

intestinal canal, so that an auto-intoxication of the body is produced which manifests itself by various physical signs and by the appearance of mental confusion. After injection of the hypertoxic urine, all the animals died in convulsions—in opisthotonos with trismus, never in coma; and he attributes this to the presence of a ptomaine in the injected urine.

Although the toxicity of the urine has been determined in several diseases, *i.e.*, general paralysis, epilepsy, etc., yet the value of the method has been seriously disputed, and these results must be accepted with considerable reserve. The author jumps too readily to the conclusion that the hypertoxic urine indicates the body is poisoned with toxins. Moreover it is very difficult to decide whether the observed or alleged disorder is the cause rather than the result of the disease in the central nervous system.

The question of auto-intoxication is most interesting and fascinating, and about which much has been written, but of exact observations there are but very few.

SIDNEY CLARKE.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, on Tuesday, May 19th, 1908, Dr. P. W. MacDonald, President, in the chair.

Present: T. S. Adair, C. Aldridge, H. T. S. Aveline, C. H. Bond, A. N. Boycott, J. Chambers, M. Craig, W. R. Dawson, J. F. Dixon, T. O'C. Donelan, A. C. Dove, T. Drapes, F. W. Edridge-Green, F. H. Edwards, F. A. Elkins, J. A. Ewan, C. H. Fennell, N. J. H. Gavin, T. D. Greenlees, H. E. Haynes, J. W. Higginson, H. G. Hill, Robert Jones, N. Lavers, H. Wolseley-Lewis, H. J. MacBryan, J. H. MacDonald, P. W. MacDonald, M. E. Martin, W. F. Menzies, C. A. Mercier, W. J. Mickle, A. Miller, C. S. Morison, D. Orr, H. Rayner, D. Rice, R. G. Rows, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, R. H. Steen, C. T. Street, D. G. Thomson, F. Watson, T. Outterson Wood.

Apologies for absence were received from: Drs. Bedford Pierce, Clouston, Hamilton Marr, H. H. Newington, Nolan, Turnbull, and Urquhart.

At the Council meeting were present: The President and Drs. Aveline, Hubert Bond, Boycott, James Chambers, Craig, Dawson, Drapes, Ewan, Fennell, Robert Jones, Wolseley-Lewis, Mercier, Miller, Orr, Rayner, and Steen.

THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting having already appeared in the Journal, were taken as read, approved, and signed.

The PRESIDENT said that, arising out of the minutes, a letter had been received from the Commissioners in Lunacy, which he asked the Secretary to read.

The SECRETARY (Dr. Hubert Bond) said members would remember that he was instructed to forward to the Commissioners in Lunacy a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Association in reference to the Factory and Workshops Act, 1908.

OBITUARY REFERENCES.

The PRESIDENT said: Before we enter on the work of this afternoon, I crave your indulgence for a few moments while I endeavour to convey an expression of our sympathy and condolence with the relatives and friends of those members whose loss by death we have to-day to deplore. Since our last meeting we have lost three distinguished members: Dr. Conolly Norman, Dr. M. D. MacLeod, and Dr. G. R. Wilson. Fitting and appropriate tributes to their memories have already appeared in the pages of our Journal, and therefore but few words are needed from me to-day. Dr. Conolly Norman was a man of many parts, a true lover of all things beautiful, whether in literature, science, or art, a gifted companion and a true friend. As an able physician, he has left a noble and inspiring memory. As I think we may say he died on the field of battle, another name is thus added to the long roll of Irishmen who through life's journey claimed the proud title, "Without fear, without reproach." When the sad news of his all too early and unexpected death reached us, one was reminded of the noble peroration, as if it were Conolly Norman's last farewell: "The hour of departure has arrived, and we go our ways—I to die, you to live; which is the better, God only knows." Dr. MacLeod was, as I think most of you know, stricken down with a serious illness at an early age, yet his interest in and love for his work remained as keen as ever throughout years of advancing physical weakness. The proud possessor of a great name, by nature a true clansman, keenly interested in many walks of life outside his profession, our departed friend was the most generous and large-hearted of hosts and companions. In Dr. G. R. Wilson we have lost an able worker in many fields of inquiry, and his all too early death is a distinct loss to science and the profession of which he was such a devoted member. I am sure it is your wish that appropriate letters conveying our sympathy and condolence be sent to the sorrowing friends.

The suggestion was acceded to, all the members present upstanding.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Dr. C. C. Bullmore and Dr. Richard Kelly were duly elected ordinary members.

The PRESIDENT said all would have noticed a vacant chair that day. No one felt more than he did the loss of one of the greatest pillars of the Association at the meetings, the honoured Treasurer, Dr. Hayes Newington, and he asked the permission of the meeting to send to that gentleman a telegram of sympathy in his enforced absence from the meeting.

Agreed.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. DAVID ORR read a contribution by himself and Dr. R. G. Rows on "Some points in the Histology of Lymphogenous and Hæmatogenous Toxic Lesions of the Spinal Cord" (see page 560). This was followed by a lantern demonstration.

The PRESIDENT said he was sure all must admire this most interesting demonstration. He did not anticipate that there would be any difference of opinion that the two gentlemen who were working so diligently and earnestly were on the right track. He hoped they would continue their work, as he and all felt sure they would have their reward. The authors had informed him that they did not invite a general discussion at this stage of their work, and that they hoped to make a further contribution at a later date.

Dr. D. G. THOMSON then read a paper on "The Teaching of Psychiatry" (see page 550).

A discussion followed in which Drs. Savage, Percy Smith, Orr, Mercier, Bond, and the President took part.

A letter from Dr. Clouston was read, suggesting that the matter being so important might be brought up again at the Annual Meeting, the Educational Committee in the meanwhile to be asked to consider it.

It was agreed that a motion dealing with the subject should appear on the Agenda paper of the Annual Meeting, in Dr. Thomson's name, and that the matter should also be referred to the Educational Committee.

The members and several visitors subsequently dined together at the Café Monico.