

cases, he had wondered if that fact had any connection with the prevalence of lung disease in this class of patient. The lungs had to compensate for the diminished activity of the integument, and the increased stress thus thrown upon them might be a factor of importance in this matter. Dr. Fennell was present, and he hoped that he would give the benefit of his views.

Dr. FENNELL said he had frequently noticed that many of these cases suffered from congenital heart disease. As regards the comparative frequency of these cases it seemed to be a fact that more cases were met with in the upper classes of society than in the lower. In Darenth Asylum the proportion was 1 in 20, or 5 *per cent.* among 2000 patients.

Dr. LANGDON-DOWN replied.

The PRESIDENT regretted that time did not permit Dr. W. H. B. Stoddart to read his paper on "Instincts—a Psycho-physical Study in Evolution and Dissolution."

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Langdon-Down for so hospitably receiving the Division.

The members, to the number of fourteen, dined together afterwards at the Café Monico.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held, by the kindness of Dr. Ewan, at the Kesteven County Asylum on Thursday, October 12th, 1905. Present:—Drs. Ewan (in the chair), Macdowall, Archdale, Hitchcock, T. W. Gilmour, Macleod, Pierce, Torney, Stewart, Wilson.

Mr. Edward Swan Simpson, M.B., C.M.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer at the East Riding Asylum, Beverley, was unanimously elected a member of the Association.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Dr. Wilson read a paper on "Masturbation as a Factor in Mental Disease," which was followed by a good discussion, in which Drs. Macleod, Stewart, Macdowall, Gilmour, Hitchcock, Torney, and Ewan took part, and Dr. Wilson replied.

Dr. Gilmour read a paper on "The Mental Symptoms of Pneumonia in Alcoholic Patients," and in the discussion which followed Drs. Ewan, Macleod, and Pierce took part.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Ewan for his hospitality.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-western Division was held at University College, Bristol, on Friday afternoon, October 27th, 1905, the members previously being kindly entertained to lunch by Dr. Bullen.

There were present: Drs. Aldridge, Bullen, Wilson Eager, Gibb, Laval, MacBryan, W. F. Macdonald, Marnan, Morrison, Morton, Rorie, Soutar, Stewart, Wigan, and the Hon. Sec.

Dr. Bullen was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.

William F. Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., and George A. Davidson, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officers, Somerset and Bath Asylum, Cotford (proposed by Drs. Aveline, Macdonald, and Rorie), were elected ordinary members of the Association.

THE NEXT MEETING.

An invitation from Dr. Weatherly to hold the meeting on April 27th, 1906, at the Winsley Sanatorium, near Bath, was cordially accepted.

The Hon. Sec. then read a few notes on "The Classification of Mental Disorders, with Special Reference to Table B 5." The subject was discussed by Drs. Soutar and Stewart and the chairman, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Dr. Bullen.

IRISH DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was held on Thursday, November 23rd, 1905, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, by the kind permission of the President and Fellows of the College.

Dr. T. Drapes occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. Oakshott, Eustace, Leeper, Rainsford, Cullinan, Redington, and Conolly Norman, who acted as Secretary in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Dawson, owing to domestic bereavement. The members having kindly expressed their sympathy with the Secretary, a letter was received from the President of the Association regretting his inability to attend.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

The following candidate was balloted for, and declared to be unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association:—Capt. Charles John Robertson-Milne, M.D., M.Ch.Aberd., Medical Superintendent, Punjaub Asylum, Lahore. Proposed by Drs. C. Norman, J. M. Redington, and W. R. Dawson.

It was decided that the Spring Meeting of the Division, to be held on April 24th, 1906, should take place at some asylum near Dublin, to be fixed by the Secretary in communication with the Superintendent.

The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Norman, seconded by Dr. Leeper, and unanimously adopted:

"That it is desirable that the following changes be made in Bye-law 68:— After the words 'In the event of a vacancy,' the words 'in the' be deleted and the following words be inserted—'among the nominated non-official members of'; also at the end of the Bye-law, as it stands, after the word 're-elected,' the following words be inserted—'In the event of a vacancy similarly occurring among the officers (official members of Council), the Council may co-opt an officer to fill the vacancy thus occurring, but such officer shall only hold office until the next general meeting, at which the name of the officer whom the Council may nominate shall have been submitted to the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Bye-law 67, which shall be followed in respect of such election, though it be not held at an annual meeting.'"

It was directed that the Secretary should forward the resolution so that it might be considered at the earliest general meeting at which it could legally be received.

It was resolved that an early meeting should be held of the Committee appointed at the summer meeting of the Division to deal with the question of State Provision for Imbeciles.

Dr. Drapes then read a paper, entitled "Note on Psychiatric Terminology and Classification," which was discussed at some length by the acting Secretary, and by Drs. Leeper, Rainsford, and Eustace. Dr. Drapes replied.

The acting Secretary then read for Dr. W. R. Dawson a paper by the latter on "Three Cases of Dementia Præcox." The paper was freely criticised by the members present, one of whom intimated that, though he did not believe in Krapelin's dementia præcox, he was incubating a dementia præcox of his own.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the College of Physicians for allowing the Division the use of their hall for the meeting.

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