

Dr. SYDNEY P. COLE then proceeded to give a demonstration on "The Comparative Anatomy of the Frontal Lobe, and its Bearing upon the Pathology of Insanity" (see p. 52). A series of brains illustrating his remarks were exhibited by means of lantern-slides.

The CHAIRMAN, Professor FAWCETT, Drs. POPE and PAUL took part in the discussion which followed.

Dr. E. BARTON WHITE read a paper, written in conjunction with Dr. SCHÖLBERG, Pathologist to the Cardiff Infirmary, on "Pituitary and Supra-renal Growths in a Case of Insanity" (see p. 18).

The paper was illustrated by means of specimens, drawings, and micro-photographs.

This was commented on by the CHAIRMAN, Drs. COLE, MORRISON, and POPE.

Dr. PERDRAU read a paper on the "Clinical Aspect and Treatment of Asylum Dysentery," in which he described the form of treatment recently carried out at the Devon County Asylum (see p. 93).

On account of the lateness of the hour Dr. W. S. GRAHAM's paper, "Notes of a Case of Melancholia Associated with Cerebral Abscess," was, with his permission, postponed to the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Professor Fawcett and the University authorities for the use of the room, and to Dr. Soutar for so kindly presiding.

A number of the members subsequently dined together at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Bristol.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The AUTUMN MEETING of this Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. C. L. Hopkins, at the City Asylum, Fulford, York, on Thursday, October 20th, 1910. Dr. Hopkins presided.

The following fifteen members were present: Drs. M. A. Archdale, A. R. Douglas, J. W. Geddes, J. Herbert, C. K. Hitchcock, C. L. Hopkins, H. Kershaw, H. J. Mackenzie, G. F. May, C. McDowall, T. W. McDowall, J. Middlemass, B. Pierce, E. F. Trevelyan, and T. S. Adair.

The President, Dr. John Macpherson, expressed regret at being unable to be present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposal of Dr. GEDDES, seconded by Dr. MIDDLEMASS, Drs. Hitchcock, McDowall, and Pierce were unanimously re-elected to form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months.

Dr. MIDDLEMASS then read his paper on "Hereditary Syphilis and General Paralysis." He commenced by apologising for bringing forward so well-worn a subject. The idea occurred to him some time ago that in cases of general paralysis where no history of personal syphilis could be ascertained, an explanation might be found in hereditary syphilis as a cause. Probably most people are of the opinion that developmental or juvenile general paralysis is due to inherited syphilis, and in the great majority of the cases he had seen there was a clear history pointing in this direction. In one such case reported the Wassermann reaction had been found to be positive. He went on to suggest that in cases where there is no history of acquired syphilis, a positive Wassermann reaction might point to hereditary syphilis and not to the untruthfulness of the patient.

In the discussion which followed Dr. HOPKINS referred to the use of the Ross-Jones test. Dr. TREVELYAN spoke of the relation of tabes to syphilis in families, and mentioned an interesting case. Dr. HITCHCOCK considered that general paralysis depended on the temperament of the individual as well as on acquired or hereditary syphilis.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE gave a most interesting account of his visit to the "International Congress on Psychiatry," held in Berlin from October 3rd to 7th, 1910. After giving a brief sketch of the arrangements made for the holding of the Congress and the cordial reception extended to the visitors, he briefly outlined the various items that were brought before the Congress, amongst which may be mentioned papers on "Asylum Planning," "Work as a Therapeutic Agent," "The

Boarding Out of the Insane"—illustrated with lantern views of its working in Hungary—"The Significance of the Wassermann Reaction," "Mental Diseases in the Army and Navy," and "Sleeping Sickness." Perhaps the most interesting features of the Congress were: An exhibition of models of various asylums in South Germany, cinematograph films showing the movements of the insane, and an excellent cinematograph exhibition of micro-organisms, showing in a most striking way their movements, particularly in relation to the red blood-corpuscles. Amongst those exhibited in active movement were *Spirochæta pallida* and various spirilla and trypanosomes.

Dr. McDOWALL thought that some demonstrations similar to those shown in Berlin would be very instructive if exhibited at one of the General Meetings of the Association in London.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the General Secretary offering this suggestion.

Dr. Williamson was not present to read his paper on a "Case of Melancholia."

A very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Hopkins and the Committee of the York City Asylum for their kind hospitality.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A 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, November 18th, 1910.

Present—Drs. Bruce, Clouston, Dods Brown, Ker, Winifred Muirhead, Macrae, T. C. Mackenzie, Macdonald, G. M. Robertson, Shaw, Steele, Taylor, Batty Tuke, Turnbull, Urquhart, and R. B. Campbell.

Dr. Turnbull was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. John Macpherson, President of the Association, Drs. Alexander, Easterbrook, Watson and Yellowlees.

A letter was submitted from Dr. Marr, resigning the Secretaryship of the Scottish Division, and it was unanimously resolved to convey to Dr. Marr the congratulations of the members present on his appointment as one of His Majesty's Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, and at the same time to convey to him the thanks of the Division for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Divisional Secretary during his term of office.

Dr. CLOUSTON proposed that Dr. R. B. Campbell be asked to take over the Divisional Secretaryship in succession to Dr. Marr.

This was unanimously agreed to, and Dr. Campbell consented to do so.

Dr. G. M. Robertson and Dr. Hotchkis were nominated for the position of Representative Members of Council.

Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, G. M. Robertson, Sturrock, and R. B. Campbell.

The following candidates, after ballot, were admitted to membership of the Association:

John Q. Donald, L.R.C.P. and S.E., Medical Superintendent, Invereden Lodge Retreat, Dairsie by Cupar. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, G. M. Robertson, and Turnbull.)

Bell, G. Emslie, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, Gostwyck, and Muirhead.)

Donald C. Macaskill, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. Campbell, G. M. Robertson, and Gostwyck.)

James Davie, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness. (Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, Bruce, and Campbell.)

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON read a paper on "The Administration of Sulphonals, its Dangers, and the Precautions to be Adopted," which led to a most interesting and