

Dr. EDEN PAUL asked for an adjournment on Dr. Hart's paper to permit of discussion, as some very important questions were raised in it. He proposed formally that this be done.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Friday, March 15th, 1912.

Present: Drs. Bruce, Carre, Clarkson, Dawson, Gilmour, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, Marr, Marshall, Melville, Macdonald, T. C. Mackenzie, Ivy Mackenzie, McRae, Oswald, Parker, Richard, G. M. Robertson, Ross, Shaw, Watson, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

Dr. W. R. Dawson, President of the Association, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional meeting, and the special meeting, held on December 8th, were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Dr. YELLOWLEES referred, in appropriate terms, to the loss which the Division had sustained since last meeting through the death of Dr. J. F. Sutherland, Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes—"That the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep regret at the loss of Dr. Sutherland, who had been a member of the Association for fifteen years, and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement." The Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minutes to Mrs. Sutherland.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Sir Thomas Clouston, Drs. Urquhart, Turnbull, Reid, Easterbrook, Havelock, and Alexander.

Drs. G. M. Robertson and G. Douglas McRae were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was elected Divisional Secretary.

Dr. Keay was nominated as Examiner for the Nursing Certificate, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated as Examiner for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The SECRETARY drew attention to the poor attendance of representatives from the Scottish Division at the meetings of the various standing committees held in London, and he suggested that the members of the Division on the Council should be nominated as members of the Parliamentary and Educational Committees. This was unanimously approved of, and the Secretary suggested that he might lay the matter before the Nominations Committee at their next meeting.

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

James Scott Annandale, M.B., Ch.B. Aberdeen, Second Assistant Medical Officer, Aberdeen Royal Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Reid, Alexander, and Kellas.)

Charles Adolphus Crichtlow, M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Melrose. (Proposed by Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Oswald, and R. B. Campbell.)

William Spence Melville, M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie. (Proposed by Drs. Carre, Chislett, and R. B. Campbell.)

The SECRETARY submitted the correspondence which he had had with the General Board of Lunacy regarding the difficulty which medical superintendents would now have in obtaining the required permission to perform *post-mortem* examinations as laid down in the opinion given by Mr. Scott Dickson, K.C. The Business Committee had previously considered the correspondence, and recommended that nothing further should be done in the matter, and that each medical superintendent should take whatever steps he considered best to obtain the necessary authority, and so guard himself against the possibility of legal actions being raised against

him. After some little discussion this was found to be the unanimous feeling of the meeting, and it was agreed that further consideration of the matter should be dropped. On the motion of Dr. McRae a unanimous vote of thanks was proposed to the Business Committee for the great trouble which they had taken in this matter.

The Secretary reported that the Sub-committee appointed by the Division to consider the terminology used in Lord Pentland's Bill had met to-day, and that they had considered the correspondence which had been received from medical superintendents and the suggested alterations which had been offered by them. The Sub-committee made the following recommendations. As many of the opinions obtained were in favour of retaining the term "asylum," it was thought advisable to retain this, but at the same time that such terms as "mental hospital," or "hospital for the insane," might be substituted if preferred. That instead of the term "lunatic," "person of unsound mind" should be substituted. That instead of the term "pauper," "public" should be substituted. That instead of the term "lunacy," "mental disorder" should be substituted. The terms suggested met with the unanimous approval of the meeting, and the Sub-committee was requested to frame a resolution incorporating these alterations, and the Secretary was asked to send a copy of the resolution to the Secretary for Scotland, the General Board of Lunacy, Scottish members of Parliament, clerks to Royal Asylum Boards, clerks to District Lunacy Boards, and the members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association.

The Secretary stated that the Business Committee had considered the Memorandum on Lord Wolmer's Bill, and the views expressed on the Memorandum which he had obtained from the medical superintendents of Scottish asylums, and that the Committee had thought it advisable to consider at the same time "The Asylum Officers Superannuation Bill," which had been promoted by the Asylum Workers' Association, and introduced into the House of Commons by Sir Charles Nicholson, M.P.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE briefly referred to Sir Charles Nicholson's Bill, and pointed out the more important points in which it differed from Lord Wolmer's Bill, and he proposed—"That the Division should approve of Sir Charles Nicholson's Bill generally, and support it in preference to Lord Wolmer's measure; and that the Division should in any case continue opposition to Lord Wolmer's 'Hours of Duty' Clause, and 'Dismissal of Officers' Clause. That the Division should approve of the first part of the Memorandum, with certain verbal alterations, omitting the whole of the second part referring to suggested scheme of hours, and that this should be printed and a copy sent to Scottish Members of Parliament, the General Board of Lunacy, Royal Asylum Boards, members of District Lunacy Boards, and the Parliamentary Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association."

This was seconded by Dr. CAMPBELL, and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. DONALD ROSS read a paper, contributed by Dr. R. DODS BROWN and himself, on "The Production of Leucocytosis in the Treatment of Mental Disease," which was afterwards discussed by Drs. DAWSON, BRUCE, G. M. ROBERTSON, and SHAW.

Dr. IVY MACKENZIE read a paper on "The Physical Basis of Mental Disease," which led to an interesting discussion, which was taken part in by Drs. DAWSON, OSWALD, and BROWNING.

A vote of thanks to the President for his conduct in the chair concluded the business of the meeting.

The members afterwards dined together in the Central Station Hotel.

#### PRESENTATION TO DR. JOHN FRASER.

DR. JOHN FRASER, retired Commissioner in Lunacy, was presented with his portrait, painted by Fiddes Watt, A.R.S.A., by his friends on February 27th. The presentation took place in the hall of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, the Master of Polwarth presiding over a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen.

The MASTER OF POLWARTH, before calling on Sir Thomas Clouston to make the