

some, the morbid laziness of others, unbounded desires, the discredit of manual work, the continual effervescence, increase amazingly the ranks of the graphomaniacs. H. DEVINE.

Psychoses Associated with Diabetes Mellitus. (*The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, December, 1917.*) Singer, H. D., and Clarke, S. N.

The writers report two cases in which there is evidence of toxic brain disturbance—restless apprehension, with sense falsification—associated with disturbances of metabolism in diabetic subjects.

In the first case the appearance of acute toxic mental symptoms was associated with a diminution of sugar in the urine. The acute mental symptoms subsided rapidly with the reappearance of sugar, so that these two manifestations appeared more or less in an inverse relation to one another.

In the second case the acute mental symptoms were noted more in association with therapeutic measures than with actual diminution of the amount of sugar excreted. With the resumption of a full diet the patient returned to his average mental state within a few days. H. DEVINE.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, W. 1, on Tuesday, May 28th, 1918, Lieut.-Col. David G. Thomson, M.D., R.A.M.C., President, occupying the chair.

The following signed their names in the book as having been present at the meeting or as having attended meetings of committees: Sir G. H. Savage, Lieut.-Col. Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones, Drs. H. T. S. Aveline, Fletcher Beach, David Bower, J. Carswell, James Chambers, R. H. Cole, Maurice Craig, A. W. Daniel, J. Francis Dixon, E. L. Dove, T. Drapes, R. Eager, F. H. Edwards, E. L. Forward, C. F. Fothergill, A. H. Griffith, H. E. Haynes, John Keay, D. G. Lindsay, A. Miller, Richard Miller, J. M. Murray, H. J. Norman, E. S. Pasmore, J. G. Porter Phillips, Bedford Pierce, E. Prideaux, J. N. Sergeant, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. Percy Smith, J. G. Soutar, T. E. K. Stansfield, F. R. P. Taylor, C. M. Tuke, John Turner, H. Wolseley-Lewis, and R. H. Steen (Acting Hon. General Secretary).

Visitors: Drs. K. Haslam, E. M. Herford, J. D. Symon, and F. W. Thurnam.

Present at Council Meeting: Lieut.-Col. D. G. Thomson, M.D., R.A.M.C. (President), in the chair, and Drs. H. T. S. Aveline, A. Helen Boyle, James Chambers, R. H. Cole, Thos. Drapes, R. Eager, John Keay, J. N. Sergeant, T. E. Knowles Stansfield, G. E. Shuttleworth, H. Wolseley-Lewis, and R. H. Steen.

Dr. J. G. Soutar attended on the invitation of the President.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from: Drs. C. C. Easterbrook, R. R. Leeper, John Mills, H. de M. Alexander, Graeme Dickson, L. R. Oswald, T. S. Adair, G. N. Bartlett, Donald Ross, J. R. Gilmour, and James M. Rutherford.

The minutes of the last meeting, being printed in the April number of the Journal, were approved and signed by the President as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT said his first duty, under this head, was to report to the meeting that the late Dr. Maudsley had bequeathed to the Association a sum of £2000. He thought there was no need for him, on this occasion, to enlarge on the

importance and munificence of such a bequest, nor on the gratification it would afford to the members. The terms of Dr. Maudsley's Will did not specify in what way this money should be used by the Association, and the Council proposed to consider that matter at its next meeting, two months hence. He did not doubt that in the meantime the Council would be very glad to receive suggestions on the subject from any who were not members of the Council, and all such suggestions would be welcomed and receive due consideration at the meeting he had referred to.

The other business he had to report on was that Col. Keay, of Bangour Hospital, Edinburgh, had, he was pleased to know, found himself able, now that he had got his great hospital into full working order, to devote part of his time to the duties appertaining to the post of President of this Association. In consequence of that acceptance it had been arranged at to-day's Council meeting that the Annual Meeting this year be held at Edinburgh, under Col. Keay's presidency, on July 23rd and 24th, just previous to the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association.

The following resolution would now be proposed by the General Secretary, Dr. Steen: "That, owing to the shortage of paper and the difficulty in printing, the following bye-laws, or portions of bye-laws, be suspended for the duration of the war, namely: Bye-law 26, Bye-law 67 (a), Bye-law 67 (b), Bye-law 67 (c), Bye-law 90 in so far as it requires the General Secretary to issue to each member of the Association a circular announcing the date of the Annual Meeting, etc." Members would have noted that in the paper of business of past annual meetings it had been the custom to print the names of the officers, examiners, and members of the standing committees. This had been done as a matter of convenience, not because ordered by the bye-laws. This practice it was proposed to discontinue during the war.

