Derby. Proposed by Richard Legge, S. Rutherford Macphail, and F. K. Dickson. Jones, W. Ernest, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Leicestershire and Rutland Asylum. Proposed by Dr. Rothsay Stewart, Dr. J. E. M. Finch, and Dr. H. M. Baker. Pasmore, Edwin Stephen, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Banstead. Proposed by T. Claye Shaw, George H. Savage, and Robert Jones. Piper, Francis Parris, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Claybury, Woodford Bridge, Essex. Proposed by T. E. K. Stansfield, F. R. P. Taylor, and Robert Jones. Todd, Percy Everard, M.B., C.M.Edin., Acting Medical Superintendent, Port Alfred Asylum, Cape Colony, South Africa. Proposed by W. J. Dodds, T. Duncan Greenlees, and T. W. McDowall.

Crochley Clapham, M.D., Physician to the Royal Hospital, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, University College, Sheffield, read a "Note on the Comparative Intellectual Value of the Anterior and Posterior Cerebral Lobes" (see page 290.

W. C. Sullivan, M.D., Stewart Scholar, Royal University, Ireland, Deputy Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Liverpool, read a paper on "Alcoholism and Suicide" (see page 259).

A. Keith Campbell, M.B., C.M., lately Assistant Medical Officer, Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth, read "Notes of a Case of Hæmatoporphyrinuria" (see page 305).

Bedford Pierce, M.D.Lond., The Retreat, York, read "Notes of an Unusual Case of Poisoning," published at page 313.

Dr. Kay kindly invited the members of the Association to lunch at the Asylum, and subsequently afforded facilities for its inspection. The members dined together after the meeting in Sheffield.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

DISCUSSION ON DR. GOODALL'S PAPER (see page 235).

The CHAIRMAN said they were all very much obliged to Dr. Bullen for reading Dr. Goodall's able contribution. It was a very suggestive paper—suggestive of a great amount of added labour by Assistant Medical Officers.

Dr. STEWART said, as an old Assistant Medical Officer of very large County Asylums, he quite sympathised with the remarks of the Chairman as to the added labour which anything of this kind would involve. He also quite fell in with Dr. Goodall's feeling in the hint which he threw out as to the unnecessary amount of what was really only clerical work that was cast upon assistant medical officers. Throwing such duties upon scientific men took away the greater part of the time that might otherwise be devoted to such fascinating work as Dr. Goodall had alluded to in his paper. He used the word fascinating because he—a mere tyro in the subject—had enjoyed nothing more during the little time he had been able to devote to anything of the kind than the subject of anthropology. A very important statement in Dr. Goodall's paper was to the effect that normal standards would be required for various districts, and most people would think that it would be a useful thing for anyone who started these anthropometrical observations that they should have standards. The circumstance was very marked that in various districts of the country there were certain varieties and types more observed than in others; and it would be necessary, therefore, for each person to obtain the type and standard applying to that particular district. Dr. Stewart went on to speak of the interesting field which lay open to those taking up the subject, and said he could commend to anyone wishing a little interesting *divertissement* to take it up in connection with their own children and their own friends. The instruments required were not expensive

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and Dr. Goodall would be, he was sure, delighted to assist in every way he possibly could.

Dr. DEAS remarked that Dr. Goodall did not propose that a committee should be appointed to consider the desirability of carrying on anthropometrical observations.

The CHAIRMAN said he thought Dr. Goodall rather proposed that the subject should be taken up individually by anyone having leisure. It struck him that the matter of obtaining the standard would be a very difficult one.

Dr. MACDONALD said they all very much regretted that Dr. Goodall was not present. He especially regretted it because at Moscow he had the pleasure of talking to him a lot about this subject, and he promised to show them on that occasion certain diagrams to illustrate his paper. Dr. Goodall had become an absolute enthusiast in this matter; in fact, he was perfectly mad over it. (Laughter.) One, however, must, he thought, pause for a moment to consider whether a man of Dr. Goodall's great ability would needlessly and wastefully give up his time to a subject of such an intricate and difficult nature unless he firmly believed there was something in it. (Hear, hear.) Therefore, although it might seem rather difficult for any of them to promise adherence to it, or say they would follow in his footsteps and try to move on the same lines, yet at the same time he did feel strongly that anything that might tend to elucidate many of the difficult problems in connection with that large element of asylum population, the mentally defective, would, he was sure, one day bear good fruit. (Hear, hear.) He believed that in the recent number of their journal there was a contribution by Dr. Goodall, and it only proved, as had been proved over and over again, that it was the busy man, the hard-working man, perhaps the overworked man, who did the good solid work. (Hear, hear.) It was not the man with most leisure who did the most work.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division was held in the Hall of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, on 10th March. 1898.

Dr. T. W. McDowall, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. Carswell, Hotchkis, Ireland, Carlyle Johnstone, Hamilton Marr, Mitchell, Richard, Alexander Robertson, Turnbull (Secretary), Urquhart, Watson, and Yellowlees, with Mr. James R. Motion, Inspector of Barony Parish, as a guest.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following candidates were elected ordinary members:—William Arnott Parker, M.B., C.M.Glasg., Assistant Physician, Gartloch Asylum, Gartcosh, proposed by Drs. Oswald, Yellowlees, and Hotchkis; Stanley L. Dobie, Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. I.M.S., retired, L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., Dunain Park, near Inverness, proposed by Drs. Keay, Urquhart, and Turnbull; Charles Percivale Bligh Wall, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness, proposed by Drs. Keay, Middlemass, and Bruce.

Dr. Carswell read a paper on the Relation of Imbecile Children to Pauper Lunacy, which, with the relative discussion, will appear in the next number of the JOURNAL.

NOMINATION OF DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.

DR. YELLOWLEES moved that Dr. Turnbull be nominated for the Divisional Secretaryship, and that the name of Dr. Carlyle Johnstone be suggested for election to the Council in room of the Scottish member who falls to retire at next annual meeting. This was unanimously agreed to.

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