sanity" in my book on *Psychological Medicine*. Had I appreciated the importance he attached to the doctrine, I should most certainly have stated it; the omission was not by intent, and, if the book reaches another edition, this oversight shall be corrected. Nevertheless, when I come to discuss this doctrine, I scarcely know where to begin. I have never said, neither have I ever held, that madness and unsoundness of mind are the same thing. I do not know what an obsolete term like the former means, but Dr. Mercier tells me that it is "disorder of conduct." On the other hand, he declares that all disorder of conduct is not madness. Therefore it must be a disorder of conduct which is associated with some other condition, the quality of which renders the so-called state of madness diagnosable by Dr. Mercier. He is careful to claim as his interpreters both speech and gesture, and what else is left whereby one mind may understand another? Nevertheless, he says that it is not all disorder of speech and gesture which connotes so-called madness. The fact is that behind this disorder of conduct stands Dr. Mercier's insight into mind, his wide knowledge and his learning, and although in his modesty he relegates these to a secondary postion, in reality it is these qualities which make him recognise certain disorders of conduct, and certain disorders only, as true insanity.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Division was held on Thursday, July 5th, 1917, at Ballinasloe Asylum by the kind invitation of Dr. John Mills (Medical Superintendent). On arrival of the early train from Dublin Dr. Mills met attending members and motored them to the Asylum. After inspecting the farms and wards of the Asylum the visitors were driven to see various places of interest in the neighbourhood, including the battlefield of Aughrim, returning to the Asylum for luncheon.

After luncheon the meeting was held. Members present: Dr. Mills; Dr. Greene, Carlow; Dr. English, Dr. Gavin, Mullingar; Dr. Leeper, Hon. Sec. Dr. Mills having been moved to the chair, it was decided that owing to the small attendance of members routine business alone should be proceeded with.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from the following: Dr. Hetherington, Londonderry; Lieut.-Colonel Dawson, Dr. Considine, Dr. William Graham (Belfast), Dr. M. J. Nolan, Dr. L. Graham, Dr. Revington, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Lawless, Dr. Martin, Dr. F. C. Ellison, Dr. Drapes, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Rutherford, Dr. W. Eustace, Dr. E. J. McKenna, Dr. H. M. Eustace.

It was decided that the reading of a paper by Dr. Mills on an interesting subject which was on the agenda should be postponed until the Autumn Meeting owing to the small attendance of members.

Dr. I. ADRIAN GREENE, in a short speech, expressed the regret of those present that so few of the members had been able to attend the meeting owing to war conditions, and cordially thanked Dr. Mills for his hospitality. He said they had all seen that day the many improvements recently made in the Asylum, and especially the increased food production by the cultivation of the extensive farms they had visited. Dr. Gavin having also spoken, and thanked Dr. Mills for his kindness and hospitality and for the pleasant and instructive day he had given to his visitors, the proceedings terminated.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Regulations for the Training and Examinations of Candidates for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing and Attending on the Mentally Defective, with respect to which some discussion took place at the Annual Meeting (*see p.* 613).

These Regulations are practically identical with those in force as regards candidates engaged in nursing the insane, with the exception of a few necessary verbal alterations. The same is the case with respect to the Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination, but in the case of the Final there are some alterations and additions. The first three sections on "Diseases and Disorders," "The Nervous System," and "The Mind," are practically the same. For the paragraphs under the heading in the old Syllabus of "Conduct and its Disorders" the following are substituted:

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