

series of rabbits, and two strains of virus have been passed through six series of animals, with filtration through a Mandler clay filter after each passage.

The organism was cultivated on ascitic fluid tissue culture medium used by Noguchi for spirochætes and other organisms. The organism stains a violet-blue with methylene blue; with Giemsa it stains purplish; it is extremely minute, spherical, and is about one-fourth to one-fifth the diameter of a small anhemolytic streptococcus; it is found singly, in pairs, short chains or groups, and is uniform in size. Cultures of this organism have been found secured from Mandler filtrates of the C.N.S. of the four cases mentioned, and directly from the two spinal fluids; some of these cultures have been successfully subcultured six times; the organism has been grown from the brains of about 80 *per cent.* of the rabbits inoculated with filtered virus; it has also been recovered from brains of rabbits inoculated with cultures of the organism. Control studies throughout the investigation were uniformly negative.

These investigations agree with the work of Loewe and Strauss; the author believes that the organism he has found is identical with that found by those observers and that it is the etiologic agent of epidemic encephalitis.

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Part IV.—Notes and News.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, on Tuesday, June 7th, 1921, Dr. W. F. Menzies (President), in the chair.

Members present: Dr. W. F. Menzies (President), Major R. Worth (General Secretary), Sir H. Bryan Donkin, Sir F. W. Mott, Sir Maurice Craig, Drs. W. H. Bailey, J. Bain, H. M. Baker, F. Beach, D. Bower, C. H. Bond, A. Helen Boyle, W. Brown, W. M. Buchanan, J. Chambers, R. H. Cole, S. J. Cole, E. P. Court, S. Coupland, A. W. Daniel, W. R. Dawson, F. Dudley, F. H. Edwards, H. Eggleston, R. L. Langdon-Down, R. R. Leeper, E. Lewis, T. C. Mackenzie, E. Mapother, S. E. Martin, J. McClintock, J. Middlemass, A. Miller, G. E. Miles, J. M. Moll, H. J. Norman, E. S. Passmore, A. A. W. Petrie, D. F. Rambaut, D. Ross, J. N. Sergeant, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. P. Smith, J. G. Soutar, R. H. Steen, J. Stewart, R. J. Stilwell, E. B. White, J. L. Wilson, Marguerite Wilson, and A. H. Trevor, Esq.

Visitors: John J. Briscoe, E. Casson, C. M. Tuke, H. C. Waters.

Members present at the Council Meeting: Dr. W. F. Menzies (President), Major R. Worth (Secretary), Sir Maurice Craig, Sir F. W. Mott, Drs. C. H. Bond, D. Bower, W. M. Buchanan, J. Chambers, R. H. Cole, A. W. Daniel, R. R. Leeper, T. C. Mackenzie, A. Miller, J. Noel Sergeant, G. W. Smith, J. G. Soutar, R. H. Steen.

The GENERAL SECRETARY (Major R. Worth) announced that letters regretting inability to attend had been received from Dr. J. P. Westrup, Dr. R. C. Stewart, Dr. R. Eager, Dr. G. Douglas McRae, Dr. T. S. Good, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Lord, Dr. G. N. Bartlett, and Dr. C. C. Easterbrook.

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

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The PRESIDENT said that the Educational Committee some time ago decided that the written examination for nurses should be held before 10 a.m. Some difficulty had arisen in that medical superintendents were not aware of that rule, and the Registrar had now been requested to print, in heavy type, in red ink on the outside of the envelope, the words: "This Examination must be held before 10 a.m.," the date being already given. The Registrar was also preparing a circular containing the general changes which had occurred in the nursing examination, as adopted by the Association in the last year or two, in order that a more extended knowledge of them might be sent round to all medical superintendents. He mentioned next matters involving the expenditure of funds. The great increase in the number of candidates for the Preliminary, especially, had led the Education Committee and the Council to think that the assistant medical officers who conducted the Preliminary Examination were not adequately remunerated. The present rate came to something like sixpence per candidate, which, it would be agreed, was somewhat beneath the dignity of the medical man to accept. But the present congestion of candidates, over 2,000 in number, would not continue indefinitely, so that all the Council could do was to suggest that the Association grant the sum of £60 in addition to the existing remuneration, so that these examiners should, for this year of such a large entry, be paid another £20 each.

This was agreed to.

