(5) Dr. Johnstone contributed an interesting paper on "Some Mental Cases in Private Practice." He first gave a sketch of the genesis and development of hydropathic establishments, and showed how the medical and surgical nursing-homes had sprung up and diverted the practice from them. He then gave illustrations of early cases of insanity occurring in the Bible, and pointed out how many of the occurrences narrated in that book could only be rationally explained in that way. He concluded with a record of some curious cases he had met with in general practice.

An interesting discussion followed, to which Dr. Johnstone replied.

(6) Dr. H. J. Mackenzie read Dr. MacPhail's paper on "Pachymeningitis Interna Hæmorrhagica as a cause of Death"—Dr. MacPhail unfortunately being unable to be present. He described the history of a case of acute melancholia in which this was the "prominent lesion," and the "only ascertainable cause of death" supervening on a train of definite clinical symptoms. (This paper appears at p. 443 of present issue).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Johnstone at the close of the meeting for his kind hospitality, and also to himself and Dr. David Brown for a very interesting tour of the Royal Baths, Harrogate, earlier in the day. Dr. Brown made the inspection of the Baths particularly entertaining by his lucid explanations of their characters and uses.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE Spring Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Sergeant, at Newlands House, on Thursday, April 29th, 1915.

Among those present were: Sir George Savage, and Drs. D. Bower, J. Chambers, A. C. Dove, J. H. Earls, F. H. Edwards, H. E. Haynes, W. D. Higson, G. H. Johnston, G. E. Miles, C. McDowall, H. J. Norman, N. Oliver, E. F. Sall, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. Stewart, F. Watson, S. A. K. Wilson, J. C. Woods, and J. N. Sergeant (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Expressions of regret at inability to be present were received from several members.

The Meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 1 o'clock.

At half-past one the members were entertained to luncheon, after which they inspected parts of the house.

The General Meeting was held at 3.30 p.m., Dr. Bower in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

Drs. Edwyn H. Beresford, Hubert J. Norman, T. E. K. Stansfield, Robert H. Steen, and T. Seymour Tuke were elected Representative Members of the Council, and Dr. J. Noel Sergeant Honorary Divisional Secretary for the year 1915–1916. Drs. Hubert J. Norman, W. Rawes, and Robert H. Steen were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management.

In view of the unsettled state of affairs generally and of many asylums particularly it was decided to arrange provisionally for the Autumn Meeting to be held at 11, Chandos Street, on October 6th, but to instruct the Secretary to arrange for the meeting elsewhere should a suitable invitation be received. It was further decided to postpone the fixing of the place and date of the Spring Meeting.

Dr. SERGEANT then outlined some points of interest in a few recent cases, calling attention to the apparent influence of the war as an exciting cause in a large proportion of these cases, and enlarging on two cases of general paralysis, the one from the medical and therapeutic point of view and the other from the medico-legal aspect.

Dr. BOWER, as chairman, called for discussion, and Sir GEORGE SAVAGE, Major MILES, Dr. HIGSON, Dr. DOVE, Dr. EDWARDS, and Dr. STEWART spoke on various points that had been raised.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Sergeant, which was carried by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the members were entertained to tea.

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