

asked the pointed question why there should be two bodies when one body, *vis.*, the Commissioners in Lunacy, could do the work admirably. Glancing through the Bill rapidly—he had a copy only that morning—he felt sure that it must be altered, as it could not be worked in its present form, because the supervision of various classes had been given to two sets of authorities. That did not appear in the Bill, but when experienced people analysed it, it would be found that in some respects the authority would be a conflicting one, and that the unfortunate members of the Association who would have to administer under the authorities would have to answer to two authorities on one matter, which was obviously wrong. He seconded the resolution, and hoped the Association would pass it.

A MEMBER asked whether the words “in the first instance” appeared in the resolution, and was answered in the affirmative. He then said he would like to propose that the words be left out.

The PRESIDENT said those words were put in because it was proposed that in the first instance the body should be a separate one, and later should be amalgamated with the controlling body. The Association wished that the Commissioners should from the first be the controlling body, and not simply be amalgamated with the controlling body later on.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE asked whether it would be suitable to insert, as a kind of preamble to the resolution, words expressing welcome of the measure, such as, “while cordially welcoming this Bill.” There was at present nothing in the resolution expressing approval of the Bill by the Council, but surely, as a body, they would wish to express such approval.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON pointed out that the resolution was being submitted to a general meeting without having first appeared on the agenda, and that was done by special permission of the Association’s rules, which allowed such a resolution to be brought forward and voted upon with the consent of the Council. The Council had passed the resolution in its present form, and he did not think it would be in order for the general meeting to pass anything but that. Perhaps some of the members might not approve of it so heartily because they did not know what was in the Bill.

Dr. STANLEY GILL asked whether the standing orders could be suspended and a vote taken on it.

The PRESIDENT ruled that that could not be done.

Dr. ROBERT JONES said he considered this a most important resolution, and one which he felt should be supported by the Association. Now was the time to do so. Psychiatrists had been waiting five years for some legislation on the subject, and he thought it would be very polite on the part of the Association to express a cordial welcome of something which had come after five years of waiting. It was known, especially to Dr. Hayes Newington, that a great many children at three years of age were brought into a lunatic asylum on a lunacy certificate. Surely those came into the category of the mentally defective. If, as Dr. Newington said, there were to be two authorities, there would practically be two authorities over the same asylum, one authority responsible for the lunacy side, and the others in the body responsible for the imbecile or the weak-minded. Considering that it was very difficult to separate some cases of imbecility from cases of insanity and moral imbecility, and that one alienist would send a case to a home for mentally defective people, and another would send it to an asylum, it was most important that the control should be under one authority, and that that authority should be the Lunacy Commissioners.

The PRESIDENT read the resolution again and it was carried unanimously.

#### ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

The PRESIDENT appointed Dr. Campbell and Dr. Lord as scrutineers for the ballot, and the following gentlemen were duly elected.

John Allan Munro Cameron, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Pathologist and Assistant Physician, Lancaster County Asylum, Whittingham, Preston. (Proposed by Drs. R. W. Watson, L. R. Oswald and Henry Carre.)

Eustace Stanley Hayes Gill, M.B., Ch.B.Liverpool, Licensee, Shaftesbury House, Formby, near Liverpool. (Proposed by Drs. Stanley A. Gill, Nathan Raw and H. Hayes Newington.)

George Yeates Cobb Hunter, Major I.M.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., 52, Redclyffe Square, Earl's Court. (Proposed by Drs. W. B. Stoddart, G. F. Barham and Bernard Hart.)

Pierce M. J. Power, L.R.C.P. & S.I., L.M., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Shrewsbury. (Proposed by Drs. Daniel M. Rambaut, D. M. Cox and M. A. Collins.)

Leslie Henderson Skene, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Hartwood Asylum, Lanarkshire. (Proposed by Drs. Neil T. Kerr, G. Dunlop Robertson and Robert B. Campbell.)

Samuel Alexander Kinneir Wilson, M.D., B.Sc.Edin., M.R.C.P.Lond., Registrar, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.; 63, Wimpole Street, W. (Proposed by Drs. W. H. B. Stoddart, J. G. Porter Phillips and Ralph Brown.)

Dr. ROBERT JONES read a paper, entitled "Classification of the Various Forms of Dementia" (see p. 411). Communications on the subject by Sir THOMAS CLOUSTON and Dr. MERCIER were read by the Honorary Secretary. The following members took part in the discussion: Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, Dr. YELLOWLEES, Dr. GEORGE M. ROBERTSON, Dr. SEYMOUR TUKE and Dr. CARSWELL.

The PRESIDENT intimated, with the permission of the meeting, that the discussion on Dr. Bernard Hart's paper, read at the previous meeting, entitled "A Case of Double Personality," and that Dr. Briscoe's paper on "Appendicitis in Asylums," would be held over until the Annual Meeting, which would be held in Gloucester.

Members afterwards dined together at the Café Monico.

#### MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

##### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. F. H. Edwards, at Camberwell House, S.E., on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1912.

Among those present were—Drs. W. R. Dawson (President), David Bower, T. Seymour Tuke, Francis H. Edwards, Fletcher Beach, R. H. Steen, J. G. Smith, H. Kerr, G. H. Johnston, R. Whittington, James Chambers, J. Percy Race, F. Watson, Ralph Brown, J. G. P. Phillips, Norman Oliver, E. S. Pasmore, R. Miller, R. J. Stilwell, A. S. Newington, Theo. B. Hyslop, Cecil Bulmore, J. D. Greenlees, P. E. Campbell, Hubert J. Norman, M. A. Collins, E. Faulks, W. Rawes, and David Hunter (Hon. Sec.).

The visitors included the Rev. Philip S. O'Brien, D.D. (Chaplain) and Drs. F. W. Bartlett and W. L. Holyoak.

The house and grounds were inspected, and at 1.30 p.m. Dr. Edwards entertained the members to luncheon. At the close of the lunch the PRESIDENT proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Edwards for his kindness in so hospitably receiving the Division and Dr. EDWARDS responded.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was at 2.15 p.m., Drs. Greenlees, Pasmore, Phillips and Hunter being present.

The General Meeting was held at 3 p.m., the President in the Chair.

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

The following members were elected to take office for 1912-1913:

Hon. Sec. of the Division, Dr. David Hunter; representative members of the Division on the Council: Drs. David Bower, John Brander, Frederick R. P. Taylor, and David G. Thomson.

The following gentlemen were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

Charles J. Fox, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Middlesex County Asylum, Napsbury, St. Albans. (Proposed by Drs. T. O'C. Donelan, F. Bodvel Roberts and D. Hunter.)

Herbert M. Berncastle, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer