Asylum for Insane Criminals; Drs. Morgan and Hubbersty, of Sunderland; Rev. Dr. T. Randall.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Dr. Ewan, suggesting that the North and Midland Divisions should divide owing to the large area the joint district includes. The President, Drs. MacDowall and Miller doubted the wisdom of making any change, but on the motion of the President, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, it was resolved to refer the letter to the Divisional Committee for further consideration.

Dr. MERSON moved and Dr. ARCHDALE seconded that Drs. T. W. MacDowall, Hitchcock, and Macphail be reappointed to form the Divisional Committee.

As previously arranged it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Storthes Hall Asylum, near Huddersfield, on April 30th, 1908, at the kind invitation of Dr. Adair.

On a ballot being taken, Annie Davidson Urquhart, M.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Northumberland County Asylum, was unanimously elected an ordinary member.

Dr. Middlemass showed a patient with marked inco-ordination of the muscles of leg, arm, and those concerned with speech, accompanied by a spastic condition with some mental enfeeblement. The patient's elder brother, admitted at the same time with very similar symptoms, had died, and at the autopsy there was no evidence of insular sclerosis. In discussing the cases Dr. Middlemass suggested that they appeared to resemble what had been described by Westphal as "pseudo-sclerosis."

Dr. COLIN MACDOWALL read a Report on Three cases of Juvenile General Paralysis occurring in Female Patients (see page 112). In the discussion which followed, Drs. Middlemass, Morgan, B. Pierce, and Drew took part.

A member introduced an informal discussion on some of the lessons of experience, contrasting the present with the past, and dealing with many of the improvements that have occurred within his recollection. An interesting discussion followed. Dr. Drew, speaking for American asylums, said the assistant medical officers often had not sufficient inducement to stay and undertake scientific research. He discussed many recent methods of treatment, alluding to systematic washing out, to hydrotherapy, etc. Drs. T. W. MacDowall, Miller, and B. Pierce also joined in the discussion.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Middlemass for his hospitality concluded the business.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

The HALF-YEARLY ORDINARY MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, 22nd November, 1907.

Present.—Drs. Bruce, Carlyle-Johnstone, Clouston, Gostwyck, Havelock, Hotchkiss, Ireland, K. D. C. McRae, Marshall, Mitchell, Oswald, Robertson, Turnbull, Urquhart, Yellowlees, and Marr (Divisional Secretary). Dr. Yellowlees in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN, before proceeding to the ordinary business of the meeting, made appropriate reference to the resignation of Dr. Rutherford, one of the oldest members of the Association, from the post of Medical Superintendent of the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. Such an event, he thought, could not pass without the Association recognising the great services rendered by Dr. Rutherford in the interests of lunacy, and moved that it be recorded in the minutes "that the members learned with heartfelt regret that illness was the cause of Dr. Rutherford's resignation, but hoped his retirement from active asylum service would be the means of restoring him to good health."

Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, in seconding the motion which was carried unanimously, also referred to the good work done by Dr. Rutherford concerning the welfare and treatment of the insane.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Dr. P. W. MacDonald, President of the Association; Drs. Campbell, Carswell, Easterbrook, and Keay.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting of the Division held at Glengall Asylum, Ayr, on Friday, 22nd March, 1907, were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

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The following gentlemen were admitted members of the Association, viz.:

John A. McLeod, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Inverness District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. R. B. Campbell, Keay, and Bruce.)

Alfred M. Gloag, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Assistant Physician, Inverness District Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. R. B. Campbell, Keay, and Bruce.)

Andrew Alexander Robertson Meek, M.B., Ch.B., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Gartloch Asylum, Gartcosh. (Proposed by Drs. Parker, Baugh, and Marr.)

Peter Horne Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., Pathologist, Gartloch Asylum, Gartcosh. (Proposed by Drs. Parker, Baugh, and Marr.)

Charles G. A. Chislett, M.B., Ch.B., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie. (Proposed by Drs. Marr, Watson, and Carre.)

J. J. Harrower Ferguson, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Fife and Kinross Asylum, Cupar-Fife. (Proposed by Drs. Turnbull, Clouston, and Marr.)

Arthur M. Dryden, M.B., Ch.B., Third Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Asylum, Lenzie. (Proposed by Drs. Marr, Watson, and Carre.)

Robert Durward Clarkson, M.D., B.Sc., M.R.C.P.(Edin.), Medical Officer, Scottish National Institution for Education of Imbecile Children at Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. Marr, Parker, and Watson.)

The motion by Dr. Urquhart, "That the Division proceed to elect a Business Committee for the Division; that it consist of three members who are at the same time ordinary members of the Council and of the Association" was laid before the meeting, and the matter having been fully discussed, it was agreed, on the motion of Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, seconded by Dr. ROBERTSON, that the Committee be formed, consisting of the three official members of the Council, with two other members, to be elected. Drs. Carlyle Johnstone and Sturrock were thereupon elected.

It was remitted to the Business Committee to consider the most appropriate means of celebrating the jubilee of the present legislative system of lunacy in Scotland and to report to next meeting.

On the suggestion of Dr. CARLYLE JOHNSTONE, the question of retiring allowances for officials in Scottish asylums then received the particular attention of the meeting, and it was resolved that a committee be formed, consisting of Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Urquhart, and the Divisional Secretary, to further the scheme.

Dr. Urquhart's proposal "That the dates of the meetings of the Division be fixed now" was the next item to receive consideration, and it was agreed that the half-yearly meetings be held on the third Fridays of March and November, the Secretary being instructed to report the decision in time for the May meeting of the Association. As regards the arrangements for fixing the dates of the clinical meetings, these were left in the hands of the Business Committee.

Dr. MARSHALL then read a paper on "Mental Symptoms with Brain Tumour," which was much appreciated.

Dr. IRELAND gave a short account of the International Congress of Neurology held last September in Amsterdam, and to which he was a delegate of the Association. He spoke in warm terms regarding the manner in which the members of the Association were received by the Dutch. The only objection he had to the work of the Congress was that it was conducted in three divisions, viz. those of psychology, psychiatry, and the care and nursing of the insane. As the business of each of the three divisions frequently took place at the same time, and was of great practical interest, it was impossible that one could attend to all the several sections. He also intimated that the International Congress of 1908 would be held at Vienna.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and the chairman was thanked for presiding.

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