Dr. R. H. STEEN (Acting Hon. Secretary) moved the resolution, as printed and as read out by the President, and in doing so said he would like to draw the attention of members to Article 16 of the Association. This ran as follows: "At any general meeting of the Association, bye-laws may be made, varied, or repealed subject to the following regulation—*vis.*: Not less than fourteen days before such meeting, the Secretary shall send, through the post to each ordinary member of the Association, by prepaid letter addressed to such member at his registered address, or otherwise as provided by the bye-laws, notice of the hour and place of meeting, and notice of the resolution to be proposed at the meeting for such making, varying, or repeal of the aforesaid, provided that the omission to send any such notice shall not invalidate anything done at such meeting." Bye-law 26 provided that the Divisional Secretaries shall send a printed list of the officers and representative members of Council for election from the division. In some divisions there were 250 members, and these lists had to be printed and posted to each one, though, he feared, they were not always looked at by the members receiving them; therefore that was an item on which the Association could save printing and paper. Bye-law 67 (a) provided that each year the General Secretary should send to each member a paper showing the attendances of the members of Council at the meetings. That, he thought, might lapse during the period of the war. It was required by Bye-law 67 (b) that a voting-paper be sent containing the names of the officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting. That, he suggested, was an unnecessary expense. Bye-law 67 (c) provided for the receipt of the voting-papers, and this became void if Bye-law 67 (b) became inactive. Bye-law 90 said the Secretary should send out a notice to each member giving the date of the Annual Meeting, and at the same time make a request for the contribution of papers and other scientific matter therefor. As a number of members were now absent from England, the printing of this, and especially the postage, would be a very heavy item, and he did not think it was, during war time, worth the expenditure. Those were the reasons for which he moved the resolution.

Dr. BOWER seconded.

The PRESIDENT, in asking members to vote upon it, said it would be clear it was a war measure, and would economise in paper, time, and postages.

Dr. PERCY SMITH asked how it was proposed to give adequate notice to members concerning the Annual Meeting. Would it not be the simplest and least expensive method to send a post-card with this information on it? That was especially necessary as, this year, instead of holding the Annual Meeting in London, it was pro-

posed to hold it in Edinburgh. Publishing it in the Journal would not suffice, especially as it would not appear until July.

The SECRETARY (Dr. Steen) replied that he hoped that members would receive good notice by having the agenda paper of the Annual Meeting posted to them three weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting, giving place and all particulars. If it was thought wise to send post-cards on this occasion, he would remind the meeting that from June 1st the rate for post-cards would be 1d.

Dr. PERCY SMITH expressed himself as quite satisfied.

The resolution was agreed to.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The PRESIDENT nominated as scrutineers for the ballot Major Eager and Capt. Norman. The following gentlemen were duly elected:

ANDERSON, WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Visiting Physician Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, 3, Ashton Terrace, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Neil T. Kerr, R. B. Campbell, and G. Dunlop Robertson.

ARCHIBALD, ALEXANDER JOHN, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Acting Medical Superintendent, Argyll and Bute District Asylum, Lochgilphead, Argyllshire.

Proposed by Drs. Neil T. Kerr, R. B. Campbell, and G. Dunlop Robertson.

EVANS, TUDOR BENSON, M.B., Ch.B.Liverp., Capt. R.A.M.C. (Temp.), Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington. (Home) The Pharmacy, Denbigh.

Proposed by Major R. Eager, Capt. O. P. Napier Pearn, and Dr. T. Stewart Adair.

Ogilvie, WILLIAM MITCHELL, M.B., C.M.Aberd., Medical Superintendent, Ipswich Mental Hospital, Ipswich.

Proposed by Drs. J. R. Whitwell, E. S. Pasmore, and H. M. Berncastle.

THIENPONT, RUDOLPH, M.D., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, Cane Hill Mental Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. Fletcher Beach, Edward Gane, and R. H. Steen.

PAPER.

JOHN TURNER, M.B., C.M.: "Observations on the Rolandic Area in a Series of Cases of Insanity." (This paper, or an abridgement, with discussion, will, it is hoped, appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.)

The PRESIDENT said Dr. Fothergill had agreed it was now late in the afternoon to take his paper on "The Prevention and Treatment of Neurasthenia and other Functional Nervous Breakdowns," though it was a subject of great importance in these times. The author had agreed to defer it to an early meeting; probably it would form a good subject for discussion at the Annual Meeting in July if that could be arranged.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, on Friday, March 15th, 1918.

Present.—Lieut.-Col. Keay, Major Hotchkis, Capt. Roberts, Capt. Buchanan, R.A.M.C., Drs. Crocket, Carlyle Johnstone, Kerr, T. C. Mackenzie, Macdonald, Oswald, G. M. Robertson, Jane Robertson, Watson, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell, Divisional Secretary.

On the motion of Lieut.-Col. Keay, Dr. Oswald was called to the Chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the Meeting, the Chairman referred in appropriate terms to the loss which the Association and the asylum service had sustained since last meeting through the death of Dr. W. R. Watson, for several years Medical Superintendent of Govan District Asylum at Hawkhead. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. W. R. Watson, and their sympathy with his relatives in their bereavement, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minute to the relatives.