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 17th, 1911.

Present: Drs. Bruce, Carswell, Easterbrook, Fraser, Havelock, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, Martin, Marshall, Muirhead, John Macpherson, T. C. Mackenzie, Macdonald, McRae, Ivy Mackenzie, Neill, Oswald, Shaw, Steele, Sturrock, Taylor, Urquhart, Watson, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

There were also present as guests: Dr. A. K. Chalmers, Medical Officer of Health, Glasgow; Dr. Roberts, Medical Officer, School Board; and Dr. W. G. Dunn.

Dr. John Macpherson, President of the Association, occupied the chair.

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

Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Clouston, Keay, Marr, and G. M. Robertson.

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

Dr. C. C. Easterbrook was nominated as Examiner for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

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

Anna Lilian Muncaster, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Third Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist, Edinburgh District Asylum, Bangour Village. Proposed by Drs. Keay, Steele, and K. D. C. Macrae.

William Thomson Munro, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Argyll and Bute District Asylum, Lochgilphead. Proposed by Drs. Shaw, T. C. Mackenzie, and Campbell.

John C. Simpson, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness. Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Shaw, and Campbell.

Henry Howard Roberts, M.D., 1, Wemyss Place, Haddington. Proposed by Drs. Campbell, G. M. Robertson, and Keay.

Dr. URQUHART directed the attention of the Division to a recent decision in the Court of Session regarding the authority to be obtained in order to hold a *post-mortem* examination, and pointed out the difficulties which might arise in an asylum in consequence of this decision. He proposed that this important matter should be remitted to the Business Committee, with full powers to take the opinion of counsel as to the proper legal authority to be obtained in order to hold a *post-mortem* examination, and to report to the next Divisional Meeting. This was seconded by Dr. Watson, and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. CARSWELL read a paper on "Insanity and Physical Deterioration: a Discussion of Some Aspects of the Occurrence of Insanity in a Large Industrial Community," which led to a most interesting discussion, which was taken part in by Drs. MACPHERSON, URQUHART, CHALMERS, CARLYLE, JOHNSTONE, ROBERTS, and DUNN.

Dr. CHISLETT was prevented from being present at the meeting, and his paper on "Syphilis and Congenital Mental Deficiency" was read by Dr. Ivy Mackenzie, and was afterwards discussed by Drs. MACPHERSON, HAVELOCK, MUIRHEAD, MACDONALD, BRUCE, EASTERBROOK, and T. C. MACKENZIE.

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.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division took place at the Richmond Asylum, Dublin, by the kind invitation of Dr. Donelan, on Thursday, April 27th, 1911, at 4 p.m.

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