

FRACTURES IN THE INSANE.

Discussion to be opened by Dr. J. F. BRISCOE.

Dr. YELLOWLEES.—Is it fair to ask Dr. Briscoe, now that nearly everyone has gone, to read his paper?

The PRESIDENT.—It is as he likes. He has taken the trouble to come. If he would postpone it till a further meeting it could be more fully discussed.

Dr. ROBERT JONES.—For the next meeting the papers and agenda are already made up—that is, for the February meeting; and I hope that Dr. Briscoe will agree to show and explain his very interesting skiagrams, and give a general outline of his paper; but it is, of course, just as he wishes.

Dr. BRISCOE then read his paper and demonstrated by drawings, photographs, and radiographs the general surgical treatment of fractures.

In the evening the members dined at the Café Monico, Regent Street.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Chambers, at the Priory, Roehampton, S.W., on Thursday, October 6th, 1904.

Among the members present were Dr. Percy Smith (President), Dr. Ernest White (ex-President), Mr. G. T. Hine, Drs. R. H. Cole, F. Watson, P. Langdon Down, H. G. Hill, G. S. Elliot, G. J. Eady, D. Bower, W. I. Donaldson, P. H. Stratton, J. L. Gordon, F. W. Edridge-Green, W. H. Haslett, F. R. P. Taylor, E. S. Pasmore, T. O. Wood, C. H. Bond, W. D. Moore, C. H. Fennell, W. H. Roots, F. W. Mott, G. H. Savage, F. G. Crookshank, D. Hunter, F. H. Edwards, W. Rawes, T. B. Hyslop, H. E. Haynes, R. H. Steen, A. S. Newington, G. H. Johnston, R. J. Stilwell, H. J. Macevoy, J. W. Higginson, G. E. Shuttleworth, W. H. Bailey, and A. N. Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

The house and grounds were inspected, and subsequently Dr. Chambers entertained the members at luncheon.

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

The General Meeting of the Division was then held, Dr. Percy Smith (President) in the chair.

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

An invitation from Dr. D. G. Thomson to hold the Spring Meeting of the Division at the Norfolk County Asylum, at Thorpe, near Norwich, on April 27th, 1905, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

The following gentleman was elected as an ordinary member of the Association:—Samuel J. Barton, M.D. Dub., Physician to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and Consulting Physician to the Bethel Hospital, Norwich. Proposed by Drs. J. Fielding, D. G. Thomson, and Boycott.

The following routine was adopted for the nomination of Hon. Secretary and representative members of the Division on the Council:—"That before the Spring Meeting of the Division the Hon. Secretary should send notices to the members of the Division requesting members to send in nominations. In the event of a sufficient number of nominations not having been received by the Hon. Secretary a calendar month before the day of the meeting, the Hon. Secretary should then be empowered to call a special meeting of the Committee of Management to make the necessary nominations."

The report of the Statistics Committee was considered, and on the motion of Dr. Edridge-Green, seconded by Dr. T. O. Wood, "That the report be approved by the Division," it was decided to go through the tables seriatim. The tables as far as and including Discharge Group Table II were agreed to, with the following amendments:

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Admission Group Table II.—On the motion of Dr. TAYLOR, seconded by Dr. HYSLOP, it was agreed to recommend that the word "*probable*" should be inserted before the word *duration* in the first column.

Admission Group Table V.—On the motion of Dr. BOYCOTT, seconded by Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN, that the existing table of occupations be retained, it was decided to agree to the new table, provided that it be expanded to include the actual occupations.

A further amendment, moved by Dr. MOTT, and seconded by Dr. BOYCOTT, was agreed to, "That a heading be added to show the numbers of admissions connected with the liquor trades."

Admission Group Table VI.—On the motion of Dr. BOYCOTT, seconded by Dr. MOTT, it was resolved to recommend the addition of the headings in Admission Group Table IV to the columns in Table VI showing co-existing conditions.

Admission Group Table VII.—On the motion of Dr. BOYCOTT, seconded by Dr. MOTT, it was agreed to recommend the omission of the words "*Not first attack*" and the insertion of the words "*if any*" after "*previous attacks*"; also the insertion of another line "*Have had no prior attacks*" before the line "*Have had one prior attack.*"

Discharge Group Table I.—On the motion of Dr. BOWER, seconded by Dr. MOTT, it was agreed to recommend the substitution of the word "*improved*" for the word "*relieved.*"

Discharge Group Table II.—On the motion of Dr. MOTT, seconded by Dr. BOYCOTT, it was agreed to recommend the deletion of this table.

Owing to pressure of time the further consideration of the tables was adjourned to the Spring Meeting, 1905.

A lantern demonstration was given by Dr. MOTT, F.R.S., illustrating the morbid changes in the brain in sleeping sickness. A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Mott for his interesting demonstration.

The president regretted that time did not permit Dr. Crookshank and Dr. Steen to read their papers on "The Management of Early and Ill-defined Cases of Mental Disorder" and "Mental Disease with Exophthalmic Goitre" (see page 128).

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Chambers for so hospitably receiving the Division. The members dined together afterwards at the Café Monico.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Cheshire County Asylum, Macclesfield, on October 13th, Dr. Sheldon in the chair.

There were present Drs. Hitchcock, Izard, Johnstone, Kaye, Legge, McConaghey, T. W. Macdowall, Macphail, Mackenzie, Menzies, Middlemass, Miller, Pierce, Sheldon, and Sutcliffe, and one visitor.

The following business was transacted:

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Drs. Macphail, T. W. Macdowall, and Hitchcock were appointed a Divisional Committee.

Arthur C. Nash, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Derby County Asylum (proposed by Drs. Legge, Pierce, and Mackenzie), was elected an ordinary member of the Association.

At the suggestion of Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE, it was decided that the next meeting of the Division shall be held at the Retreat, York, on May 4th, 1905.

Dr. MCCONAGHEY read his paper on "Dementia Præcox and Adolescent Insanity." At the conclusion of the paper Dr. McConaghey showed a number of illustrative cases of adolescent insanity, and demonstrated the various features of each.

Dr. A. D. THOMPSON read a paper on a case of pyæmia which was successfully