IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held by the kind invitation of Captain Benson at Farnham House, Finglas, on April 6th, 1916.

The following members were present:

Dr. Hetherington, Dr. Drapes, Dr. J. O'C. Donelan, Dr. Rainsford, Captain Lawless, Captain Benson, Dr. W. Eustace, Dr. Leeper (Hon. Secretary).

Dr. Hetherington having been moved to the chair, and before the business was proceeded with, the Chairman drew the attention of the members to the loss the Division had sustained by the death of Dr. O'Neill, Superintendent of Limerick Asylum. Dr. O'Neill was always a regular attendant at the meetings of the Division. The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Drapes, seconded by Dr. Rainsford, and passed in silence, the members standing in their places:

"That the members of the Irish Division desire to record their sincere regret at the loss the Association has sustained by the death of their late esteemed friend and colleague Dr. O'Neill, and wish to tender an expression of their sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement."

The Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to Dr. O'Neill's family.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and some correspondence dealt with. On a ballot for the office of Hon. Secretary and two representative members of Council for the Division being held, Dr. Leeper was elected Hon. Secretary, and Drs. Nolan and Rainsford were unanimously elected representative members of Council for the ensuing year.

Dr. Rainsford and Dr. T. Adrian Greene were elected examiners for the Association's Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

Joseph O'Carroll, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician, Richmond and Whitworth Hospitals, Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy, and Allan S. Grimbly, B.A., Lieut. R.A.M.C. (S.R.), M.B.Univ.Dub. (unconferred), Assistant Medical Officer, St. Edmundsbury, Lucan, were both unanimously elected members of the Association.

The following dates were fixed for meetings of the Division for the ensuing year:

Autumn meeting, November 2nd.

Spring meeting, April 5th, 1917.

Summer meeting, July 5th, 1917.

It was decided that the summer meeting should be held at Ballinasloe Asylum, at the kind invitation of Dr. Kirwan.

After somewhat lengthy deliberation it was decided that at the autumn meeting of the Division a discussion would be introduced by Dr. W. Eustace upon "General Paralysis of the Insane," with especial reference to recent modes of treating the disease.

Dr. Rainsford proposed and Dr. Drapes seconded a cordial vote of thanks to Captain Benson for his kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of the Division. The Chairman, in putting the resolution to the meeting, which was passed by acclamation, remarked that all the members felt greatly gratified by the kind action of Captain Benson, who had come back from his military duties expressly to be with them, and for the hospitality they had all received.

Captain Benson having replied, and having expressed the wish that the Division should revisit him, the proceedings terminated.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Friday, March 17th, 1916.

Present: Drs. Buchanan, Carre, Clarkson, Crichlow, Donald Fraser, Henderson, Hotchkis, Keay, Kerr, Ivy Mackenzie, Oswald, Richard, Jane Robertson, Ferguson Watson, Yellowlees.

Lieut.-Colonel Keay occupied the chair.

The CHAIRMAN stated that Dr. Campbell, Divisional Secretary, was prevented, owing to illness, from being present at the meeting, and that Dr. Campbell had arranged with Dr. Clarkson to act as Secretary at the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Turnbull, Easterbrook, Alexander, and Tuach Mackenzie.

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The SECRETARY submitted a letter of acknowledgment received from Lady Clouston, thanking the members of the Division for the kind letter of sympathy sent to her.

Drs. J. C. Orr and C. C. Easterbrook were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was elected Divisional Secretary.

Dr. R. Dods Brown was nominated as an Examiner for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The following candidate, after ballot, was admitted to membership of the Association: William Blackley Drummond, M.B., C.M.Edin., F.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Baldovan Institution, Dundee; proposed by Drs. Campbell, Clarkson, and Keay.

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON read an interesting paper on "Catatonia as a Type of Mental Reaction," which was discussed by Drs. Yellowlees, Fraser, Hotchkis, and Ivy Mackenzie. (A copy of the paper will appear in the July number of the Journal.)

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON also showed three cases of organic brain disease (syphilitic), which were interesting from the point of view of onset, symptomatology, and course.

(1) A depressed, self-accusatory, vague hallucinatory state in a man, æt. 57, who had well-marked physical signs of *tabes dorsalis*. The points which seemed to warrant one in keeping the case separate from the usual case of general paralysis were (1) the age of the patient; (2) the content of the psychosis; (3) excellent preservation of memory; (4) retention of personality as evidenced by good insight and judgment; (5) on the physical side—relative intactness of speech and writing, and a negative Wassermann reaction both in the blood and cerebro-spinal fluid.

(2) A woman æt. 46, who was first admitted to the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital in April, 1898, with acute hallucinosis. At that time she had certain physical signs indicative of *tabes dorsalis*. She made a good recovery, worked efficiently for four years, and then was re-admitted in 1902 in a euphoric, grandiose state, and with very well-marked signs of *tabes dorsalis*. At the present time she shows considerable mental deterioration, but her general health is well maintained, and the Wasserman reaction is negative both in blood and cerebro-spinal fluid. The initial state appears to have been a psychosis, not general paralytic picture, associated with tabes, but now the condition has progressed, and the case is one of tabo-paralysis.

(3) In contrast to the above two cases, this case is one of tabo-paralysis in which the tabes and the paralytic process developed coincidently. The case, however, is now of eleven years' duration, the memory is splendidly preserved, and the Wassermann reaction is negative both in the blood-serum and cerebro-spinal fluid.

Dr. JANE ROBERTSON read an interesting paper on "The Higher Type of Mental Defective," which was discussed by Drs. Henderson, Clarkson, and Yellowlees. (A copy of the paper will appear in the July number of the Journal.)

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the business of the meeting.

MENTAL AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (ABRIDGED).

From January 1st to December 31st, 1915.

THE Council of the Mental After-Care Association for Poor Persons Convalescent or Recovered from Institutions for the Insane again has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report.

The work of the Association, in spite of the war, has progressed satisfactorily, and the Council takes this opportunity of thanking those subscribers who have continued or, in one or two instances, increased their contributions, and also those who have rejoined in response to the appeals sent out early in the year. As it is impossible to hope to arouse much fresh interest during the war, and meetings are deemed inadvisable, the continued support of all donors is earnestly requested, and it is suggested that each subscriber might endeavour to secure one new subscriber of at least five shillings per annum. This would relieve the Finance Committee of their possible anxiety respecting loss of income formerly received from those who have found it necessary to retire from the list of subscribers.

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