SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of the Committee of the Hospital and Dr. Fuller, the Medical Superintendent, at the Three Counties Mental Hospital, Arlesey, Bedfordshire, on Thursday, October 14th, 1920.

Present: Drs. M. A. Archdale, C. W. Bower, D. Bower, A. N. Boycott, J. Chambers, R. H. Cole, J. F. Dixon, C. F. Fothergill, L. O. Fuller, H. E. Haynes, D. Hunter, H. A. Layton, W. F. Menzies, J. Stewart, R. J. Stilwell, C. M. Tuke, and J. Noel Sergeant (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Expressions of regret at inability to be present were received from Sir Marriott Cooke, Sir Geo. H. Savage, Drs. M. R. Barkas, G. N. Bartlett, W. Bevan-Lewis, W. F. Blandford, A. Bowles, A. H. A. Boyle, C. Caldecott, M. A. Collins, W. E. Collier, W. R. Dawson, H. Devine, F. Dillon, F. H. Edwards, F. A. Elkins, J. T. Fox, G. Gordon, H. E. Haynes, W. D. Higson, R. A. Hooper, H. A. Kidd, W. S. T. Kimber, R. Langdon Down, J. R. Lord, G. D. McRae, T. W. Mills, J. N. G. Nolan, J. G. Porter Phillips, R. G. Rows, W. F. Samuels, J. C. Shaw, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, A. I. de Steiger, H. F. Stilwell, F. R. P. Taylor, D. G. Thomson, J. Turner, H. Walford, C. Williams, J. C. Woods, and M. B. Wright.

The members journeying by train were met by the Hospital 'buses, and on arrival taken round the male side of the Hospital.

At 1.15 p.m. the members were entertained to luncheon, at which Dr. Fuller took the chair.

The toast of "The King" was proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

Dr. MENZIES proposed the toast of "Our Hosts," coupling with it the names of the Chairman of the Committee of the Three Counties Mental Hospital and Dr. Fuller.

Dr. FULLER responded.

The members were then taken round the female side of the Hospital, the store rooms, kitchens, laundries, cheese-making department, farmery, water-softening plant and the chapel.

At the meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management—present: Drs. Bower, Sergeant and Tuke it was decided, in conformity with the wishes of the President, Treasurer and the Parliamentary Secretary, to arrange to hold the meeting of the South-Eastern Division in conjunction with the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee.

The General Meeting was held at 3.30 p.m., in conjunction with the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Dr. Menzies took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

The date and place of the Spring Meeting was left to the Hon. Divisional Secretary to arrange.

The meeting then became a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee, at which the members of the South-Eastern Division were present, and took part in the discussion on the Ministry of Health Bill, but at which the members of the South-Eastern Division, other than those who were members of the Parliamentary Committee, were not allowed to vote.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members were entertained to tea by Mrs. Fuller, after which the Hospital 'buses carried the members back to the station, so concluding an extremely instructive and agreeable day.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the above Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Good, at Ashhurst Hospital, Littlemore, near Oxford, on Friday, October 29th, 1920.

The following members were present: Drs. Good, Neill, Lavers, McWilliam, Nelis, Soutar, Townsend, and Bartlett (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

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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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