines on the passing away of King Edward. All felt that a great moral, social, and political force had passed away from our midst; and those belonging to the medical profession must be only too keenly conscious of the irreparable loss which had been sustained in the passing away of so princely a spirit. No monarch of recent times had ever identified himself so intimately, so earnestly, so sympathetically, and, at the same time, so personally with the welfare of the profession, with the advancement of progressive medicine, and with the best interests of those most noble philanthropic institutions, the great hospitals of the Metropolis. King Edward's Hospital Fund—to mention only one matter in particular—would ever remain an undying testimony to the wondrous instincts he had, to his wise forethought, and to his keen interest in the lot of suffering humanity. His royal dignity, his more than diplomatic tact, his keen earnestness in the cause of universal peace, had won for him the plaudits of the world. None the less, along with his Royal Consort, he was, above all other things, the people's friend. He asked members present to rise and pay silent homage to the memory of the greatest royal personality of the age, the record of whose life was really enshrined safely in the affections and in the memories of his people.

The meeting acquiesced by silently rising in their places.

AN ADDRESS TO THEIR MAJESTIES.

The PRESIDENT said that another subject, arising out of the preceding matter, had to be referred to. He had to announce that the Council considered the question of doing what was done on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria, namely, sending a vote of condolence and sincerest sympathy with their Majesties the King and Queen, the Queen-Mother, and the other members of the Royal Family. He proposed from the chair that that be done, coupled with Members' own tribute of loyalty and affection to the Crown.

Dr. G. H. SAVAGE seconded, and it was carried by members upstanding.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association, Dr. Stoddart and Dr. Hotchkis acting as scrutineers:

Thomas Peter Conlon, L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Resident Medical Superintendent, District Asylum, Monaghan. Proposed by W. Ireland Donaldson, Charles Rolleston, and C. Hubert Bond.

Michael Henry Downey, M.B., Ch.B.Melb., L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, Parkside Asylum, Adelaide. Proposed by W. L. Cleland, H. Hayes Newington, and C. Hubert Bond.

Hector Duncan MacPhail, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Gosforth Asylum, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Proposed by J. T. Calcott, A. M. Dryden, and C. Hubert Bond.

Richard Caldecott Monnington, M.D., Ch.B. Univ. Edin., D.P.H.Edin., Medical Superintendent, Laverstock House, Salisbury. Proposed by James M. Rutherford, P. W. Macdonald, and H. G. S. Aveline.

Oscar Phillips Napier Pearn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Horton, Epsom. Proposed by John R. Lord, Samuel Elgee, and David Ogilvie.

Robert Walter Joseph Pearson, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury. Proposed by Robert Jones, C. T. Ewart, and G. H. Harper Smith.

Gayton Warwick Smith, M.D.Lond., B.S.Durh., D.P.H.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Middlesex County Asylum, Tooting, S.W. Proposed by H. Gardiner Hill, R. Worth, and C. Hubert Bond.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

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

INSPECTORS IN LUNACY (IRELAND).

Dr. DAWSON said that the Irish Division, at a special meeting which was called by the sanction of the President last week, unanimously sent forward a resolution asking for the Association's assistance in bringing before the Irish Government the importance of appointing inspectors in lunacy who had the proper sort of training and experience for filling so important a position. He therefore brought forward for acceptance the following resolution:

"That in view of the importance of the forthcoming appointments, to the positions of Inspectors of Lunatics, to the welfare of the insane in Ireland, this Association should take steps respectfully to bring under the notice of the Irish Government the eminent desirability of having particular regard, in making such appointments, to the selection of candidates who are thoroughly conversant, by training and experience, with the administration of lunatic asylums and the practical treatment of the insane, and that the President be empowered to take such steps as he may think fit to that end."

The Association could not, of course, know who had entered for the posts, but he did not see that the course now suggested could do harm, and on the other hand, it might very likely do good. It would lead to the views of the Association being brought before the Irish Government.

Dr. G. H. SAVAGE seconded the resolution.

The PRESIDENT said that the matter was a very important one, and it might be that members would wish to express their feeling upon it. He asked those present to further the end in view, which he regarded as an extremely desirable one, and empower him to send a deputation to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to represent the views so expressed.

Agreed.

Dr. CHARLES MERCIER read a paper entitled "Insanity as Disorder of Conduct." It excited a lengthy and spirited discussion, in which Drs. SAVAGE, STODDART, STEEN, DRAPER, URQUHART, DIXON, BEDFORD PIERCE, LANGDON DOWN, RAYNER, and the PRESIDENT took part, and to which Dr. MERCIER replied.

This was followed by a paper by Dr. JOHN TURNER upon "The Examination of Cerebro-spinal Fluid, with Special Reference to the Diagnostic Value of Ross and Jones's Test." It was briefly discussed by the PRESIDENT and Dr. BOND.

The meeting was brought to a close by an enunciation by Dr. STODDART of a "Theory of the Toxic and Exhaustion Psychoses." It was discussed by Drs. SEYMOUR TUKE, BEDFORD PIERCE, and the PRESIDENT, to whom Dr. STODDART replied.

In consequence of His late Majesty's death the customary Dinner was not held.

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SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

SPRING MEETING.

The SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Percy J. Baily at the London County Asylum, Hanwell, W., on Tuesday, April 20th, 1910. Among those present were Drs. R. R. Alexander, Percy J. Baily, W. H. Bailey, David Bower, C. Hubert Bond, J. Francis Dixon, A. W.