

hyperæsthesia of the abdomen, accompanying diminished sensation in the extremities.

Drs. Mills and Dawson also spoke, and Dr. Drapes having replied, the meeting terminated.

A brake then conveyed the members to the new asylum at Purdysburn House, where they were entertained at lunch by Dr. Graham, who afterwards conducted them over the villas of the new institution already occupied, and also the buildings in course of erection, finishing with the farm-steadings.

After tea at Purdysburn House a pleasant and instructive day was concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Graham.

RETIREMENT OF SIR GEORGE O'FARRELL.

TRIBUTE FROM OLD COLLEAGUES AND FELLOW-WORKERS.

The retirement of Sir George O'Farrell from the position of His Majesty's Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, and his impending departure from Ireland, brought together a distinguished assemblage of his friends and admirers in the Council Chamber of Dublin Castle on Tuesday, 12th July, 1910, to make him a presentation as a token of the esteem in which he was held during his official career.

The meeting was presided over by the Right Hon. The Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Lord Justice General.

The following were present or were represented :

The Right Hon. Lord Ashbourne, The Right Hon. The Attorney General, Percy Bernard, D.L., Ralph H. Byrne, Sir C. B. Ball, M.D., E. Burke, Commissioner, Local Government Board, Sir J. G. Barton, C.B., Chief Commissioner of Valuation, The Hon. Mr. Justice Barton, E. M. Courtenay, M.B., The Right Hon. Sir Patrick Coll, K.C.B., Sir F. J. Cullinan, C.B., Sir H. F. Considine, C.B., C.V.O., J. M. Colles, Colonel Courtenay, C.B., D.L., W. P. Connolly, Thomas Considine, F.R.C.S., Sir Francis Cruise, M.D., D.L., The Right Hon. J. H. Campbell, K.C., M.P., The Right Hon. Sir J. B. Dougherty, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Blacker Douglas, D.L., Henry Doran, Commissioner, Congested Districts Board, Hon. J. French, R.M., Sir John Fagan, F.R.C.S., Sir John Franks, C.B., Gerald Fitz-Gibbon, K.C., Wilfred Fitz-Gerald, J. S. Gibbon, C.B., Chairman, General Prisons Board, L. J. Hewby, Treasury Remembrancer, Sir George Holmes, K.C.V.O., Philip Hanson, C.V.O., William Hone, Lady Holmes, The Right Hon. Sir David Harrel, K.C.B., W. V. Harrel, M.V.O., Lord Killanin, Malachy Kelly, Chief Crown Solicitor, James Little, M.D., Physician to H.M. The King in Ireland, Christopher Latouche, D.L., Mr. Commissioner Lynch, Sir John Lentaigne, F.R.C.S., J. P. Lynch, The Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Dublin, J. Mulhall, Vice-Chairman, General Prisons Board, The Right Hon. Sir F. Matheson, Sir F. X. F. McCabe, The MacDermott, D.L., Sir George Morris, K.C.B., W. L. Micks, Commissioner, Congested Districts Board, The Master of the Rolls, Sir C. J. Nixon, Bart., M.D., David Nicolson, C.B., M.D., Robert F. Olphert, R.M., E. O'Farrell, Assistant Under Secretary, J. R. O'Brien, Secretary, Congested Districts Board, The Solicitor General, F. C. Pilkington, D.L., The Right Hon. Sir H. A. Robinson, K.C.B., Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., The Right Hon. The Lord Rathmore, James Smith, Ernest G. Swifte, Metropolitan Police Magistrate, T. S. Stafford, C.B., D.L., J. J. Taylor, C.B., Sir Henry Thynne, C.B., His Honor Judge Wakely, Robert Woods, M.D., President, Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Stewart Woodhouse, Lawrence Waldron, Benjamin Williamson, Vice-Provost, T.C.D.

The presentation consisted of a handsome 18th century half-oval Sheraton satinwood table, a silver inkstand, candlesticks, etc.

At the opening of the proceedings, the Secretary (Sir Stewart Woodhouse) intimated that no less than seventy letters had been received by the Committee from supporters of the testimonial. Of these, the letters of Sir F. Cruise, Sir A. Reed, and Mr. Commissioner Lynch were read.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in making the presentation, said :—Friends, I am very glad personally to be the medium of conveying to our old and true friend, Sir George O'Farrell, this small tribute of regard which we present to him to-day. It

is but a small tribute, but I feel that Sir George will value it most from the good wishes and goodwill which accompany it. (Applause.)

Sir George O'Farrell has been for many years one of the heads of the Asylum Department which he administered, and I think anyone who can go back as far as I can will be struck by the differences that exist now as regards the treatment and care of lunatics from what obtained then. I think everyone will see these great differences, and it is not too much to say that this improvement in the care and treatment of lunatics is largely due to the efforts of Sir George O'Farrell. (Applause.) We see it in the way they are housed, in the efforts that are made for the amelioration of their unhappy condition mentally, and the efforts towards their cure, and we see it in the provision that is made for their outdoor employment and health, which contributes so much to their happiness (if we may apply such a word to these poor people). All these have largely contributed, in my opinion, to an improvement in their mental and physical health; and now, I think, the condition of our lunatic poor contrasts favourably with that in any other country. For all this, we and the public owe much to Sir George O'Farrell, and I must not omit, when I speak of him, the able colleague who was associated with him during that time. (Applause.) But we are speaking of him not only as an able administrator, and an able fellow-worker, but also as an old friend. We know him as a genial companion and as an esteemed and valued friend, and we all now wish him long life, and health, and happiness in the retirement which he has so well earned, and into which our good wishes will follow him.

