guilt or innocence of the prisoner. If found guilty the function of the judge should end and the prisoner be treated along biological lines, using this in the widest sense. Dr. Eurich gave many examples of the opinions and facts brought forward in the papers.

Dr. REES THOMAS, in discussing the paper, put in a plea for the Borstal system, classifying delinquents as (*a*) feeble-minded (*b*) psychoneurotic and physical. He claimed 90 per cent. of cures for the system. The punitive methods in Borstal were merely a system of discipline. He advocated also permanent medical officers for prisons and courts.

Drs. BEDFORD PIERCE, GEDDES, EADES and others also spoke.

After a full discussion the following resolution was passed:

"That this Division desires to place on record that the attack on Mental Hospitals made by Dr. M. Lomax in his book *The Experiences of an Asylum Doctor* is not justified, and is calculated to cause a great deal of unnecessary pain to the relatives of patients; and that the accusations contained in the summary at the end of his book are untrue.

"Further that Dr. Lomax's letter to the *Daily Telegraph* of 25th October makes grave charges of systematic cruelty on the part of male and female nurses, against which the Division protests in the strongest terms."

This resolution to be sent with the suggestion that the Council of the Association should deal with the matter.

This concluded the meeting.

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## SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 18th, 1921.

Prof. G. M. Robertson occupied the Chair. There was a good attendance of members, and Drs. Brock, George Kerr and Murray Lyon were present as guests.

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

The SECRETARY submitted letters of acknowledgment from the relatives of Dr. David Yellowlees and Dr. Maxwell Ross, thanking the members of the Division for the kind letters of sympathy.

The SECRETARY reviewed the steps taken since last meeting regarding the Division's amendments to the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, and reported that in England the Sub-Committee had been unsuccessful in securing an interview with the Minister of Health on the subject. It was remitted to the Business Committee to consider, and take any local action that might be thought expedient towards obtaining the desired amending legislation.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter from H.M. Inspector of Anatomy for Scotland, directing attention to the serious shortage of subjects in the anatomy rooms of the teaching schools, and asking the co-operation of the members in increasing the supply. After discussion it was agreed that each Medical Superintendent should, as far as he could, help when circumstances made this possible, and the Secretary was instructed to reply accordingly.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of the Nominated Member and the two Representative Members of Council, along with Dr. R. B. Campbell, Dr. McAlister, and the Divisional Secretary.

Drs. Donald Ross and N. T. Kerr were nominated by the Division for the position of Representative Members of Council, and Dr. W. M. Buchanan was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

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

(1) Robert Dick Gillespie, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Junior Assistant Physician, Royal Asylum, Gartnavel, Glasgow. (Proposed by Drs. D. K. Henderson, Oswald, and Buchanan.)

(2) David Yellowlees, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., 5, St. James's Terrace, Glasgow, W. (Proposed by Drs. D. K. Henderson, Hotchkis, and Buchanan.)

Dr. HAYDN BROWN (London) read a paper entitled "Psychotherapy," which



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contained an exposition of his method of restoring disorders of nerve and brain functioning by "neuro-induction"—a method which he claimed to be new to science. The technique of the method was then demonstrated on a patient. The discussion which followed was taken part in by a very large number of members and guests, who all, without exception, vigorously criticised the paper. The chief grounds of criticism were that "neuro-induction," as demonstrated, was simply the use of suggestion in a state of complete relaxation, akin to the hypnoidal state of Boris-Sidis; that the introduction of a new term like "neuro-induction" was not justified; and that Dr. Haydn Brown's psychology was confusing, through the use of new terms without exact definition, and the use of old terms in new meanings.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the meeting.

## IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, November 3rd, 1921, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Dr. W. R. Dawson took the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, an apology for unavoidable absence was read from Dr. J. O'C. Donelan. Before the next ordinary business was proceeded with, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. RAINSFORD, seconded by Dr. GREENE and passed unanimously, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a copy of it forthwith to Dr. Colles:

> "That we, the members of the Medico-Psychological Association, having learned of the resignation of John M. Colles, K.C., LL.D., Registrar in Lunacy and Honorary Member of this Association, desire to place on record our keen sense of the loss which we, in common with the speciality in Ireland, sustain by his relinquishing the office of Registrar in Lunacy which he held for so many years. During his long and efficient term of office Dr. Colles has been at all times unequalled in his ability in administering the affairs of Chancery lunatics, to whose interests he was devoted, and his visits to the Institutions, public and private, marked as they were by zeal and courtesy, will be much missed by physicians and patients alike.
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> "We desire to tender to Dr. Colles our most heartfelt wish that he may enjoy for many years his well-earned retirement. He carries with him our highest esteem and regard."

Communications from Dr. Mills and Dr. Hetherington, with reference to the correspondence recently addressed to them, were communicated to the meeting (*vide* p. 390, vol. lxvii, July, 1921).

It was left to the Hon. Secretary to arrange for a suitable place to hold the Spring Meeting.

The HON. SECRETARY explained to the meeting that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible for him to arrange for or hold the Summer Meeting of the Division. His explanation was considered satisfactory.

Owing to the regrettable and unavoidable absence of Dr. Donelan, it was decided to postpone the discussion on the subject of "Parole" until the next meeting of the Division.

Dr. M. J. NOLAN next proceeded to read his communication on "The Paraphrenias" (*vide* p. ). The paper was rendered doubly interesting by the exhibition of photographs and collection of autograph letters and albums compiled by the patients whose cases were dealt with in the paper. The Chairman complimented Dr. Nolan on his most interesting communication, and especially upon the four perfect examples of the paraphrenias which he had described. The paper was discussed by Drs. RUTHERFORD, MILLS, RAINSFORD, GREENE and LEEPER, and all expressed their appreciation of its great interest. The connection between the paraphrenic and the paranoid patient was considered, and an effort to draw lines of symptomatological demarcation between the two conditions was referred to by the speaker. All the members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Dr. Nolan for the valuable contribution he had brought before the Division.

This terminated the proceedings.

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