members of Council for the ensuing twelve months, *proposed by* Dr. Vincent and seconded by Dr. Mackenzie.

(5) The kind invitation of Dr. Græme Dickson to hold the Autumn Meeting at Wye House, Buxton, on October 22nd, 1914, was cordially accepted. Dr. Thomas Johnstone then invited the members to Harrogate for the Spring Meeting of 1915. He could not invite them to an asylum, but he would be pleased to entertain them in Harrogate. This was accepted, and the thanks of the Meeting were accorded him for his kind offer. The date of this Meeting was left to the Secretary to arrange.

(6) Dr. Edgerley then read a very interesting paper on "The Alleged Increase of Insanity," taking a very optimistic view of the subject. He stated that his paper only dealt with the north part of the West Riding, the area, consisting of manufacturing cities and towns and agricultural districts, from which Menston Asylum draws its patients. Statistically the West Riding occupied a very favourable position as regarded sanity. The first point to be settled was—What was meant by an increase in insanity? It might signify an increase in the total number resident, an increase in the number of annual admissions, or an increase in the annual number of first admissions. The last would appear to be the really important aspect of the question. "Are people becoming more liable to insanity?" had also to be considered. He thought the total increase in the asylum population depended on the relation of the output to the intake; we should therefore not see a reduction until we could reduce the intake and increase the output. Can anything be done to diminish the incidence of insanity? Four great causes are being grappled with, poverty, ill-health, excessive indulgence in alcohol, and preventable contagious diseases. He thought it was possible to exaggerate the influence of hereditary predisposition. His conclusion was "that in this part of the West Riding, whatever bald statistics may appear to show, insanity was not in the real sense increasing, indeed there was every reason to hope and expect that it would decrease."

An interesting discussion followed, in which many of the members took part. The main questions were: Was epilepsy increasing or decreasing? Did the decreased infantile mortality mean an increase of insanity, or were we saving children for them to become insane later? One member considered that the tendency was for insanity to increase in view of the reduced number of children, more especially in middle-class families.

(7) Dr. Pierce than opened a discussion on the "Treatment of Incipient Insanity." This had to be considered under two main heads, viz. in the case of those able to pay, and those unable to pay for their treatment. He thought some new kind of institution would be required—that cliniques attached to hospitals would be advisable—that the co-operation of hospitals, Boards of Guardians, etc. would be necessary. Institutions would have to be equipped with up-to-date methods of treatment, and suitable means of employment and recreation would have to be found for the patients. How to carry out all this would be difficult as the capital expenditure would be a serious item, and then, would the public support it? He, however, thought that something should be done in the way of erecting suitable sanatoria for the treatment of incipient cases.

Many interesting points were brought out in the discussion which followed.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Edgerley for his hospitality, and for presiding at so enjoyable a meeting.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, on March 20th, 1914.

Present: Drs. Dods Brown, Carswell, Carlsson, Chislett, Clarkson, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, Marshall, T. C. Mackenzie, Ivy Mackenzie, McRae, Roberts, Dunlop Robertson, Ross, Shaw, Taylor, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell, Divisional Secretary; Dr. Macgregor, Medical Superintendent, Victoria Infirmary, being present as guest.

Dr. Yellowlees was called to the chair.

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. Chambers, President of the Association, Drs. Soutar, Drapes, Keay, Mitchell, Easterbrook, Oswald, Havelock, Phillips, Carre, Parker, Turnbull, Tuach-Mackenzie, Alexander.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the relatives of the late Sir J. Batty Tuke, thanking the members of the Division for their kind expression of sympathy. Letters of acknowledgment were also intimated from Dr. Urquhart and Dr. Watson.

The Secretary reported that the Committee appointed at last Divisional meeting to consider the question of the proposed site for the new Reception Hospital in Edinburgh had made very careful inquiry into the matter, and that as a result of the inquiry it was considered that no good purpose would be served by interviewing the various interested authorities, and the Committee recommended that nothing further should be done.

Drs. G. Douglas McRae and Neil T. Kerr were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was re-elected Divisional Secretary. Dr. T. C. Mackenzie was nominated as an Examiner for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

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

(1) Campbell, Finlay Stewart, M.D.Glas., District Medical Officer, Glasgow. *Proposed by* Drs. Kerr, Dunlop Robertson, and Campbell.

(2) Clark, John N., L.R.C.P. & S.E., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Lanark District Asylum, Hartwood. *Proposed by* Drs. Kerr, Dunlop Robertson, and Skene.

(3) Roberts, Ernest T,, M.D.Edin., D.P.H.Cantab., Chief Medical Officer, Glasgow School Board. *Proposed by* Drs. Campbell, Easterbrook, and Gostwyck.

(4) Abel, Williamina, M.D., D.P.H., D.Sc., Pathologist, Royal Asylum, Edinburgh. *Proposed by* Drs. Geo. M. Robertson, Ross, and Elmslie.

Dr. WHITELAW read an interesting paper on "Encephalitis accompanying the Uræmia of Pregnancy," which was discussed by Dr. YELLOWLEES and Dr. IVY MACKENZIE.

The meeting then adjourned for tea, which was kindly provided by Dr. Macgregor.

After tea, the members visited Dr. Ivy Mackenzie's wards, and Dr. MACKENZIE read an instructive paper on "Psychiatry in the Wards of a General Hospital," and he showed several interesting cases with mental symptoms, which were being treated by him in his wards.

As Dr. Yellowlees had to leave before the conclusion of the business, Dr. Carlyle Johnstone took his place in chair.

Votes of thanks to the Managers of the Victoria Infirmary, to Dr. Macgregor, and to Dr. Ivy Mackenzie for their hospitality, and for the trouble which had been taken to make such an interesting and successful meeting, and also to the Chairman for his conduct in the chair, concluded the business of the meeting.

Sixteen members afterwards dined together in the Central Station Hotel.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held on Thursday, April 16th, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin. The following members were present:

Dr. Thomas Adrian Greene (in the chair), Dr. W. R. Dawson (Inspector of Asylums), Sir John Lentaigne, Dr. Drapes, Dr. Oakshott, Dr. Rainsford, Dr. O'Neill, Dr. W. Eustace, Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford, Dr. Keene, Dr. Redington, Dr. Leeper (Hon. Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from the President, Dr. Hetherington, Dr. W. Graham.

The meeting next proceeded to elect an Hon. Secretary of the Division, two representative members of Council, and two examiners for the ensuing year. On a vote being taken, Dr. Rainsford was appointed scrutineer, and the following gentlemen were declared elected by the Chairman:

Dr. Leeper, elected Hon. Secretary of the Division; Dr. E. D. O'Neill (Limerick) and Dr. O'C. Donelan (Richmond Asylum) were elected representative members of Council; Dr. E. D. O'Neill and Dr. Redington (Portrane Asylum) were elected examiners for certificates of the Association.

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