been heard from the President only convinced him of the enormous benefit which had been conferred upon the wounded men, and how necessary it was to suppress the aggressive League he had hinted at.

The PRESIDENT, in reply, said he very much appreciated the kindly and patient way in which members had listened to what, after all, was a rather dry record of a sequence of official and other events towards establishing these hospitals. He saw that it would overload his paper if he were to give matters of more purely medical interest; he was therefore very glad indeed to hear Dr. Cooke's appreciative remarks, which, coming from him, he, Dr. Thomson, valued extremely. Dr. Kidd had given very interesting particulars of his results. He, the speaker, visited Dr. Kidd's hospital, and learned a good deal there, and that was the highest praise one could give of anything. Dr. Robertson had referred to some of the Association's old controversial subjects; and it was true that while there were, as always, arguments on both sides, there would be a good deal to learn, to be assimilated and applied by the asylum administration from what one saw in hospital work now. Late though it had come in his career, his present experience would be a very valuable lesson to him and his colleagues. One had learned that some things were not as necessary as they had been thought to be. But perhaps such controversial matters would form suitable material for discussion at a later period. In answer to Sir George Savage, he was glad to hear that Sir George, as well as asylum officers, heard the adverse criticism that asylums were still receiving wounded soldiers. It was a superstition which died hard. However, they kept on working and hoping. He thanked members very much indeed.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. T. W. McDowall, at the Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, on Thursday, October 7, 1915. Dr. McDowall presided.

The following ten members were present: Drs. J. W. Geddes, J. R. Gilmour, C. McDowall, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, J. Middlemass, B. Pierce, E. S. Simpson, J. B. Tighe, T. S. Adair, and one visitor, Dr. Mary S. Gordon.

Previous to the minutes being read, Dr. McDowall made suitable reference to the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. A. R. Douglas, of the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster, a member of this Division of the Association, and one of its representatives on the Council. A vote of condolence with Mrs. Douglas was passed, and the Secretary was instructed to write and convey to her the sympathies of the meeting.

(1) The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

(2) Dr. J. W. Geddes was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Dr. Douglas.

(3) Drs. McDowall, Pierce, and Street were unanimously re-elected to form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months.

(4) Dr. Colin McDowall then read an interesting paper on "Nucleinate of Soda: its use in acute mental states." After describing the method of application of the drug, he gave a short account of a number of cases, of excitement and of depression, in which he had tried it. He found that in "excited, noisy cases of acute mental disturbance" it was useful in "allaying excitement and encouraging rest," but in cases suffering from depression it was of no service, and tended to be harmful.

Drs. T. W. MCDOWALL, GILMOUR, PIERCE, and others discussed the subject, and gave the results of their experience.

(5) Dr. T. W. MCDOWALL read a paper on "A Case of Epileptic Idiocy with Adiposity and Premature Sexual Development." The paper was one of marked interest, and was further elucidated by the exhibition of the patient, and also of a number of photographs and radiographs.

A very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. McDowall for his kind invitation and hospitality.

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