Dr. Rutherford here described the clinical course and symptoms of his cases and the *post-mortem* appearances in those who died.

"The only observations I can make on the results of my limited experience are, that tuberculin as a means of diagnosis is invaluable, especially in early cases; that it can do no harm in small doses if the individual is free from tuberculosis. On the other hand, if the patient has tubercular disease, a distinct improvement will take place if the injections are continued, due precautions regarding dosage and temperature being observed.

"Regarding tuberculin as producing a complete cure, I am at present not in a position to give a definite opinion, but so far, in those who had had one or two courses of injection, 85 *per cent.* have improved. This, I consider, is most satisfactory, when the mental state, low vitality, and ages of the patients injected are taken into consideration."

At the conclusion of the paper a number of cases so treated were shown both by the reader and by Dr. Graham.

The lateness of the hour precluded the reading of any further communications, and the meeting was then closed.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the City Asylum, Nottingham, at the kind invitation of Dr. Powell, on Thursday, April 27th, 1911.

Dr. Powell presided.

The following seventeen were present: Drs. J. P. Cahir, H. Devine, A. I. Eades, W. J. A. Erskine, J. A. Ewan, W. F. Farquharson, C. L. Hopkins, R. Legge, H. J. Mackenzie, S. R. Macphail, J. Middlemass, G. E. Mould, B. Pierce, E. Powell, R. C. Stewart, W. Vincent, and T. S. Adair, and four visitors: Drs. W. R. Allen, D. Bower, J. H. Johnston, and W. T. Rowe.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A ballot was taken for the following two candidates as ordinary members of the Association, and they were declared duly elected:

Wellesley R. Allen, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, City Asylum, Nottingham. Proposed by Drs. Powell, Erskine, and Adair.

James Moir Mathieson, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Wadsley Asylum, near Sheffield. Proposed by Drs. Kay, Vincent, and Adair.

Dr. T. S. Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division, and Drs. G. E. Mould, J. Middlemass and H. J. Mackenzie were re-elected Representative Members of Council for the Division for the ensuing twelve months.

The arrangements for the Autumn Meeting, not being complete, were left to the Committee and Secretary.

The kind invitation of Dr. Farquharson to hold the Spring Meeting at the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle, was accepted, and the date fixed for Thursday, April 18th, 1912.

Dr. ERSKINE read his paper on "Asylum Dysentery" (see p. 492).

An interesting discussion took place in which Drs. POWELL, VINCENT, MACPHAIL, LEGGE and others took part. Some doubt was raised as to the relationship between influenza and colitis. A query was put forward as to whether the turning up of new soil in digging foundations had any connection with outbreaks of colitis.

Dr. DEVINE then read his paper entitled, "The Pathogenesis of a Delusion" (see p. 458).

A discussion followed in which a number of members took part.

Dr. ERSKINE read an account of a case of self-inflicted abdominal injury, in which a female patient, æt. 43, suffering from melancholia, took a pair of scissors into the lavatory and made a large wound in her abdomen, bringing out part of the large intestine and most of the omentum. She made a good recovery from the injury.

Dr. ALLEN gave some notes of a case of "Gangrenous Emphysema of the Thigh" occurring in a general paralytic.

A very pleasant and instructive meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Powell and the Committee of the Asylum, proposed by Dr. Pierce and seconded by Dr. Middlemass.

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