

are carefully separated, so that the directs can be easily considered by themselves.

We note that in B5, among the 776 direct admissions, primary dementia was recorded fifty-eight times. We find also seventy-seven of the same class among the residue, and that four out of the sixteen recoveries had suffered from this variety. This last fact, together with the recovery of eight suffering from senile dementia, would point to the conclusion that the term "dementia" does not always, and to all observers, imply incurability. For ourselves we cannot entirely accept the incurability of dementia, since it would leave unclassified some cases, not common, where there is an amount of want of judgment, and possibly of intellect, who recover both after a period of protection from the consequences of their mental want, without the manifestation of any definite mental or physical special symptoms, such as one needs must see in either acute mania or acute melancholia or other form of active insanity.

The questions of age, civil state, etc., as stated under our review of the county statistics, are matter for deliberate weighing by an expert. Though they are smaller in comparison with those contained in the forementioned statistics, they are undoubtedly of great value, and necessary as a scientific complement to the latter when a study is made of the insanity of the whole area of London.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held in the rooms of the Medical Society of London, Chandos Street, W., on Tuesday, November 15th, 1910, Dr. John Macpherson, President, in the Chair.

There were present the President and the following fifty-two members: Drs. H. T. S. Aveline, W. H. Bailey, G. F. Barham, Fletcher Beach, C. Hubert Bond, David Bower, John F. Briscoe, W. Brooks-Keith, J. Carswell, James Chambers, M. A. Collins, M. Davis, J. Francis Dixon, R. Langdon-Down, Thos. Drapes, D. Edridge-Green, F. Ashby Elkins, C. T. Ewart, T. D. Greenlees, H. E. Haynes, C. K. Hitchcock, David Hunter, T. B. Hyslop, G. H. Johnston, John R. Lord, H. G. Macartney, H. G. MacBryan, W. Macdonald, H. J. Mackenzie, John Macpherson, W. F. Menzies, James Middlemass, R. Mornington, Hayes Newington, L. R. Oswald, M. Eden-Paul, O. P. Napier Pearn, S. R. Phillips, Wm. Rawes, G. H. Savage, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. G. Smith, R. Percy Smith, J. G. Soutar, J. B. Spense, T. Stansfield, R. H. Steen, R. J. Stillwell, W. H. B. Stoddart, J. A. Topham, William Vincent, and Fred Watson.

Visitors: Mr. M. Crackenthorpe, K.C., Sir Horatio Donkin, Miss Dendy, Dr. W. G. Boys Johnston, and Dr. J. Samuel, F.R.S.E.

Attendance at previous Council meeting: Drs. Adair, Aveline, Bond, Bower, Chambers, Dixon, Drapes, Hunter, P. W. MacDonald, J. Macpherson, H. J. Mackenzie, Middlemass, Miller, Hayes Newington, Oswald, Shuttleworth, Percy Smith, Soutar, Stoddart, Taylor, and Vincent.

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECOVERY OF THE PRESIDENT.

The TREASURER said one or two members had intimated to him that it would be appropriate for the Association to express its satisfaction on the return to health of the President, and he was very glad to take upon himself the function of doing so. Members were always sorry when the President became ill, and always glad when he recovered. That was not only so now, but those who were at the Edinburgh meeting would remember all his kindness and thought directed to making the welcome a hearty one; therefore the news that the President was not only ill, but very ill indeed, came as a shock to them on personal grounds. One was scarcely prepared for such news after seeing him in good health so recently. He congratulated the President, in the name of the meeting, on his restoration to health.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

The PRESIDENT, in acknowledging the meeting's congratulations, said he was quite unprepared for any such kindly vote. He thought his illness was quite outside the legitimate business of the Association, but as it had been introduced he could only thank the proposer for his kindness, and the meeting for having so cordially passed the resolution.

The following candidates for election were duly balloted for and approved:

Brander, John, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Bexley. (Proposed by T. E. K. Stansfield, G. Evans, and G. N. Bartlett.)

Gilmour, Walter, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Pathologist, Gartlock Asylum, Gartcosh, N.B. (Proposed by W. O. Parker, Leonard D. H. Baugh, and J. E. Middlemiss.)

Kennedy, Lt. Col. Arthur (R.A.M.C.), L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. (Proposed by B. H. Mumby, G. H. Barham, and C. Hubert Bond.)

McDougall, William, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.Sc.Vict. (Wilde Reader in Psychology, Oxford University), Foxcombe Hill, Oxford. (Proposed by George A. Auden, H. Hayes Newington, and C. Hubert Bond.)

MacKenzie, Marion Ellen, M.B., Ch.B.Edin. (Medical Examiner for the Board of Education), 7, The Valley, Scarborough. (Proposed by Margaret B. Dobson, G. F. Barham, and C. Hubert Bond.)

Martin, William Lewis, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.M.Edin. (Certifying Physician in Lunacy, Edinburgh Parish Council), 56, Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh. (Proposed by Geo. M. Robertson, Alex. W. Neill, and R. Gibson.)

