

*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.

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#### 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

treated with anti-streptococcic serum, although when the treatment was commenced the patient appeared to be moribund.

Dr. Thompson afterwards showed three cases of micro-cephalic idiocy.

Dr. MACPHAIL expressed the general opinion of the meeting that it was much indebted to Drs. McConaghey and Thompson for exhibiting such interesting cases.

The Report of the Statistical Committee was discussed at some length. Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE explained several of the recommendations of the Committee, and extracts from a criticism by Dr. Mercier were read. A general approval of the tables proposed in the report was expressed, and the suggested division of the registers into civil and medical also met with the approval of the meeting.

There was, however, a decided expression of opinion that before being adopted by the Association the proposed tables should be submitted to an expert for criticism.

The following resolutions were adopted upon specific points, and the Secretary instructed to send them to the Secretary of the Statistical Committee.

(a) Proposed by Dr. MENZIES, seconded by Dr. LEGG, and carried *nem con.*

"That General Table II be expanded, so that the total admissions are subdivided so as to discriminate between direct admissions and transfers, lapsed orders, etc."

(b) Proposed by Dr. MENZIES, seconded by Dr. SHELDON, and carried *nem con.*

"That the term 'First Attack' (*vide* Admission Group, Table I, p. 13, *et seq.*) should be defined so that it may be quite clear whether or no uncertified insanity is to be considered an attack of insanity for statistical purposes."

(c) (Table IV. Forms of Insanity.) It was proposed by Dr. MENZIES, and seconded by Dr. LEGG—"That Table IV be referred back to the Committee for further consideration." An amendment, proposed by Dr. MACDOWALL, and seconded by Dr. HITCHCOCK, was carried by seven to three—"That Table IV be accepted, but that, in the opinion of the Division, the time has come when the Association might with advantage consider the question of the classification of insanity."

(d) Proposed by Dr. MACDOWALL, and seconded by Dr. SHELDON—"That Table V be accepted if classification of occupations therein satisfies the Commissioners in Lunacy."

(e) (Table VI. *Ætiological.*) There was a decided expression of opinion in favour of the proposed table as a whole. Dr. MENZIES proposed, Dr. SHELDON seconded, and it was carried unanimously—"That Subdivisions *c* (Heredity) and *k* (Congenital and Infantile Mental Deficiency) should precede all the other causal factors, and be separated from Mental and Physical Stress."

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. MACDOWALL proposed, and Dr. MACPHAIL seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Sheldon for his hospitality, which was carried by acclamation.

The members afterwards dined at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

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#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Western Division was held, by invitation of Dr. Lionel A. Weatherly (who kindly entertained the members), at Bailbrook House, Bath, on Friday afternoon, October 29th, 1904.

Dr. Lionel A. Weatherly was voted to the chair.

Dr. MacDonalld said before they proceeded with the business of the day they could not but make reference to what they all felt was a great blank in that room, occasioned by the death of their good friend Dr. Benham, who, as he was quite sure was well known to them all, had been one of the strongest, most active, and most able members and supporters not only of that Division, but of the entire work of the Association. While he was not one who paraded his views or himself very much, yet to those who knew Dr. Benham he was what was something more, a sound and true friend. (Hear, hear.) He felt himself, having known him for