During the morning cases of great interest were shown by Drs. Good, Davies Jones, MacPhail, Eaglestone, and Green, and the relaxation method of hypnosis demonstrated.

Dr. Soutar was voted to the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Drs. MacDonald, Devine, M. Martin, Cole, Starkey, Prentice, Lord, Eager, MacBryan, Stanford-Read, Hughes, and B. Mules.

Dr. Bartlett was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Drs. Good and Soutar were nominated representative members of Council.

The place of the Spring Meeting, 1921, was left in the hands of the Secretary.

Dr. DAVIES JONES gave the details of an analysis illustrating the action of a particularly gruesome trauma on a youth, originally hetero-sexual, and the later development of homo-sexual tendencies.

Drs. SOUTAR, GOOD, LAVERS and MACPHAIL discussed the findings and the adjustment, and Dr. DAVIES JONES, in his reply, proved a strong supporter of Freud's teaching.

Dr. GOOD compared the Binet-Simon tests and Dr. Evan's point-scale intelligence tests, upholding the greater value of the latter for practical purposes, both as the easier method of accurately ascertaining a degree of feeblemindedness, and as a means of providing material useful later as the groundwork for analysis. Dr. Good proceeded to illustrate the advantages of analysis in moral delinquents, specifying the beneficial results obtained in a child who was a persistent thief.

Drs. SOUTAR and LAVERS joined in the ensuing discussion.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Good for his kindness and hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. David Hunter at the "Coppice," Nottingham, on Thurday, October 21st, 1920. Dr. David Hunter presided.

The following nineteen members were present: Drs. T. S. Adair, J. Bain, J. F. Dixon, A. J. Eades, A. Ewan, D. Hunter, T. L. Johnston, W. S. Kay, H. J. Mackenzie, G. E. Mould, B. Pierce, E. Powell, M. L. Rowan, E. S. Simpson, T. W. Smith, R. C. Stewart, W. Rees-Thomas, W. Vincent, J. R. Gilmour, and two visitors, Rev. A. Thornley and Mr. J. W. Carr. Regrets at inability to attend were received from many members.

Dr. David Hunter, in extending a hearty welcome to the Division on the occasion of their first visit to the "Coppice," gave a few particulars as to the origin of the Hospital.

The foundation dated back to 1788, when a Voluntary Subscribers' Committee was formed, principally among the Governors of the Nottingham General Hospital, to raise funds for the provision of a hospital for the insane, which was up to then lacking in the county.

This Committee first formed a union with the town and county magistrates and opened a general asylum at Sneinton in 1812, to accommodate both pauper and private patients in separate divisions. One of the physicians to this asylum was Dr. Andrew Blake, the first chairman of the Medico-Psychological Association. In 1855 the voluntary subscribers dissolved their partnership with the magistrates and built the present hospital for private patients only. It was formally opened in 1859, when the first Medical Superintendent, Dr. W. B. Tate, was appointed. He remained in office for fifty-four years, dying in harness at the age of 85. The object of the foundation was a charitable one, and ever since the opening a large percentage of the patients were received at rates below the cost of maintenance.

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

(2) A ballot was taken for Edward Palmer Harding, L.R.C.P.&S(I.), Assistant Medical Officer, East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley (proposed by Drs. Simpson, Kirwan and Gilmour), as an ordinary member of the Association and he was unanimously elected.

(3) Drs. B. Pierce, G. E. Mould and T. Stewart Adair were unanimously elected to form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months.

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(4) Dr. E. P. S. GANE then read a paper entitled "A Plea for the Chronic Insane." Dealing wholly with the public asylum service, Dr. Gane pointed out that in the elaboration of new classifications, methods of diagnosis and systems of treatment, there was a danger that the claims of the chronic insane might be overlooked. He reviewed the present conditions, and considered that the two factors which told against recovery were the deadly monotony and the absence of hope. The willing patient had in most cases to be content with work as its own reward. Too few items of the daily routine gave pleasure at the moment, or a prospect of a happier state in the future. He divided the chronic insane into three groups: (1) The willing and useful worker; (2) the occasional worker, where combination was necessary to result in any economic value; (3) all those who from mental, moral or physical debility were incapable of useful occupation In the first class he recommended separate housing, where there would be less restraint, more varied and abundant food, and a day a week of leave, to be used as they pleased, consistent with their *parole*, and the giving of small sums of pocket-money. He hoped that in this way the first class would benefit and that the two lower classes would move up, resulting in a higher standard of comfort and efficiency.

A full and interesting discussion followed, in which the following members took part: Drs. Hunter, Powell, Pierce, Stewart, Dixon, Vincent, Thomas, Ewan, Eades and Adair. The chief points brought out in the discussion were: First, that in many of the asylums increased leave was being given to suitable patients to go out, with the consent of their relatives, either for the day or for longer periods as arranged; this practice seemed to be fairly general and to lead to greater content. Second, that money rewards had been adopted with success in several asylums. Third, that the diminution of the number of attendants on chronic cases lessened the feeling of restraint and had been of benefit.

Dr. Gane, who was cordially thanked for his paper, replied.

(5) Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE then gave a short account of the meeting of the General Nursing Council and reported informally their resolutions.

This brought to a close a very successful meeting.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 19th, 1920.

Present: Drs. Bruce, Buchanan, Dods Brown, Bryce, Easterbrook, Henderson, Hotchkis, Keay, Kerr, Macphail, McRae, Macdonald, Mackenzie, Tuach Mackenzie, Orr, G. M. Robertson, Shaw, Skeen, Taylor, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

Dr. Easterbrook occupied the chair.

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

The SECRETARY reported on various matters arising out of the minutes.

Before taking up the business of the meeting the Chairman referred in sympathetic terms to the serious illness of Dr. Maxwell Ross, and his resignation from the Medical Superintendentship of Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth, to which he had been only recently appointed. It was unanimously resolved to ask the Secretary to convey the sympathies of the members present to Dr. Maxwell Ross.

The SECRETARY intimated apologies for absence from Drs. D. Yellowlees, D. G. Thomson, Bower, Parker, Carre, Fraser, Steele, Ross, Leggat, Chislett and Crichlow.

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL intimated his resignation from the Secretaryship of the Division. His resignation was accepted with regret, and he was thanked for acting as Divisional Secretary for the past ten years.

Dr. CAMPBELL stated that Dr. W. M. Buchanan was willing to take over the secretarial duties, and he was unanimously elected Divisional Secretary.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of the nominated member, the two representative members of Council, along with Dr. Campbell, Dr. D. K. Henderson and the Divisional Secretary.

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