that the production of acute mental disturbance by drugs was common, but the power to produce at will sanity in a chronic insane patient was noteworthy. He believed that in this case it would have been possible during the remission for the lady to have executed a will or other legal document.

Time forbade Dr. Maule Smith's demonstration with prepared specimens of unusual lesions of the brain, and the meeting closed by Dr. MIDDLEMASS moving a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. McDowall for presiding and for his hospitality.

In the evening the members dined at the Station Hotel, Newcastle.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Rawes at St. Luke's Hospital, E.C., on Thursday, October 29th, 1903.

Among those present were Drs. Ernest White (President), D. Hunter, Edridge-Green, Haynes, Amsden, Moody, F. H. Pearce, Macevoy, Peeke Richards, Gayton, Chambers, Campbell Thomson, Elkins, Elgee, D. Ogilvy, Murphy, Steen, Stilwell, Stoddart, Haslett, Hopkins, W. H. Bailey, Taylor, Shuttleworth, T. O. Wood, Elliot, Alliott, Sibley, H. W. Lewis, Johnston, Higginson, Patterson, D. G. Thomson, Lavers, F. H. Edwards, Fee, H. Stilwell, Bower, P. Langdon Down, Douglas, Aldridge, Rawes, and Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

After luncheon a meeting of the Divisional Committee was held, and the hospital was inspected.

The General Meeting of the Division was held in the afternoon, Dr. Ernest White (President) in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting, having already appeared in the JOURNAL, were taken as read and were confirmed.

An invitation from Dr. Hunter to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at the West Ham Borough Asylum in April, 1904, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:—Langton Fuller Hanbury, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, West Ham Borough Asylum (proposed by Drs. Hunter, W. R. Hanbury, and Boycott); Frank Raymond King, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Northumberland House (proposed by Drs. Halsted, Rawes, and Boycott); John Arthur Topham, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Northumberland House (proposed by Drs. Halsted, Rawes, and Boycott).

As to Election of Divisional Secretary and Representative Members of Division on Council.

This item appeared on the agenda as follows:—"To consider the best means of making nominations for the election of the Divisional Secretary and Representative Members of the Division on the Council."

Dr. BOYCOTT (Hon. Secretary) said that the new rules, as he understood from the General Secretary, would come before the Association at the next two meetings. If they were confirmed—and they would probably be confirmed before Christmas—he supposed they would come into force next July, so that the Division would probably find itself in the position of having to appoint four divisional representative members of the South-eastern Division on the Council next July. Also, in the new rules there was a clause to the effect that those representative members must be voted for on voting papers. In order to carry that out the selected members would have to be nominated and their papers signed by six members of the Division within a certain time before the April meeting of the Division, so that they could be sent round on voting papers. He thought that the meeting should consider what the Division should do if it were necessary to nominate for voting at the ensuing April meeting.

Dr. AMSDEN said the Committee of the Division met and considered the subject, and unanimously came to the conclusion that it would be desirable to empower

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the Secretary to call a special meeting of the Committee, prior to the meeting alluded to in April, for the purpose of discussing the matter and suggesting names.

Dr. AMSDEN then proposed, Dr. BOWER seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Hon. Divisional Secretary should have authority to convene a special meeting of the Divisional Committee at some convenient place before next April.

Dr. BOYCOTT said that when the new rules came into force, and members knew where they stood in the matter, the routine procedure would have to be decided. The present provision was for a temporary situation.

Dr. STEEN exhibited and demonstrated an "ideal inhaler." He said he thought a good inhaler was required in asylums. Gas was very expensive, and when a tooth required to be drawn the patients objected to it being done without an anæsthetic. The new anæsthetic used in the present apparatus was somnoform, consisting of ethyl chloride 60 per cent., methyl chloride 35 per cent., ethyl bromide 5 per cent. The inhaler was made by the Dental Manufacturing Company. He believed that somnoform was much more satisfactory than gas. It had been given 75,000 times without accident, and it was pleasant to the patient. He had only given it twenty-five times himself, but he had found it very good.

Dr. RAWES read a paper entitled "A Short History of St. Luke's Hospital" (see page 37).

Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN opened a discussion on "The Relation of Hysteria to Insanity." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

After the discussion on the papers—

The PRESIDENT proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Rawes for the kind manner in which he had placed St. Luke's Hospital at the disposal of the Division for that meeting, and for the way he had contributed to the interest of the members.

Dr. RICHARDS seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation and duly acknowledged.

After a vote of thanks to the President for presiding in the chair the meeting terminated.

The members dined together subsequently at the Café Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-western Division was held at the County Asylum, Wotton, Gloucester, on November 3rd.

Dr. Craddock was voted to the chair, and the following were present:—Drs. Woods, Benham, Bullen, Rorie, Laval, Stewart, Kough, Smyth, Soutar, Miller, Aldridge, Braine-Hartnell, Aveline, MacBryan, Marnan, Henley, Bubb, Mac-Donald (Hon. Secretary).

Letters of apology for inability to be present were received from Drs. Brayn, Davis, Stewart, and Weatherly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Ed. Fitzadam Kough, M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., A.M.O., County Asylum, Gloucester, was elected an ordinary member of the Association.

A letter was read from Dr. Brayn inviting the Association to hold their April meeting at Broadmoor Asylum, and, on the motion of Dr. STEWART, seconded by Dr. BULLEN, the invitation was accepted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. RORIE read a paper entitled "Notes on Adolescent Insanity." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

Dr. MARNAN read a paper entitled "Some Remarks on the Use of Caution Cards in Asylums." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

Dr. MacDonald's paper was postponed to a future meeting.

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