A further item involving expenditure of funds was that the Handbook Committee found themselves in financial difficulties. They had been allowed travelling expenses, but there were such extra costs as typing, as everyone had not a clerk to do this work. Literary consultation was also necessary. The Committee, therefore, asked for a certain sum, not exceeding £30, for incidental expenses in connection with the preparation of the Handbook; for such items as typing, postages, and literary consultations generally with outside literary persons.

This was also agreed to.

Arising out of the work of the Parliamentary Committee, the Council had under consideration especially, in connection with an amendment in the Superannuation Act, the question of the great inequality which existed in Scotland between the staffs of the Royal Asylums and the District Asylums in that country, and they had instructed the Sub-Committee which was appointed for that purpose to carefully watch any legislation, and enjoin on the Minister responsible the necessity for including all classes, and equalising the treatment in regard to pensions of the staffs of these two classes of asylums. He did not suppose anything would be done in the matter at present, because all these schemes had been overthrown; but, if the meeting was agreeable, the Council wished that matter to be put forward.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Dr. DONALD ROSS and Dr. STILWELL were nominated scrutineers for the ballot, and the following were elected unanimously:

THOMAS, CYRIL JAMES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., House-Physician, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Lambeth, London, S.E. 1.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Porter Phillips, Thomas Beaton and James Wood.

NICOLL, JAMES, M.D.Edin., D.P.H.Lond, Medical Superintendent, Fountain Mental Hospital, Tooting Grove, S.W.

Proposed by Lieut.-Col. J. R. Lord, and Drs. R. Worth and G. Warwick Smith.

THOMPSON, JAMES ARTHUR, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Surgeon-Commander, R.N.; Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar.

Proposed by Drs. H. Devine, F. E. Stokes and R. Worth.

POYNDER, ERNEST GEORGE THORNTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., A.M.O., Long Grove Mental Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. D. Ogilvy, V. Lindley Connolly and Edward Mapother.

ANDERSON, WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Senior Assistant Physician, Aberdeen Royal Asylum.

Proposed by Drs. R. Dods Brown, H. de M. Alexander and William M. Buchanan.

COOPER, ALEXANDER, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Aberdeen Royal Asylum.

Proposed by Drs. R. Dods Brown, H. de M. Alexander and William M. Buchanan.

The SECRETARY gave the particulars regarding the Annual Meeting to be held in London on July 12th and 13th, and asked members to properly intimate their intention to be present at the functions, or otherwise, as an early intimation greatly facilitated the many arrangements contingent on the meetings. The company at the Dinner at Connaught Rooms would probably include the Lord Chancellor, the Minister of Health and other important persons. The Visiting Committee of Springfield Mental Hospital invited about twenty members of the Association to bed and breakfast on the days of the annual meeting, and those who accepted would require to be, *pro tem.*, bachelors. This year's meeting would probably be an epoch-making one, and the hearty co-operation of the members generally was solicited.

THE SECOND MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

Sir FREDERICK MOTT, K.B.E., F.R.S., then delivered the Second Maudsley Lecture (*vide* p. 319), at the conclusion of which a cordial vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE POSTPONED SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. MacBryan, at 17, Belmont, Bath, on Friday, May 20th, 1921.

The following members were present: Drs. Aveline, Blachford, Cole, Lavers, MacBryan, Nelis, Phillips, Thomas and Bartlett (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Dr. Nelis was voted to the Chair and the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Drs. Buchanan, Devine, MacDonald, Neil, McRae, Rutherford, Slaney, Starkey and Westrup.

Regret was expressed that the meeting at Ashhurst was prevented by the curtailment of the train service owing to the miners' strike.

Dr. Bartlett was re-elected Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Drs. Good and Soutar were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Dr. N. R. Phillips and Dr. Aveline were elected members of the Committee of Management.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Friday, October 28th, 1921, Dr. Blachford kindly inviting the Division to the Bristol City Mental Hospital, Fishponds. The date of the Spring Meeting, 1922, was fixed as April 28th.

The meeting was concluded by impromptu discussions on the political representation of the Association, the Unemployment Insurance scheme, and the substitution of coal by oil in mental hospitals.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on April 7th, 1921, at Richmond Asylum, Dublin, by kind invitation of Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan.

Members present: Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan (in the Chair), The Rt. Hon. M. F. Cox, Drs. W. R. Dawson, V. C. Ellis, H. M. Eustace, L. Gavin, T. A. Greene, M. J. Nolan, F. E. Rainsford, H. R. C. Rutherford, and R. R. Leeper (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from J. M. Colles, Esq., K.C., and Dr. J. Mills, Ballinasloe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a resolution from the meeting to