

The members visited the wards and other parts of the Institution, and plans of the buildings in course of construction were exhibited by the Borough Engineer.

At 1.30 p.m. luncheon took place, and at the termination of this Dr. T. Clay Shaw proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Pasmore for so hospitably entertaining the Division.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15 p.m.

The General Meeting was held at 2.45 p.m., Dr. Pasmore in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having appeared in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

The following members were elected by voting papers to take office for 1909-10:

Hon. Secretary of the Division.—Dr. R. H. Steen.

Representative Members of the Division on the Council.—Drs. Boycott, Fennell, Wolseley-Lewis, and Mott.

The following gentlemen were elected as ordinary members of the Association:

Dr. Hubert James Norman, Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House Asylum; and Dr. William Brooks Keith, Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Asylum, Maidstone.

Drs. Pasmore, Greenlees and Peachell were elected as members of the South-Eastern Divisional Committee of Management, which now consists of the following:

Retire in 1910.

Dr. Taylor.

Dr. R. Langdon-Down.

Dr. Dixon.

Retire in 1911.

Dr. Seward.

Dr. R. H. Cole.

Dr. J. G. Smith.

Retire in 1912.

Dr. Pasmore.

Dr. Greenlees.

Dr. Peachell.

The invitation of Drs. Adams and Johnston to hold the autumn meeting at Brook House, Upper Clapton, N.E., was unanimously accepted with much pleasure. The date was fixed for October 6th, 1909.

Dr. T. CLAYE SHAW read a paper entitled, "The Clinical Value of Consciousness in Disease" (see page 401).

In the discussion which followed, Dr. F. W. EDRIDGE-GREEN said that the point which had been raised by Dr. Claye Shaw might be explained when we took into account the fact that the basal ganglia had a separate blood-supply to the cerebral hemispheres. If the blood-supply of the centres for memory were below the normal, impressions received at that time would be indifferently recorded, as would be the case if any toxin interfered with their action. A lesion of the perceptive centre would effectually prevent the revival of impressions, for instance, he had only yesterday examined a case of total colour blindness after tetanus occurring in a signalman who had several times passed tests for colour-blindness. It was obvious that he could no longer deal with impressions of colour.

Drs. PASMORE and STEEN also spoke, and Dr. CLAYE SHAW replied.

After the meeting Mrs. Pasmore kindly entertained the members to tea in the Medical Superintendent's house.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of this Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Nelis, at the Newport Borough Asylum, Caerleon, on Friday, April 30th, 1909.

The following members were present:—Drs. Bazalgette, Blachford, Richard Eager, Glendinning, Goodall, MacBryan, McGregor, Martin, Morrison, Nelis, Shera, Soutar, Thomas, and the Hon. Div. Secretary. There were also five visitors.

Dr. Glendinning having been voted to the chair, the minutes of the Autumn Meeting were read and signed.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the President, Dr. P. W. Macdonald, and others.

The following candidates were elected ordinary members of the Association:

Harold West Hodgson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Barnsley Hall Asylum, Bromsgrove. Proposed by Drs. Hughes, Maule Smith, and Aveline.

John Frederick Wolseley Leech, M.D. Dublin University, Assistant Medical Officer, Wilts County Asylum, Devizes. Proposed by Drs. Ireland Bowes, Cole, and Aveline.

Scott Potter, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ireland., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Fisherton House, Salisbury. Proposed by Drs. Baskin, Aveline, and J. W. Rutherford.

Sidney John Steward, M.B., B.C. Cambridge, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Second Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Asylum, Exminster. Proposed by Drs. Davis, Richard Eager, and Aveline.

Dr. Aveline was appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. Bullen and P. W. Macdonald elected Representative Members on the Council.

Drs. Macdonald and Pope were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management.

The Autumn Meeting was fixed to be held, by kind invitation of Dr. Blachford, at the Fishponds Asylum, Bristol, on October 22nd, 1909; and the date of the Spring Meeting was fixed for April 20th, 1910.

Dr. NELIS read a short paper on "The Testamentary Capacity of Insane Persons," which was discussed by Drs. Soutar, Morrison, Glendinning, and one of the visitors.

Dr. BASKIN exhibited by means of the cinematograph the "Insane Movements" in the case described by him in a paper at a previous meeting (see page 500).

Subsequently, the HON. SECRETARY exhibited on the cinematograph a series of films, showing the movements characteristic of various diseases of the nervous system.

On account of the lateness of the hour, the discussion of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Care of the Feeble-minded was postponed to the next meeting, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Dr. Nelis for his hospitality.

A number of the members and visitors dined together in the evening at the King's Head Hotel, Newport.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Clapham and Dr. Mould, at the Grange, near Rotherham, on Tuesday, April 20th, 1909.

Dr. G. E. Mould presided.

The following nine members were present: Drs. A. Ewan, J. W. Geddes, E. G. Grove, W. S. Kay, R. Kelly, T. W. McDowall, G. E. Mould, W. J. Vincent, and T. S. Adair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. T. S. Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division for the ensuing twelve months.

A suitable vote of thanks having been passed to the two retiring representative members of Council, Dr. T. W. McDowall and Dr. Ewan, for their services during the past three years, Dr. David Orr was re-elected, and Dr. Gilbert E. Mould was unanimously elected to fill the other vacancy. The number of members of the Division having fallen below 150, only two representatives can be appointed this year. Dr. Grove and Dr. Vincent acted as scrutineers.

A letter was read from Dr. Douglas kindly inviting the members to hold the autumn meeting at the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster. On the proposal of Dr. Ewan, seconded by Dr. McDowall, this was accepted. The fixing of the date was left open.

Haydock Lodge was mentioned as a place for the next Spring Meeting, and it was suggested that the Secretary should write to Dr. Street.

Dr. Mould read his paper, entitled "The Private Asylum." After apologising for his temerity in asking the members to meet at a proprietary asylum, he gave an interesting sketch of the regulations affecting such an institution, how the licence had to be renewed each year like some other forms of licence, and the hardships under which private asylums were placed as the law at present stands. Though at one time they bore a bad name, yet many good names have been associated with their foundation, such as those of Tuke, Newington, and Hill, and it is impossible to believe anything but good of such men. He pointed out that the reputation and prosperity of a private asylum depended on two things only—