IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Division was held at the Down District Asylum, Downpatrick, by the kind invitation of Dr. Nolan, on Thursday, July 4th, 1907.

The morning having been spent in a visit to various places of antiquarian interest in the neighbourhood, the members were shown over the asylum by Dr. Nolan, who subsequently entertained them at luncheon.

At the meeting afterwards Dr. C. E. Hetherington was voted to the chair, and there were also present Drs. M. J. Nolan, T. Drapes, F. E. Rainsford, C. Norman. R. R. Leeper, J. J. Fitzgerald, J. Cotter, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). Dr. R. L. Donaldson, who had attended the preliminary proceedings, was obliged to leave at the commencement of the meeting. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from Drs. W. Graham, G. R. Lawless, and a number of other members.

Before reading the minutes, a unanimous resolution was passed, congratulating Dr. Conolly Norman on the honorary degree recently conferred upon him by Dublin University, and his election as Vice-President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Dr. Norman replied in suitable terms.

The minutes of last meeting were signed, and the Hon. Secretary reported with reference to matters contained therein.

A letter was read from Rev. T. S. Graham, on the death of Dr. R. A. L. Graham, thanking the members for a resolution of condolence passed at the last meeting of the Division. .

The following were duly elected Ordinary Members of the Association, viz.:

Henry Richard Charles Rutherford, L.R.C.P.I., L.M., L.R.C.S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin.

Thomas Aloysius Flynn, L.R.C.P.I., L.M., L.R.C.S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Portrane Asylum, Donabate.

It was decided to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin.

Dr. NORMAN having brought under the notice of the meeting the International Congress of Psychiatry, Neurology, Psychology, and the Nursing of the Insane, to take place at Amsterdam September 2nd—7th, 1907, the Hon. Secretary was directed to send postcards to all the members of the Division calling attention to same.

Dr. F. E. RAINSFORD read a paper entitled "A Case of Medico-legal Interest."

Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN made a communication entitled "Witchcraft and Demoniacal Possession."

Dr. M. J. NOLAN reported four cases of a condition probably akin to Amaurotic Family Idiocy.

A unanimous vote of thanks to Dr. Nolan for his kind hospitality having been passed, he replied, and the meeting terminated.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, by the kind permission of the President and Fellows of the College, on Tuesday, November 5th, 1907. Dr. Conolly Norman occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. J. Mills, T. Drapes, R. R. Leeper, E. D. O'Neill, J. Lentaigne, M. J. Nolan, J. O'C. Donelan, M. J. Forde, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). A letter was read from the President of the Association, regretting inability to be present. Letters to similar effect had been received from Drs. J. J. Fitzgerald, R. L. Donaldson, J. A. Oakshott and B. C. Harvey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

The Hon. Secretary reported shortly on a matter arising out of the minutes.

The following was unanimously elected an Ordinary Member of the Association, viz.:—

Patrick J. Dwyer, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Clinical Assistant, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin.

The kind invitation of Dr. Leeper to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at St. Edmundsbury, Lucan, was unanimously accepted with thanks.

A discussion then took place with reference to the best methods of securing assured superannuation for all Irish Public Asylums Officials. Finally, the

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following resolution was unanimously agreed to, on the proposal of Dr. NOLAN, seconded by Dr. O'NEILL, viz.:

"That the members of the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland hereby approve of the action taken by the Irish Asylum Officials Superannuation Committee, and beg to recommend the proposals made to the kind consideration of the Chief Secretary."

A resolution of thanks to Mr. John Redmond, M.P., for the kind support given by him to the representatives of the above-mentioned Committee was proposed by Dr. DRAPES, seconded by Dr. O'NEILL, and also passed unanimously.

A discussion on the best method of increasing interest in the work of the Association amongst the Assistant Medical Officers of Irish Asylums was opened by Dr. Leeper, and joined in by most of the members present. Several suggestions having been made, it was proposed by Dr. LEEPER, seconded by Dr. DAWSON, and resolved:—"That a Committee be formed consisting of Drs. Leeper, Norman, Nolan, Mills and Donelan, to consider the best method of promoting increased interest in the work of the Association amongst the Assistant Medical Officers: and that the Secretary to the Division be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee and the convener thereof." The last clause was added at the suggestion of the Chairman.

Dr. NORMAN brought forward a letter which he had received from Dr. Pilcz with reference to a Congress on the Nursing of the Insane to be held in Vienna, October 7th—11th, 1908, with a request that he would form a Committee, and stated that he was prepared to receive names of those desirous of attending.

Dr. DRAPES then read a paper entitled "The Unity of Insanity, and its bearing on Classification."

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians for the use of the College Hall.

In the evening the members dined together at the Shelbourne Hotel.

THE AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Reported by W. W. IRELAND, M.D.

The International Congress for Psychiatry, Neurology, and Psychology was held at Amsterdam from the 2nd to the 7th of September. The opening meeting in the Municipal Concert Hall was honoured with the presence of Queen Wilhelmina and her husband Prince Henry, with a staff of officers and many distinguished citizens. Addresses were delivered by Dr. van Raalte, Minister of Justice, and Professor Jelgersma, of Leyden. Some national songs and hymns by Verhulst and Handel were beautifully sung by a choir of 200 ladies.

Next morning the proceedings of the Congress commenced in the rooms of the University. In the programme it was announced that there were delegates from sixteen countries of Europe and North and South America, besides Japan. Britain, Austria, and Portugal had none. There were also delegates to represent forty-two learned societies. The official languages were French, English, and German. Seven hundred and fifty members were enrolled.

The subjects were discussed in three separate rooms. There were two sittings each day, and nearly a hundred communications were announced in the programme.

Section 1 was devoted to Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. L. J. J. MUSKENS, of Amsterdam, gave a demonstration, with lantern slides, of his researches about cerebellar connections, principally carried on with vivisections on the rabbit and the cat. He indicated that after entire removal of the flocculus cerebelli and staining by Marchi's method, no degeneration is found in the corpora restiformia or the spinal cord; but there is coarse degeneration of the middle third of the superior crus cerebelli. The ventral cerebello-thalamic bundle of Probst, or the bundle of descending collaterals of the superior crus after Pelizzi and Cajal, is in all cases degenerated on the other side.

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