

Necessity for Isolating Cases of Phthisis among the Insane in Lunatic Asylums." (See page 1.)

The paper entitled "Bodily Disease as a Cause and Complication of Insanity," by G. T. Conford, M.B., was taken as read.

Members afterwards dined together at the Café Royal at 7 p.m.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of this Division was held at the West Riding Asylum, Menston, near Leeds, on 11th October, 1899.

Members present.—Drs. J. McDowall, Edgerley, and Mackeown (Menston); Kay and Adair (Wadsley); Perceval (Whittingham); Hitchcock (Bootham); Miller (Hatton); Hearder (Wakefield); Mackenzie (York Retreat); Ray (Harrogate); and Crochley Clapham, Hon. Sec.

Visitors.—Drs. Crawford-Watson, Nixon, and Donelan.

Dr. J. McDowall was voted to the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

NURSING IN IRISH WORKHOUSES.

A question on the subject of the nursing of insane in workhouses, submitted by the Council of the Association for the consideration of the Division, was discussed, and the following resolution unanimously carried respecting it:—"That it is advisable that this Association represent to the Local Government Board that in union workhouses in which insane persons are detained nurses properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed."

NEXT MEETING.

The date and place of the next meeting was fixed for the County Asylum, Whittingham, near Preston, Lancashire, on the third Wednesday in April, 1900.

Dr. C. K. HITCHCOCK, of the Bootham Asylum, York, read a paper on "Two Hundred and Six Consecutive Cases of Acute Mania treated without Sedatives." (See page 80.)

Previous to the business part of the meeting, Dr. McDowall and his staff showed the members round the asylum, and subsequently entertained them at dinner.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to Dr. McDowall for his hospitality.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Bethlem Royal Hospital, St. George's Road, London, S.E., on Monday afternoon, 16th October. At 3 p.m. the Divisional Committee met, and at 3.30 p.m. the General Meeting again. The following members were present:—Drs. T. O. Wood, H. G. Hill, C. H. Bond, T. S. Tuke, R. Jones, T. B. Hyslop, F. Beach, W. Stoddart, W. J. Mickle, H. M. Taylor, E. Savage, D. Bower, M. Craig, H. Pulford, W. Rawes, A. H. Boyle, J. P. Richards, G. Elliot, R. L. Down, H. F. Winslow, T. Stansfield, H. Kidd, G. Shuttleworth, R. P. Smith. Visitors—Drs. Danford Thomas, Selvatico, and Sacypti.

Dr. Fletcher Beach was voted to the chair, and in opening the proceedings he thanked the South-Eastern Division for its assistance in his election to the Presidential Chair. A letter was read from the secretary, Dr. White, regretting his inability to be present in consequence of illness, and stating that Dr. Outtersson Wood had kindly offered to undertake his duties.

The minutes of the last meeting as reported in the July number of the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

NURSING IN IRISH WORKHOUSES.

The following resolution of the Council was next considered:—"That the question as to the advisability of the Association representing to the Local Government Board, that in a union workhouse in which insane persons are detained, a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed, be considered at the divisional meetings in England and Scotland, and a report to be made to the Council." It was proposed by Dr. Beach, and seconded by Dr. Percy Smith, that the Division considered it advisable that properly qualified and trained mental nurses should be employed in union workhouses in which insane persons are detained; this was carried unanimously.

Next meeting.—On the invitation of Dr. White, it was decided that the Spring Meeting of 1900 be held at the City of London Asylum, near Dartford.

Dr. Hyslop then read his paper on "Some Rare Forms of Skin Affections in the Insane." A lengthy discussion followed (see page 60).

A vote of thanks to Dr. Hyslop brought the meeting to a close. In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th October, at Digby's Asylum, Exeter. Dr. Spence, President of the Association, was in the chair, and there were also present Drs. Rutherford, Deas, Sheldon, Turner, Aveline, Davis, Blachford, Forsyth, Pearce, Benham, Liston, MacDonald (Hon. Sec.), Hungerford, Aldridge, Stevens, Wood, and Drs. Davy and Brash as visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following were elected as new members:—James Leslie Gordon, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Wilts County Asylum; George Heneage Pearce, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Assistant Medical Officer, Brislington House, Bristol; Charles E. P. Forsyth, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Dorchester Asylum; Walter Hood Ligertwood, L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Wells Asylum.

Next meeting.—An invitation having been received to hold the Spring Meeting at Bailbrook House, Bath, it was unanimously accepted, and 24th April, 1900, was fixed as the date of meeting.

NURSING IN IRISH WORKHOUSES.

The Secretary explained that the resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Association held in London in July, 1899, was as follows:—"That the question of the advisability of the Association representing to the Local Government Board, that in a union workhouse in which insane persons are detained a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed, be considered by the divisional meetings in England and Scotland, and that a report be made to the Council."

After a prolonged discussion, taken part in by the President, Dr. Deas, Dr. Turner, Dr. Benham, Dr. Rutherford, the Hon. Sec., and others, the following resolution, moved by Dr. DEAS and seconded by Dr. TURNER, was adopted:—"That this meeting considers that it should be represented to the Local Government Board that in union workhouses in which insane persons are detained, a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed in the insane wards."

Dr. Hungerford read a paper entitled "A Few Remarks on Hysteria and its Relation to Insanity" (see page 83).

THE TRUSTESHIP OF THE LUNATIC.

The CHAIRMAN announced with regret that Dr. Briscoe was too unwell to attend. He hoped, however, it would be merely a pleasure deferred.

On the motion of Dr. MACDONALD, seconded by Dr. ALDRIDGE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Rutherford for his kindness and hospitality.

The members and visitors afterwards dined together at the London Hotel.