

cases, he had wondered if that fact had any connection with the prevalence of lung disease in this class of patient. The lungs had to compensate for the diminished activity of the integument, and the increased stress thus thrown upon them might be a factor of importance in this matter. Dr. Fennell was present, and he hoped that he would give the benefit of his views.

Dr. FENNELL said he had frequently noticed that many of these cases suffered from congenital heart disease. As regards the comparative frequency of these cases it seemed to be a fact that more cases were met with in the upper classes of society than in the lower. In Darenth Asylum the proportion was 1 in 20, or 5 *per cent.* among 2000 patients.

Dr. LANGDON-DOWN replied.

The PRESIDENT regretted that time did not permit Dr. W. H. B. Stoddart to read his paper on "Instincts—a Psycho-physical Study in Evolution and Dissolution."

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Langdon-Down for so hospitably receiving the Division.

The members, to the number of fourteen, dined together afterwards at the Café Monico.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held, by the kindness of Dr. Ewan, at the Kesteven County Asylum on Thursday, October 12th, 1905. Present:—Drs. Ewan (in the chair), Macdowall, Archdale, Hitchcock, T. W. Gilmour, Macleod, Pierce, Torney, Stewart, Wilson.

Mr. Edward Swan Simpson, M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer at the East Riding Asylum, Beverley, was unanimously elected a member of the Association.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. Wilson read a paper on "Masturbation as a Factor in Mental Disease," which was followed by a good discussion, in which Drs. Macleod, Stewart, Macdowall, Gilmour, Hitchcock, Torney, and Ewan took part, and Dr. Wilson replied.

Dr. Gilmour read a paper on "The Mental Symptoms of Pneumonia in Alcoholic Patients," and in the discussion which followed Drs. Ewan, Macleod, and Pierce took part.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Ewan for his hospitality.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-western Division was held at University College, Bristol, on Friday afternoon, October 27th, 1905, the members previously being kindly entertained to lunch by Dr. Bullen.

There were present: Drs. Aldridge, Bullen, Wilson Eager, Gibb, Laval, MacBryan, W. F. Macdonald, Marnan, Morrison, Morton, Rorie, Soutar, Stewart, Wigan, and the Hon. Sec.

Dr. Bullen was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.

William F. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., and George A. Davidson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officers, Somerset and Bath Asylum, Cotford (proposed by Drs. Aveline, Macdonald, and Rorie), were elected ordinary members of the Association.

THE NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from Dr. Weatherly to hold the meeting on April 27th, 1906, at the Winsley Sanatorium, near Bath, was cordially accepted.