

## PART IV.—NOTES AND NEWS.

## MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

## GENERAL MEETING.

A General Meeting was held at the Rooms of the Association, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Wednesday, 17th November, 1897, under the presidency of Dr. T. W. McDowall. Present: The President (Dr. T. W. McDowall), Drs. Hayes Newington (Treasurer), T. Outterson Wood, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. Peke Richards, R. Percy Smith, Charles Mercier, E. B. Whitcombe, H. Rayner, Fletcher Beach, James Moody, W. J. Mickle, G. H. Savage, Conolly Norman, Crochley Clapham, John A. Wallis, D. M. Cassidy, R. Briayn, S. Rutherford Macphail, P. W. MacDonald, R. Baker, Walter Smith Kay, Alfred Turner, James Chambers, H. Stillwell, T. Seymour Tuke, Herbert Smalley, T. E. K. Stansfield, G. Stanley Elliot, Richard Legge, A. W. Boycott, W. H. B. Stoddart, Ernest W. White, Maurice Craig, James Greig Santar, J. E. M. Finch, J. F. Briscoe, W. H. Kesteven, G. E. Mould, W. J. H. Haslitt, J. J. Rawes A. S. Newington, H. J. Macevoy, G. H. Johnston, and Robert Jones (General Secretary). The visitors were Drs. F. W. Binckes, Silvatico, and F. Farris Piper.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting, of May 18, 1897, were read and confirmed.

The reply to the address of congratulation to her Majesty the Queen was read by the President, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

“Whitehall, 19 October, 1897.

“Sir,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland, on the occasion of her Majesty attaining the sixtieth year of her reign, and I have to inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

“I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

“M. W. RIDLEY.

“R. Percy Smith, Esq.”

The following members were elected: William Henry Winder, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H.Cantab., Deputy Medical Officer, H.M. Convict Prison, Aylesbury. Robert Stuart, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Visiting Physician, Newton Hall Asylum, Durham, 20, New Elvet, Durham. Wilfred Robert Kingdon, M.B.Durham, Resident Medical Officer, Ticehurst House, Sussex. Llewellyn Harris Liston, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, The Lawn, Lincoln.

Papers were read by Dr. W. H. B. Stoddart, upon “Some Physical Signs in Melancholia”; and by Mr. J. F. Briscoe, upon “The Osseous System in the Insane.” These, with the relative discussions, have been unavoidably held over for future publication.

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of this Division was held at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, on Wednesday, 13 October. The following members were present: Drs. McDowall (President), F. Beach, A. N. Boycott, D. G. Thomson, N. Rawes, F. H. Edwards, S. R. Philipps, D. Bower, R. Jones, J. Bayley, J. H. Bayley, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. Chambers, R. R. Alex-

ander, and T. O. Wood; and visitors, Messrs. C. Bayley, C. Dorman, and the Rev. J. Cunningham. From 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. the hospital and grounds were inspected. From 1 till 2.30 p.m. Mr. Bayley entertained the members at luncheon.

COMMITTEE.

At 2.30 p.m. a meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management was held. Present: Dr. McDowall (in the chair), Dr. Bower, Dr. Thomson, Dr. Boycott, and Mr. Bayley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the chairman.

The following report on boundaries was read: "Your hon. secretary begs to report that in accordance with your instructions he attended the meeting of the Boundaries Committee of the Association, when the appended resolution was passed. The resolution of the Annual Meeting, 1894, fixing the boundaries of the South-Western Division, is also appended. Under the circumstances, he sees no alternative for the South-Eastern Division but to accept accomplished facts, of which no information could previously be obtained.—(Signed) ERNEST W. WHITE, Hon. Secretary, South-Eastern Division."

Copy of minutes of Council Meeting, 18 May, 1897:—"The committee appointed at the last Council Meeting to settle the boundaries of the Divisions in England and Wales presented the following report: 'Your committee beg to report that, having in view the fact that the boundaries of the South-Western Division were duly authorised by the Association in July, 1894, they recommend that the following counties continue to form that Division—Hereford, Worcester, Gloucester, Oxford, Berks, Hants, Wilts, Somerset, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, Isle of Wight, Channel Islands, Mid and South Wales; that the following counties should form the South-Eastern Division—Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Bucks, Herts, Northampton, Huntingden, Bedford, Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, London; and that the following counties should constitute the Northern and Midland Division—Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham, York, Laacs, Lincoln, Leicester and Rutland, Notts, Derby, Stafford, Shropshire, Warwick, Cheshire, North Wales.' The report of the Committee was received and adopted."

