

Boarding Out of the Insane"—illustrated with lantern views of its working in Hungary—"The Significance of the Wassermann Reaction," "Mental Diseases in the Army and Navy," and "Sleeping Sickness." Perhaps the most interesting features of the Congress were: An exhibition of models of various asylums in South Germany, cinematograph films showing the movements of the insane, and an excellent cinematograph exhibition of micro-organisms, showing in a most striking way their movements, particularly in relation to the red blood-corpuscles. Amongst those exhibited in active movement were *Spirochæta pallida* and various spirilla and trypanosomes.

Dr. McDOWALL thought that some demonstrations similar to those shown in Berlin would be very instructive if exhibited at one of the General Meetings of the Association in London.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the General Secretary offering this suggestion.

Dr. Williamson was not present to read his paper on a "Case of Melancholia."

A very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Hopkins and the Committee of the York City Asylum for their kind hospitality.

#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 18th, 1910.

*Present*—Drs. Bruce, Clouston, Dods Brown, Ker, Winifred Muirhead, Macrae, T. C. Mackenzie, Macdonald, G. M. Robertson, Shaw, Steele, Taylor, Batty Tuke, Turnbull, Urquhart, and R. B. Campbell.

Dr. Turnbull was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. John Macpherson, President of the Association, Drs. Alexander, Easterbrook, Watson and Yellowlees.

A letter was submitted from Dr. Marr, resigning the Secretaryship of the Scottish Division, and it was unanimously resolved to convey to Dr. Marr the congratulations of the members present on his appointment as one of His Majesty's Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, and at the same time to convey to him the thanks of the Division for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Divisional Secretary during his term of office.

Dr. CLOUSTON proposed that Dr. R. B. Campbell be asked to take over the Divisional Secretaryship in succession to Dr. Marr.

This was unanimously agreed to, and Dr. Campbell consented to do so.

Dr. G. M. Robertson and Dr. Hotchkis were nominated for the position of Representative Members of Council.

Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, G. M. Robertson, Sturrock, and R. B. Campbell.

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

John Q. Donald, L.R.C.P. and S.E., Medical Superintendent, Invereden Lodge Retreat, Dairsie by Cupar. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, G. M. Robertson, and Turnbull.)

Bell, G. Emslie, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, Gostwyck, and Muirhead.)

Donald C. Macaskill, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, G. M. Robertson, and Gostwyck.)

James Davie, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness. (Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Bruce, and Campbell.)

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON read a paper on "The Administration of Sulphonals, its Dangers, and the Precautions to be Adopted," which led to a most interesting and

instructive discussion, which was taken part in by Drs. Bruce, Clouston, Havelock, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Macrae, and Urquhart. (Dr. Robertson's paper, with the discussion, will appear in the April number of the Journal.)

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE drew attention to some of the more important points in the working of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, which were discussed by those present.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

The members afterwards dined together at the Caledonian Railway Station Hotel.

#### IRISH DIVISION.

The AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division took place at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare St., Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows of the College, on Saturday, November 5th, 1910, at 2.30 p.m. Dr. T. Drapes, President-elect, was voted to the chair, and there were also present—Drs. R. R. Leeper, E. O'Neill, J. Mills, M. J. Nolan, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). Apologies were received from Drs. C. E. Hetherington, F. O'Mara, W. Graham, Jas. J. Fitzgerald, and P. J. Dwyer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

A short discussion took place regarding the refusal of the Council to pay the expenses of officers in attending meetings, and it was proposed by Dr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Nolan, and passed unanimously—

"That the Council having declined to accede to the request of the Irish Division that the Secretary's expenses in attending meetings be paid, we hereby resolve that in future his expenses be paid, by special subscription, by the members of the Irish Division."

The Secretary was accordingly directed to furnish an account of his expenses at the end of his year of office.

A letter from Sir George P. O'Farrell was read, conveying his thanks to the Division for their resolution of regret at his retirement.

The following was ballotted for and declared unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association: Geoffrey Scroope, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Univ.Dubl., Assistant Medical Officer, Central Asylum, Dundrum (proposed by Drs. G. Revington, J. O'C. Donelan, and W. R. Dawson).

It was decided to ask Dr. Donelan to allow the Spring Meeting of the Division, fixed for April 27th, 1911, to be held at the Richmond Asylum, Dublin.

The HON. SECRETARY reported (in the absence of Dr. W. Graham) that the Sir George O'Farrell Presentation Committee had collected a sum of £228 4s. 6d., of which £10 10s. had been spent on a silver tube to hold an Address, and £4 14s. 6d. on expenses, leaving a balance of £213 for a portrait. The presentation had been made at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on October 5th, 1910.

A general discussion then took place with reference to the recent reduction of the capitation grant from Imperial funds towards the support of the pauper insane. Eventually a unanimous resolution was passed strongly re-affirming "the absolute necessity of a grant in aid towards the maintenance of pauper lunatics in District Asylums, at a minimum sum of 4s. per week per head, if efficient care and treatment are to be kept up." It was directed that this should be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Inspectors, and all the Irish Members of Parliament.

A discussion followed on the hours of duty of asylum attendants, and there was a general expression of opinion that there should be a uniform scheme of leave for attendants in all district asylums, and that representations to this effect should be made to the Inspectors of Lunatics.

It was reported that the Divisional Committee for promoting interest in the work of the Association amongst the assistant medical officers of Irish asylums had taken place that day. No response had been received to their invitation for collective reports, and it had been agreed to defer further action pending the establishment of the system of Divisional Prizes.

Dr. Dwyer being absent, it was agreed to postpone his paper, and Dr. O'NEILL then read his "Notes of a Case of Melanotic Alveolar Sarcoma of the Liver