Dr. URQUHART, in reply, said that with regard to the single staircase, it ought to be stated that the villa was really a small house, as there were only eight bedrooms on the first floor. The height of the ceilings downstairs was 11 feet 6 inches, and the windows were all to open casement fashion. There was no use of having small rooms with fourteen-foot ceilings, as at Gartnavel, and he did not think that any cupboard should be any higher than they could reach comfortably from the floor, and modern libraries were now constructed in the fashion adopted. The whole of the roof over these cupboards was a glass canopy, and the first-floor rooms would not be in use by day. With regard to the cost, if that house were built for State-supported patients there would be space in it for seventeen. As it was, they expected to accommodate from seven to nine, depending upon the rates paid. The contract price, exclusive of foundations, which would cost about £80, came to £1604, so that would be about £100 a bed on the ordinary calculation, which he thought sufficient even for patients paying £200 or £300 a year. The finish of the inside was somewhat elaborate, but he thought that they would be able to complete the house at the price indicated. Perhaps the best way of describing the villa in detail would be on the occasion of a visit of the Scottish Division to Perth.

Dr. CLOUSTON opened a discussion on "Toxæmia in the Etiology of Insanity" (see page 434).

A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Graham for his conduct in the chair.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of the Northern and Midland Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held on Wednesday, April 16th, at Shaftesbury House, Formby.

Members present: Drs. Blair, T. P. Cowen, S. Edgerley, Stanley A. Gill, C. H. Gwynn, C. K. Hitchcock, R. Legge, Alfred Miller, Bedford Pierce, H. A. Robinson. F. O. Simpson, A. Simpson, J. B. Tighe. Visitors: Drs. Drury, E. H. Gill, A. C. Blackney.

Dr. Stanley Gill having been voted to the chair, Dr. Hitchcock read the minutes of the last meeting, and stated that he and Dr. Miller had attended the Council Meeting in London. He reported the result of the representations that had been made regarding nominations by the Northern and Midland Divisions to fill vacancies in the Council.

The minutes were then adopted, after which the Chairman announced that there were one or two strangers present, whom they welcomed.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

Dr. PIERCE proposed that Dr. Hitchcock be re-elected. This was seconded by Dr. MILLER, and unanimously agreed to.

Dr. HITCHCOCK said he would be glad to take the office for another year. He did not think, however, that one man should continue in the office year after year, because it added to the interest of a society when members took office in rotation. If, however, the Society wished him to accept office he would be glad to do so.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from Dr. Pope to hold the Autumn Meeting of the division at Middlesbrough was unanimously accepted.

The following candidate was elected as an Ordinary Member: — A. Mair Rattray, M.B., C.M.Edin., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, City Asylum, Gosforth, Newcastle (proposed by Drs. Callcott, T. W. McDowall, and Robert Smith).

Dr. F. O. SIMPSON read a paper entitled "Calcification of the Pericardium" (see page 529).

Dr. T. P. COWEN read a paper entitled "Pupillary Symptoms in the Insane and their Import" (see page 501).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman at the close of the meeting.

Previous to the business meeting Dr. Gill entertained the Division at luncheon. Those members who were able to remain spent a very pleasant evening as his guests.

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