SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 15th, 1912.

Present: Sir Thomas Clouston, Drs. Bruce, Carswell, Dods Brown, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, Marr, Muirhead, Marshall, T. C. Mackenzie, Tuach Mackenzie, McRae, Macdonald, Oswald, G. M. Robertson, Ford Robertson, Ross, Shaw, Sturrock, Skene, Steele, Batty Tuke, Turnbull, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell, Divisional Secretary.

Dr. Turnbull occupied the chair.

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

The SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from Dr. Soutar, President of the Association, regretting his inability to be present; and apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Alexander, Crichlow, Easterbrook, Havelock, Keay, Urquhart, and Watson.

The SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from Dr. C. A. Mercier, criticising the views expressed by the Division in the resolutions regarding the terminology used in Lord Pentland's Lunacy (Scotland) Bill. On the motion of Dr. Oswald, seconded by Sir Thomas Clouston, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Mercier's letter should lie on the table.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, and Macdonald, along with the two representative members of Council—Drs. G. M. Robertson and McRae—and the Divisional Secretary, Dr. R. B. Campbell.

Drs. G. M. Robertson and G. Douglas McRae were nominated for the position of representative members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

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

(1) Henry Meredith Buchanan, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness. Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Campbell, and Gostwyck.

(2) William Murdoch Buchanan, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness. Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Campbell, and Gostwyck.

(3) Gilbert Malise Graham, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert. Proposed by Drs. Campbell, Gostwyck, and Emslie.

(4) Robert Marshall, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Gartloch Mental Hospital, Gartcosh. Proposed by Drs. Parker, Baugh, and Campbell.

(5) Kenneth C. Middlemiss, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie. Prosposed by Dr. Carre, Dryden, and Chislett.

(6) Harry James Rae, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Aber., Assistant Medical Officer, Kingseat Mental Hospital, Newmachar, Aberdeen. Proposed by Drs. Alexander, Reid, and Kellas.

(7) Ronald Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Gartloch Mental Hospital, Gartcosh. Proposed by Drs. Parker, Baugh, and Campbell.

Sir THOMAS CLOUSTON, in an exhaustive paper, introduced a discussion on the "Mental Deficiency Bill," which led to an interesting discussion in which several members took part.

Dr. WINIFRED MUIRHEAD read an interesting paper on the "Care of the Defective in America," giving an account of several institutions which she had recently visited in America (see page 53).

Dr. T. C. MACKENZIE drew attention to an unsuccessful action for damages which had been recently raised against him by an attendant whom he had dismissed for assaulting a patient.

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE pointed out that there was risk of similar actions arising through filling up the statement in the leaving certificate which had been issued by the General Board of Lunacy since the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act had come into operation. He stated that he had been in correspondence with the General Board of Lunacy regarding the undesirability of filling in the particulars in the statement as to the cause for leaving. He recommended that

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medical superintendents should answer queries Nos. 3 and 4 in the leaving certificate in all cases of dismissal by stating that reference may be made to the medical superintendent, and that a letter should be sent to the General Board of Lunacy giving the required particulars as to conduct and cause for leaving.

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

The members afterwards dined in the North British Station Hotel.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, November 7th, 1912, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin. Dr. W. R. Dawson was in the chair.

The other members present were: Dr. Maziere Courtenay, Dr. Greene, Dr. Drapes, Dr. Oakshott, Dr. O'Neill, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Benson, Dr. Plummer, Dr. Leeper (Hon. Sec. of the Division).

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Dr. Nolan, of Downpatrick, and Dr. O'Doherty, of Omagh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Letters were read which had been received from Dr. Nolan, of Downpatrick, regarding the present position of the Asylums' Officers Pensions and Employments Bill. These were addressed to Dr. Nolan, and were received from Lord Wolmer, Sir Chas. Nicholson, and Dr. Shuttleworth. All expressed regret that owing to the pressure of Parliamentary business this Bill, of so much importance to all asylum workers, had not received the attention it demanded from the Government.

Dr. John W. Garry, Assistant Medical Officer, Ennis District Asylum, having been proposed and seconded and balloted for, was declared elected unanimously a member of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary was directed to arrange the place for the Spring Meeting of the Division.

The meeting next proceeded to discuss the recommendations of the sub-committee on the Mental Deficiency Bill.

The CHAIRMAN made an explanatory statement as regards the possible extension of the Bill to Ireland, and the desirability of asking Mr. Birrell, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to move in the House of Commons the extension of the Bill to this country.

A letter was read from Dr. Nolan, of Downpatrick, recommending that paragraph 1 (*e*), clause 17 should be omitted.

After a full discussion a resolution was proposed by Dr. DRAPES and seconded by Dr. Maziere Courtenay, and passed unanimously, "That the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association expresses the hope that the Chief Secretary for Ireland will take into consideration the importance of extending the provisions of the Mental Deficiency Bill now before Parliament to Ireland, and will move a resolution to that effect. They are, however, strongly of opinion that paragraph 1 (*e*), clause 17, should be omitted." A copy of the resolution was ordered to be at once forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

The CHAIRMAN, the HON. SECRETARY and other members present stated to the meeting their varied experiences as regards their efforts to interest members of Parliament in the extension of the Bill to Ireland, and suggestions were made as to the possibilities of interesting important personages in this matter.

Dr. Dwyer, Assistant Medical Officer, Richmond Asylum, being unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, Dr. LEEPER, Hon. Secretary, was desired by the Chairman to read Dr. Dwyer's paper, "A Case of Morphino-mania with Suggested Visual Hallucinations" (see page 87).

The CHAIRMAN said Dr. Dwyer's paper was of importance, and suggested many valuable points for discussion.

Dr. DRAPES remarked upon the fact that they saw very few, if any, cases of morphino-mania in the country districts.

Dr. O'NEILL (Limerick) described a similar case to that of Dr. Dwyer, and this

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