Copy of minute at Council Meeting, 31 July, 1894:—"Dr. Weatherly proposed and Dr. Morrison supported the application for the formation of a South-Western Division. This was carried unanimously. The application was made by thirty-two members, and the counties composing the Division were Cornwall, Devon, Gloucester, South Wales, Hereford, Worcester, Oxford, Berks, Dorset, Wilts, Somerset, and Hants."

Dr. THOMSON proposed and Dr. BOYCOTT seconded that the place of the next meeting be the Middlesex Asylum, Wandsworth, on the second or third Wednesday in April, 1898.—Carried.

Dr. THOMSON proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bayley for so cordially welcoming the members. This was carried unanimously, and Mr. BAYLEY replied.

DIVISIONAL MEETING.

At 2.45 p.m. the Divisional Meeting was held, Dr. McDowall in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, and signed by the chairman. A letter was read from Dr. Ernest White (Hon. Divisional Secretary) stating that after having made all the necessary arrangements with Mr. Bayley he was obliged to leave Northampton on the afternoon of the 12th, to accompany his chairman (the Lord Mayor Elect) and Visiting Committee on a tour of inspection of several Scottish asylums; but that Dr. R. Jones (Hon. General Secretary) would be present, and would kindly undertake his duties of the day.

Dr. Herbert Smalley, Medical Inspector of Prisons, Home Office, Whitehall, proposed by Mr. Brayn, Dr. E. W. White, and Dr. T. O. Wood; Mr.

Alfred Thomas Oliver White, Assistant Medical Officer (Acting Superintendent), Metropolitan Asylum, Darenth, proposed by Dr. E. W. White, Dr. F. Beach, and Dr. A. E. Patterson; and Mr. Gilbert Harry Lansdown, Acting Assistant Medical Officer, Metropolitan Asylum, Darenth, proposed by Dr. W. L. Andriezen, Dr. A. E. Patterson, and Dr. E. W. White, were elected ordinary members of the Association.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Divisional Committee had accepted the invitation to hold the next meeting at the Middlesex County Asylum, Wandsworth, in April, 1898.

Dr. FLETCHER BEACH then read a paper on "Insanity in Children." At the express desire of Dr. Beach, this paper and the discussion thereon will not appear until the April number of the Journal. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. Beach for his interesting paper.

At 6.30 p.m. the members (about twenty) dined together at the Grand Hotel, Northampton.

#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of this Division was held at the North Riding Asylum, Clifton, York, on 20 October, 1897, Dr. T. W. McDowall (President of the Association) in the chair. Members present: Drs. McDowall, Kershaw, Hitchcock, Legge, Macleod, Cassidy, Gramshaw, Header, Macphail, Mackenzie, Pierce, Holmes, Baker, Hingston, Percival, David Nicolson, Ray, Johnston, and Crochley Clapham (Hon. Secretary); and a visitor, Dr. Crawford Watson, of Harrogate.

Dr. Hingston kindly entertained the members with luncheon at the asylum.

Committee.—It was proposed by Dr. Holmes and seconded by Dr. Hingston, "That the following members be appointed a Divisional Committee of Management, viz., Dr. McDowall (Morpeth), Dr. Ley (Prestwich), Dr. Campbell (Carlisle), Dr. Mould (Cheadle), Dr. Hitchcock (Bootham), Dr. Percival (Whittingham), Dr. Macphail (Derby), and Dr. Crochley Clapham (Hon. Secretary)"—Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Dr. HOLMES and seconded by Dr. PERCIVAL, "That the next meeting of the Division be held in May, 1898, and, if agreeable to Dr. Mould, at Cheadle."—Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Dr. CLAPHAM and seconded by Dr. McDOWALL, "That May and October be the months chosen for holding the two Divisional Meetings in each year."—Carried unanimously.

Dr. M. B. RAY (Wadsley) read a paper on "Two Cases of Acute Insanity occurring before Puberty," and showed photographs of the patients. This, with the relative discussion, will appear in the April number of the Journal.

Dr. F. P. HEADER read a paper on "Criminal Lunatics in the Wakefield Asylum." (See page 64.)

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Western Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Fox, at Brislington House, near Bristol, on Tuesday afternoon, October 26. The members present were Drs. Aldridge, Deas, Morton, Soutar, Bower, Wilson, McCutchan, Bullen, Blatchford, Fox, Hanbury, Green, MacBryan, Lindsay, Stewart, Manning, Benham, and Macdonald (Hon. Secretary). On the motion of Dr. STEWART, seconded by Dr. DEAS, Dr. Aldridge was unanimously voted to the chair.

#### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

On a ballot Drs. Blackwood and Elliot, Assistant Medical Officers at the Borough Asylum, Portsmouth, were elected as members of the Association.