

allowances and to take such steps as they might consider proper and expedient to attain the object in view. Dr. KERR seconded. On being put to the meeting the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Divisional Secretary read the report by the Committee appointed to consider the Divisional Expenses, which was as follows:—

“The Committee have carefully considered the various matters referred to them and are of opinion that a considerable amount of economy can be practised, especially in the direction of reporting expenses. They suggest—

“1. That the report of the business part of the meeting be reduced to simple headings, that the engaging of a professional reporter be left to the Secretary of the Division should he consider his services absolutely necessary, and that a fee not exceeding £2 2s. be allowed.

“2. That the Secretaries be empowered to ask those who speak to a discussion to put the gist of their observations in writing.

“3. That the members in any Division be allowed to meet as often as they feel disposed.”

After some discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Secretary.

Dr. Yellowlees and Dr. Carlyle Johnstone were appointed Representative Members of Council and Dr. L. C. Bruce to the Divisional Secretaryship.

On the motion of Dr. BRUCE, seconded by Dr. MARR, Dr. Oswald was appointed Examiner for the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association.

The following members were suggested as Members of the Educational Committee:—Drs. Clouston, Yellowlees, Havelock, Turnbull, and G. M. Robertson.

The following members were suggested as Members of the Parliamentary Committee:—Dr. Yellowlees, Carlyle Johnstone, Clouston, Urquhart, and Carswell.

Dr. CARSWELL gave a short account of the institution of Girgenti introductory to a discussion upon “Habitual Inebriety.”

Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Parker, ex-Baillie D. M. Stevenson, Dr. Devon, Mr. Motion, Dr. Macnaughton, ex-Baillie Steel, Dr. Yellowlees, Councillor Burgess, Councillor Maclay, ex-Baillie Battersby, Dr. Marr, and Dr. Clouston took part in the discussion, and Dr. Carswell replied.

Dr. CARSWELL moved that this Association pass a resolution to the effect that they approved of the recommendations by the Corporation of Glasgow, and particularly emphasised the need for legislation on the lines of Section 5, viz.:—

“To give the Sheriff power to commit to a certified Inebriate Reformatory inebriates who have not been convicted before police courts, or habitual drunkards who may have been convicted of offences not presently included in the First Schedule to the Inebriates Act, 1898.” Dr. YELLOWLEES seconded.

The recommendations referred to were approved of generally.

Votes of thanks to the Corporation of Glasgow for their hospitality and to Dr. Clouston for his conduct in the chair terminated the proceedings.

IRISH DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Division was, by the kind permission of the President, held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, on Wednesday, April 27th, 1904. The following members were present, viz. Dr. Oscar Woods in the chair, Drs. Conolly Norman, J. Moloney, T. Drapes, F. E. Rainsford, P. O'Doherty, J. J. Fitzgerald, A. Fitzgerald, R. R. Leeper, W. Kelley-Paterson, J. O'C. Donelan, H. M. Eustace, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). Communications explaining inability to attend were notified from Drs. M. J. Nolan, W. Graham, and J. Mills.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed, and the Secretary made a report with reference to various points arising out of them.

The following were elected ordinary members:—Edward J. McKenna, M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Carlow (proposed by Drs. J. J. Fitzgerald, Conolly Norman, and W. R. Dawson); Arthur A. Burrell, B.A., M.B.,

T.C.D., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin (proposed by Drs. R. R. Leeper, Conolly Norman, and W. R. Dawson).

ELECTION OF DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

The following were unanimously elected:—Dr. W. R. Dawson, Divisional Secretary; Drs. M. J. Nolan and A. D. O'C. Finegan, representative members of Council. Dr. F. E. Rainsford was nominated as Examiner *vice* Dr. M. J. Nolan, retiring by rotation.

DATES AND PLACES OF NEXT MEETINGS.

It was decided to ask Dr. Lawless to allow the next meeting to be held at Armagh District Asylum early in July. The kind invitation of Dr. Rainsford to hold the autumn meeting at the Stewart Institution was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed with reference to the Poor Law Reform Commission presented their Report, which was received, and the Committee was continued.

DIVISIONAL EXPENSES.

The Secretary brought under the notice of the meeting the recommendations of the Committee of the Council with reference to divisional expenses.

VOTE OF THANKS.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland for kindly permitting the use of the College for the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Dr. DRAPES read a paper entitled "A Case of Acute Hallucinatory Insanity of Traumatic Origin" (see page 478).
2. Dr. RAINSFORD communicated "Some Remarks on Two Cases of Epileptiform Type, with some unusual Characteristics" (see page 513).
3. Dr. H. M. EUSTACE read an account of "A Case of Dementia Præcox" (see page 516).
4. Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN exhibited two patients suffering from deafness of one side, with unilateral auditory hallucinations affecting the deaf ear in each case.

RECENT MEDICO-LEGAL CASES.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

Rex v. Rodgers.

Frank Rodgers, 15, was indicted for the murder of his mother. Prisoner's mother had been for years greatly addicted to drink, and her habit had greatly distressed her son, who took it much to heart. On the 12th of April he and one of his sisters had been spending the evening at the house of a friend, and returned to supper; his mother being in a drunken condition in an adjoining room. After supper he went upstairs, and took from a drawer a revolver belonging to his brother; loaded the weapon in one chamber; went down to his mother, who lay in a chair, and shot her through the neck. He then joined his sister in the drawing room, saying, "I have shot her; I think it is for the best;" adding subsequently, "It was for Queenie's sake. She could not be brought up to the life we have led the last few years;" Queenie being the name of a younger sister, aged about six. After further conversation, he suggested that a doctor should be fetched, and while the sister went out for the purpose, he took his little sister across the road to a small public house, and asked the landlady to take care of