Oliver, Norman H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., The Retreat, Richmond, Surrey. (Proposed by J. G. Porter Phillips, Maurice Craig, and W. H. B. Stoddart.)

Reid, Daniel McKinley, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, London County Asylum, Horton, Epsom. (Proposed by John R. Lord, David Ogilvie, and Samuel Elgee.)

Dr. Oswald and Dr. Menzies acted as scrutineers.

Dr. G. H. SAVAGE then read a paper on "Insanity and Marriage," prefacing it with a few explanatory remarks as to the reason he was reading the paper on a second occasion (see p. 97).

The PRESIDENT said the meeting had listened to Dr. Savage's interesting communication with the respect which was due to his enormous experience. The author had placed before the meeting, as he believed he was right in interpreting it, the duty of the physician towards the recommendation to allow, or to forbid, marriage. He had done it in a way which members could not help admiring. Dr. Savage had not exaggerated the situations which came before him, nor had he minimised, on the other hand, the gravity of the question. But there was a further paper, on an allied subject, which had appeared in the pages of the last number of the Journal, by Dr. Ewart. The latter gentleman proceeded a step further than Dr. Savage had done, in that he dealt not with the duty of the physician towards his patient, but with the duty which the State should assume towards the question of the marriage of the intellectually unfit, towards the procreation of children, and towards the moral regeneration of the race. Before Dr. Savage read his paper, and after consultation with the Secretary, he took the

liberty of putting it to Dr. Savage whether he would prefer a discussion upon his own paper separately from that on Dr. Ewart's, or whether, the subjects being so evidently allied and running parallel, it would not be better to discuss them both together. He thought it would be the wish of the meeting, having heard Dr. Savage's paper, and, he hoped, having read Dr. Ewart's in the Journal, to adopt that course. But in discussing the papers he thought it would be well that, as far as possible, those who preferred to talk of the duty of the physician towards the patient on this question should separate it as largely as possible from the wider question which Dr. Ewart had raised concerning the duty of the State towards the mentally defective. That question at the present moment was assuming enormous proportions in the public mind, owing to the interest which the proceedings of the Divorce Commission was creating, and he felt sure that those who discussed the question would do so with the gravity which it deserved. He would ask Dr. Ewart to communicate a short *précis* of his paper which had appeared in the Journal.

Dr. C. T. EWART then recapitulated the main points in his paper, "Eugenics and Degeneracy," which had already appeared in the *Journal of Mental Science*, October, 1910, pp. 670-685.

The two papers were followed by an interesting and earnest discussion, in which the following visitors and members took part; Mr. MONTAGUE CRACKENTHORPE, K.C., Drs. HYSLOP, DONKIN, MERCIER, Miss DENDY, Drs. FLETCHER BEACH, HAYES NEWINGTON, CARSWELL, BRISCOE, BEVERIDGE SPENCE, EDEN PAUL, and the PRESIDENT.

Dr. EWART replied, Dr. Savage having meanwhile been obliged to leave the meeting (see p. 111).

The members afterwards dined together at the Café Monico Restaurant.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. T. E. K. Stansfield, at the London County Asylum, Bexley, on Wednesday, October 5th, 1910.

Among those present were Sir James Moody, Drs. R. R. Alexander, G. F. Barham, David Bower, G. Clarke, R. H. Cole, M. A. Collins, O'C. Donelan, A. C. Dove, G. Evans, E. Faulks, F. C. Gayton, S. J. Gilfillan, T. D. Greenlees, H. E. Haynes, G. H. Johnston, J. R. Lord, J. Macarthur, R. B. Mitchell, A. S. Newington, E. S. Pasmore, G. E. Peachell, O. P. N. Pearn, J. P. Race, E. F. Sall, J. G. Smith, T. E. K. Stansfield, R. H. Steen, F. R. P. Taylor, F. Watson, and D. Hunter (Hon. Sec.).

The visitors included Andrew T. Taylor, Esq. (Chairman of the Visiting Committee), T. Hunter, Esq., L.C.C., H. F. Keene, Esq., W. C. Clifford Smith, Esq., Rev. J. J. Brownhill, Drs. Brander, Dixon, Lee, and MacDonald.

From noon to 1.30 p.m. the asylum wards and grounds were visited. At 1.30 Dr. Stansfield entertained the members to luncheon. At the close of lunch Dr. David Bower proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Stansfield and the Committee for their kindness in so hospitably receiving the Division. Dr. Stansfield and Mr. Andrew T. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee, responded.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15 p.m. The General Meeting was held at 3 p.m., Dr. Stansfield in the Chair.

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

The invitation of Dr. Hyslop to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at the Bethlem Royal Hospital on April 25th, 1911, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

Dr. T. E. K. STANSFIELD read a paper entitled "Heredity and Insanity" (see p. 55).

At the end of the paper Dr. Stansfield suggested that discussion should be deferred until Dr. Faulks had read his paper, which was virtually a continuation of the subject.