

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING was held at 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Thursday, November 16th, 1905, Dr. Outterson Wood, President, in the Chair.

Present: Drs. W. Lloyd Andriezen, Henry T. S. Aveline, Robert Baker, Fletcher Beach, George F. Blandford, C. Hubert Bond, David Bower, John F. Briscoe, James Chambers, Harry Corner, Maurice Craig, Francis G. Crookshank, Frank A. Elkins, G. Stanley Elliot, W. Gilmore Ellis, William Everett, Edwin Goodall, William Graham, George W. Greene, Horace E. Haynes, John W. Higginson, H. Gardiner Hill, Charles K. Hitchcock, Theo. B. Hyslop, Robert Jones, Percival L. Langdon-Down, Evariste Laval, Richard J. Legge, Peter W. Macdonald, Henry J. Macevoy, H. J. Mackenzie, S. Rutherford Macphail, William F. Menzies, William J. Mickle, James Middlemass, Cuthbert S. Morrison, James Neil, H. Hayes Newington, Bedford Pierce, Henry Rayner, George E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, Henry Stilwell, Reginald J. Stilwell, Adam R. Turnbull, John Turner, Frederick Watson, Ernest W. White, T. Outterson Wood, David Yellowlees.

Apologies: Drs. Thomas Drapes, Hamilton C. Marr, Frederick R. P. Taylor, T. Seymour Tuke.

Visitor: Dr. Frederick J. Lawson.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed in the JOURNAL, were taken as read.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Society had received an intimation of the death of Professor Bernhard Heinrich Laehr, who had been an Honorary Member of the Association since 1866. He expressed the regret which would be felt by the members of the Association at the distinguished gentleman's decease, and proposed that Dr. Jones, the Honorary General Secretary, be requested to send a letter of condolence to the relatives of their late lamented colleague and friend.

The following candidates were elected ordinary members of the Association:—Darbyshire, Harold Stewart Cassan, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Nottingham City Asylum, Mapperley, Nottingham (proposed by Evan Powell, W. J. A. Erskine, and Robert Jones); Dove, Augustus Charles, M.D., M.B., B.S., "Brightside," Crouch End Hill, N. (proposed by T. Claye Shaw, H. Hayes Newington, and Robert Jones); Hallett, Harry George Drummond, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Darenth Asylum, Dartford, Kent (proposed by A. Rotherham, Arthur E. Patterson, and R. H. Steen); Johnston, Thomas Leonard, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Bracebridge Asylum, Lincoln (proposed by H. Hayes Newington, A. S. Newington, and George P. Torney); Murrell, Christine Mary, M.D., B.S., Medical Registrar and Electrician, Royal Free Hospital, 86, Porchester Terrace, W. (proposed by A. Helen A. Boyle, F. R. P. Taylor, and R. Percy Smith); Paul, Maurice Eden, M.D., M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer, Parkstone, Dorset. Address: Moorcroft, Parkstone, Dorset (proposed by W. Gilmore Ellis, G. H. Savage, and R. Percy Smith); Phillips, Norman Routh, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, "Stonehouse," St. Martin's, Canterbury (proposed by Norman Lavers, J. F. Woods, and H. Rowe Jeremy); Ridley, Edward Hope, M.D.Edin., Ticehurst House, Ticehurst, Sussex (proposed by H. Hayes Newington, A. S. Newington, and Robert Jones); Robertson, Constance C., M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Tue Brook Villa, Liverpool (proposed by T. W. McDowall, G. R. East, and Robert Jones); Toogood, Frederick Sherman, M.D.Lond., Medical Superintendent, The Infirmary, High Street, Lewisham (proposed by H. Hayes Newington, T. Outterson Wood, and Robert Jones).

Dr. W. GILMORE ELLIS read a paper (illustrated by photographs) entitled "A Few Remarks on Opium Smoking and the Morphia Habit in the Straits Settlements." This paper will appear in the next number of the JOURNAL.

Dr. F. GRAHAM CROOKSHANK contributed "Some Notes on the Study of Insanity." See page 49.

Dr. G. WATERS GREENE read a paper entitled "Prognosis in Dementia Paralytica."

At the Council Meeting, which was held at 2 p.m., the following members were present:—Drs. Aveline, Beach, Bond, Bower, Chambers, Craig, Graham, Hitchcock, Robert Jones, Legge, MacBryan, Macdonald, Newington, Pierce, Rayner, Percy Smith, Steen, Turnbull, Turner, White, Wood, Yellowlees.

In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE.

The following are the members of the Classification Committee:—Drs. Percy Smith (Chairman), Goodall, Robert Jones, Macpherson, Mercier, Conolly Norman, Savage, and Outterson Wood.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. R. Langdon-Down, at Normansfield, Hampton Wick, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1905.

Among those present were Drs. T. Outterson Wood (President), R. Percy Smith, Ernest W. White, G. E. Shuttleworth, H. Stilwell, H. E. Haynes, William Rawes, A. Rotherham, S. C. Elgee, G. N. O. Slater, David Hunter, W. G. Fee, F. C. Gayton, F. H. Edwards, C. H. Fennell, J. Wigmore Higginson, F. S. Crookshank, H. Gardiner Hill, A. N. Boycott, J. R. Hill, Fred Watson, M. T. Archdall, N. Navarra, H. W. B. Stoddart, R. J. Stilwell, W. H. Bailey, A. S. Newington, and R. H. Steen (Hon. Sec.).

The house and grounds were inspected, and subsequently Dr. Langdon-Down entertained the members to luncheon.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15 p.m., Drs. Rawes, Boycott, Hunter, Slater, Stilwell, and Steen being present.

The General Meeting of the Division was then held, Dr. T. Outterson Wood (President) in the Chair.

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

The following gentleman was elected as an ordinary member of the Association:—J. Francis Dixon, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., B.A.(Dub.), L.M.(Rot.), Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Three Counties Asylum. Proposed by Drs. De Lisle, Hyslop, and Stoddart.

The invitation from Dr. A. N. Boycott to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at the Herts County Asylum, Hill End, St. Albans, on April 25th, 1906, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

The PRESIDENT stated that he wished to draw the attention of each member of the Division to the importance of carefully considering the proposed amalgamation of the Association with other medical societies in London. It was a matter of the greatest importance, and it behoved each member to weigh the subject in all its bearings.

Dr. ERNEST W. WHITE who followed stated that he fully endorsed the remarks which had fallen from the President, and moved that the Secretary of the Division should note the matter and place on the Agenda of the Spring Meeting of the Division the following subject for debate:—"To consider what steps should be taken by this Division in view of the suggested amalgamation of the London Medical Societies into one Association to be termed the 'Royal Academy of Medicine.'" This was carried unanimously.

Dr. LANGDON-DOWN read a paper on "Some Observations on the Mongolian Type of Imbecility."

He presented a series of fourteen examples for inspection, including nine adults, and it was more particularly to the adult conditions of this type that he drew attention. Dr. Shuttleworth and Dr. Ireland were cited to show that the majority of these cases die before reaching adult life, and that they generally succumb to tubercular disease.