

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

Croydon Mental Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey. (Proposed by Drs. E. S. Pasmore, L. F. Hanbury and D. Hunter.)

William Bertram Hill, M.D., B.C.Vict., Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist, Croydon Mental Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey. (Proposed by Drs. E. S. Pasmore, L. F. Hanbury and D. Hunter.)

Walter L. Holyoak, M.D., B.S.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House, S.E. (Proposed by Drs. F. H. Edwards, H. J. Norman and D. Hunter.)

John James McIntosh Shaw, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Bexley, Kent. (Proposed by Drs. T. E. K. Stansfield, E. Faulks and G. Evans.)

Drs. Kerr, Johnston and Harper-Smith were elected members of the South Eastern Divisional Committee of Management, which now consists of the following:

Retire in 1913: Drs. Baily, Haynes and Donelan.

Retire in 1914: Drs. Stansfield, Dove and Phillips.

Retire in 1915: Drs. Kerr, Johnston and Harper-Smith.

The invitation of Dr. Turner to hold the Autumn Meeting at the Essex County Asylum, Brentwood, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure. October 1st, 1912, was fixed as the date of this meeting. The date of the Spring Meeting was fixed for April 29th, 1913.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. HUBERT J. NORMAN gave an abstract of his paper entitled "Emanuel Swedenborg: Psychologist" (see p. 448).

In the discussion which followed, the PRESIDENT congratulated Dr. Norman on the highly interesting *resumé* of his work, and complimented him on the clear grasp of his subject shown by the epitome.

Dr. GREENLEES expressed his appreciation of Dr. Norman's paper, and remarked that he was deeply impressed with the fact, clearly shown, that Swedenborg was much ahead of his time in his grasp of psychology. The fact that he ultimately became insane did not, in his opinion, detract from the value and interest of his earlier work.

The Rev. Dr. O'BRIEN said he considered it a rare privilege to sit at the feet of the doctors. Dr. Norman's presentation of a difficult and abstruse subject was characterised by delicacy, ability and tact. For a young man he had, indeed, displayed the wisdom of the age. He himself had always regarded Swedenborg as having lost his wits at an earlier stage of his career, judging by his preposterous endeavour to localise the immortal soul in the material body. It would be a great source of grief to all who believed in a future life if it should ever be accepted that God, the great Creator, should have taken the trouble to locate the soul of man in his stomach, brain or any other part of his material structure.

Dr. NORMAN, in his reply, said that Swedenborg's idea in trying to localise the soul was only part and parcel of his desire to take nothing for granted, and that he had admitted that his search had been fruitless.

Dr. EDGAR FAULKS read a paper upon "The Problem of Enteric Fever in Asylums, with Special Reference to the Treatment of Carriers."

The PRESIDENT said that the subject of the paper was of great interest and importance to asylum physicians. He gave some details of a severe epidemic of enteric fever in an Irish asylum, traced to the water supply. One of the difficulties in connection with the subject was the problem of what to do with the carrier when he has been identified.

Dr. EDWARDS remarked that in the case not only of enteric fever, but also of dysentery, it was an interesting fact that these diseases were almost unknown in private asylums. This suggested some special source of infection, and a factor he considered important was the diet. For instance, patients in private asylums were much less liable to have food brought to them from outside by their friends. The diet appeared to him to be the only possible explanation, because, at any rate in modern public asylums where such cases occur, the drainage, water supply and general hygienic conditions were above reproach, whereas in some private asylums in comparatively recent years the drainage has been found to be defective and in spite of that fact no typhoid or dysentery occurred.

Drs. HOLYOAK, PASMORE, BRANDER and COLLINS also discussed the paper, and Dr. FAULKES replied.

Dr. GREENLEES proposed and Dr. EDWARDS seconded a vote of thanks to the President for occupying the chair. This was unanimously and heartily carried.

After the meeting Mrs. Edwards kindly entertained the members to tea.

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

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING was held, by the kindness of Mrs. Fox, at Brislington House, near Bristol, on Thursday, April 18th, 1912. The President of the Association (Dr. W. R. Dawson) was in the chair.

The following members were present: Drs. Aveline, Bullen, Bazalgette, Barton-White, Lavers, Morton, Marnan, MacBryan, Nelis, Rutherford, Soutar, Smyth, Scott Williamson, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Dr. Blachford).

There were also present, as visitors, Sir George Savage, Drs. Shingleton Smith, Phillips, and Smith.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Drs. MacDonald, Morrison, and Monnington.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. Blachford was re-appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. Aveline and Nelis elected Representative Members on the Council. Drs. Morrison and Nelis were elected Members of the Committee of Management.

The following were elected Members of the Association:

Dr. William Brown, M.D., C.M., District Medical Officer, Adviser in Lunacy Cases to Bristol Magistrates, Park View, Fishponds, Bristol. (Proposed by Drs. Blachford, Aveline, and Bazalgette.)

Dr. Joseph D. Burke, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer Somerset and Bath Asylum, Cotford, near Taunton. (Proposed by Drs. Aveline, Graham, and Blachford.)

Dr. William Boyd, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.(Belfast), Third Assistant Medical Officer, Cornwall County Asylum, Bodmin. (Proposed by Drs. Rivers, Dudley, and Phillips.)

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Thursday, October 24th next, at Laverstock House, Salisbury, on the invitation of Dr. Monnington.

The date of the Spring Meeting was fixed for April 17th, 1913.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE then gave his paper on "Some Dreams and their Significance" (see p. 407).

This was followed by an interesting discussion, in which the PRESIDENT, Drs. SOUTAR and SHINGLETON SMITH took part.

The report of the Sub-committee appointed to deal with the question of a Central Pathological Laboratory was read and discussed, and it was decided to adopt the report and to ask the Sub-committee to make further inquiry as to the legality of one of the recommendations contained therein.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Fox.

The members afterwards dined together at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Bristol.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Farquharson at the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle, on Thursday, April 18th, 1912.

Dr. W. F. Farquharson presided.

The following eleven members were present: Drs. J. R. S. Anderson, W. F. Farquharson, C. H. G. Lyall, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, J. Middlemass, T. J. S. Moffit, J. Parker, B. Pierce, T. S. Adair, and two visitors, Rev. E. S. Pole and Dr. C. W. Donald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.