I have great pleasure in handing over to him now these mementoes of our great regard, with the good wishes from myself, and the good wishes from you, which you have given me the privilege of expressing. (Applause.)

Sir GEORGE O'FARRELL, in reply, said.—My Lord Chancellor and Gentlemen, we read, on authority that cannot be questioned, that "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." I can only say, in contravention of that text, that the fulness of my gratitude, which comes from my heart, has rendered me quite incapable of adequately expressing my obligation for your gracious presence here to-day, and for your beautiful gifts to me. If this presentation were made solely on the grounds of personal merit, I should be at a loss to understand why I should receive such a compliment from you, but I infer from the inscription, and from your lordship's kind remarks, that you are met to honour me as much in an official as in my private capacity, and to acknowledge the efforts which my colleague and myself have made during the past twenty years to raise the standard of the care and treatment of the insane.

I may say at once that the credit for the advances which have been made are due rather to Dr. Courtenay than to me. He is one of the most unselfish of men, and it would be no exaggeration to say that he has spent himself in the public service. (Applause.) It will be always a very gratifying reflection to me, and to my colleague, on our retirement, that we are leaving the lunatic poor in a better condition than we found them. They are better housed, fed, and clothed, and the shackles of mechanical restraint have been entirely removed, and in nearly every public asylum in Ireland, sufficient land has been acquired for their recreation and employment. The State Asylum at Dundrum, which is intended for the reception of criminal lunatics, and which twenty years ago was in a state of disorganisation which threatened a public scandal, is now—under the management of Dr. George Revington—highly efficient for its purpose. Lastly, we found that the private and charitable institutions for the insane, with some exceptions, were so bad that we were obliged to take steps to have them closed by order of your lordship's predecessor. In dealing with these, it was our good fortune to be associated with the gentleman who exercises, under your authority and direction, the great jurisdiction committed to you, under the Sovereign's sign manual, over the property and persons of lunatics and minors, and we know from our own personal observation that Dr. Colles' administration of his office has brought untold comforts and blessings to the large class of mentally afflicted who are under the control of your lordship's Court.

Gentlemen, it is hard to say farewell, and especially hard to be separated from old friends such as you have been to me—from such a man as Sir George Morris, with whom I have maintained, for over twenty years, a friendship and an intimacy that has known neither interruption nor alloy.

I am indeed reluctant to leave Ireland. I am like the prisoner in Prior's poem, who

"Often took leave, but was loth to depart."

I need say little more. Everything must come to an end. Practically my official career ends to-day in this room, with the seal and sanction of your lordship's approval. But never, until my last breath leaves me, shall I forget your kindness or fail to recall the kindly faces which I now see around me. (Applause.)

Sir GEORGE MORRIS proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Chancellor for presiding. He said the Lord Chancellor had presided on this, as on other occasions, in the kindest spirit, and had succeeded in conveying to Sir George O'Farrell the unanimous feeling they all had of his departure from amongst them.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in reply, said he did not think he deserved any thanks for coming to see Sir George O'Farrell, and to say a last word to him as an old friend. It was rather a melancholy task, and he hoped he would not have to undertake a similar one.

THE LIBRARY OF THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Library is open daily for reading, and for the purpose of borrowing books. Books may also be borrowed by post, provided that at the time of application threepence in stamps is forwarded to defray the cost of postage. Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Lewis to enable the Association to obtain books from the lending library belonging to that firm, should any desired book not be in the Association's Library.

A special grant has recently been obtained from the Association for the purpose of binding the large number of paper volumes now in the Library. Many of these have considerable historical and scientific interest.

At the commencement of 1911 the Library Committee propose to put the following scheme into operation. It is designed to meet the requirements of those members who wish to have an opportunity of regularly perusing the current Journals:

- (1) The Library will subscribe to the following five Journals:
 - The Journal of Abnormal Psychology.*
 - The Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.*
 - The American Journal of Insanity.*
 - Journal de Psychologie Normale et Pathologique.*
 - Zeitschrift für die gesamte Neurologie und Psychiatrie.*
- (2) Any member of the Association who so desires may put down his name for one or more Journals.
- (3) When the current number of a Journal arrives at the Library it will be immediately posted to the member whose name is first on the list. He will be at liberty to keep the Journal for a period not exceeding a fortnight. He will then post it to the member whose name is second on the list. And so on, until the Journal reaches the member whose name is last on the list. At the conclusion of his fortnight the latter will post the Journal back to the Library, where it will be preserved and subsequently bound.
- (4) Members' names will be entered on the list for each Journal in the order in which they shall have applied to the Secretaries.
- (5) Members wishing to avail themselves of this scheme are requested to send their names to the undersigned at Long-Grove Asylum, Epsom—not later than November 30th, 1910. They should at the same time state which Journals they desire to receive.

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B. HART, } *Library Committee.*