

This amendment was seconded by Dr. YELLOWLEES and carried by 18 votes to 12. It was finally adopted as a substantive motion by 21 to 10 votes.

Dr. THEO. B. HYSLOP then read his paper entitled "The Problem of the Insane in its Relationship to Overcrowding and Poverty."

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE exhibited the "William Tuke Medal," which is awarded by the Committee of the Retreat to nurses and attendants who have completed their four years' training and have obtained the Retreat certificate of proficiency.

The medal is in bronze, and was designed by Mr. Nelson Dawson; it bears the likeness of William Tuke, the founder of the Retreat in 1792, and the motto "Cum bona voluntate servientes."

Dr. LLOYD ANDRIEZEN'S paper and lantern demonstration were postponed until a future meeting.

The members dined together in the evening at the Station Hotel, York.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held by the invitation of the Directors at Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth, on Friday, the 10th March, 1905, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:—Drs. Angus, Alexander, Carlyle Johnstone, Clouston, Devon, Easterbrook, Grant, Havelock, Ireland, Keay, Kerr, Marr, Mitchell, Oswald, Richard, G. M. Robertson, Rorie, Urquhart, Yellowlees, and L. C. Bruce (Divisional Secretary).

A letter of apology was intimated from Dr. Turnbull.

Dr. Keay was called to the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved of, and signed.

Harry Thwaites, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent of the Mount Lebanon Asylum, Asfuriayel, near Beyrout (proposed by Drs. Yellowlees, Clouston, and G. M. Robertson) was elected an ordinary member of the Association.

Dr. Yellowlees and Dr. Turnbull were elected Representative Members of Council, and Dr. Lewis C. Bruce was elected Divisional Secretary. The following recommendations were made to the Nominations Committee:—That Dr. Turnbull be appointed to the Nursing Examinership; that Drs. Yellowlees, Clouston, Turnbull, G. M. Robertson, Marr, and Bruce be placed on the Educational Committee; that Drs. Yellowlees, Clouston, Urquhart, Carlyle Johnstone, and Bruce be appointed to the Parliamentary Committee.

The members then took up the adjourned discussion on the Report of the Statistical Committee as to the Revision of the Statistical Tables.

Dr. URQUHART moved, "That the Division should now discuss the tables, commencing with Table I." Dr. CLOUSTON seconded.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE moved an amendment, "That the Report and Tables be referred back to the Statistical Committee for further consideration and report." Dr. BRUCE seconded.

Drs. YELLOWLEES, URQUHART, CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, CLOUSTON, G. M. ROBERTSON, DEVON, and BRUCE discussed the general principles of the revised Statistical Tables. On being put to the meeting Dr. Urquhart's motion was carried by a majority of 12.

The Division then discussed Table I, and the following suggestions were made:

i. That "Total cases admitted" should be divided into "First admissions" and "Not first admissions."

ii. That Table I be reduplicated into (a) "Direct admissions;" (b) "Indirect admissions."

iii. That the words "Average daily number resident during the year" should read "Average daily number on the Register during the year."

iv. That a separate statement on the general lines of Table I be printed, distinguishing Private cases from Rate-supported cases.

Suggestions regarding Table II were as follows:

i. That the second column from the end should read "Percentage of the recoveries of the direct admissions."

ii. That the admissions be divided into "First admissions" and "Not first admissions."

iii. That Direct and Indirect admissions be differentiated under separate columns.

Dr. URQUHART suggested that Table IIA of the present Statistical Tables be retained as an optional table.

As time was not available for further discussion, Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON, seconded by Dr. KERR, moved "That a Committee consisting of Drs. Clouston, Urquhart, Oswald, and Marr be appointed to meet the Scottish members of the Statistical Committee, and to take such steps as they consider necessary to collect the opinion of members of the Scottish Division regarding the tables, to codify these opinions as far as possible, and present the result to a special meeting of the Division." This was agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The members afterwards dined together in the Station Hotel, Perth.

IRISH DIVISION.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the Division was held, with the sanction of the President of the Association, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on Friday, February 17th. Dr. Oscar Woods occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. O'Neill, Norman, Harvey, Oakshott, Finegan, W. Graham, J. J. Fitzgerald, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.).

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed, and the Secretary explained that the President had sanctioned the calling of the meeting in order to consider the recent Order of the Irish Local Government Board, in so far as it affected the management of asylums, it being clearly understood that any action taken would be on behalf of the Division only. A letter was then read from Dr. M. J. Nolan, in which he regretted his inability to attend, and called attention to certain points in the Order which he considered absurd and unworkable.

A prolonged discussion then followed, in which all the members present joined, and though some speakers approved of certain isolated points in the Order, the opinion of the meeting was condemnatory of it as a whole. Finally the following resolution was proposed by Dr. W. Graham, seconded by Dr. J. J. Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously:

"That Drs. Norman and Woods be empowered to embody a resolution on the terms as discussed, and that same be forwarded to the Inspectors of Lunatics."

Dr. Woods being obliged to leave, Dr. Norman was then voted to the chair; and Dr. Finegan wished to propose a resolution with reference to Youghal Auxiliary Asylum. As the meeting had been called for a specific purpose this was ruled out of order; but the members present informally expressed a wish that the Secretary, or, failing him, Dr. Nolan, should attend the meeting of the Association at York, and lay the facts before the Parliamentary Committee with a view to securing their good offices, and that if neither could go the Secretary should bring the matter in writing under the notice of the said Committee.

The meeting then terminated.

RECENT MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

The report of the Australian case credited in our last issue to Dr. Cleland was, in fact, kindly sent by Dr. Andrew Davidson, of Callan Park, to whom Dr. Mercier desires to apologise and make this reparation.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

The Guardians of Coventry v. the Guardians of Epsom.

This was a very curious case which turned upon the precise time at which a person became insane. About two and a half years ago a girl, named Amelia