

that all such cases are losing a great amount although the skin is hot and dry. He asked Dr. Gilmour whether he had found simple water injections were not just as useful as saline ones, and asked, further, whether Dr. Gilmour meant that rectal injections had any advantage compared to water taken by the mouth, supposing the patient willing to swallow. He had often thought that a good deal of the apparent advantage derived from injections of fluids in febrile and other cases was due merely to the absorption of water and consequent relief to the whole system, and particularly the nervous system, by the much needed water.

Dr. EURICH (Bradford) asked whether Dr. Gilmour had used saline solutions of other composition than "normal saline," e.g. Karlsbad or Kissingen waters, which could be injected for a longer period without causing irritation.

Dr. TREVELYAN, of Leeds, also took part in the discussion, and Dr. GILMOUR replied.

Dr. MIDDLEMASS opened a discussion upon "Traumatism and General Paralysis" (see page 433).

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE gave a brief account of his impressions on visiting the asylum at Heidelberg, and also gave some details of Dr. Kraepelin's clinical methods. These remarks were supplemented by Dr. Eurich.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Gilmour for presiding, and for his hospitality to the members.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held by invitation of the Corporation of Glasgow at Girgenti Inebriates' Home, Montgreenan, on Friday, March 25th, 1904.

The following members were present:—Drs. Angus, Baugh, Carlyle Johnstone, Carswell, Clouston, Easterbrook, Ford Robertson, Hotchkis, Ireland, Kerr, Macnaughton, Marr, Parker, G. M. Robertson, Rutherford (senior), Sir John Sibbald, Turnbull, Urquhart, Yellowlees, and Bruce, Divisional Secretary.

There were also present:—Ex-Bailies D. M. Stevenson, James Steele, John Battersby, Councillors J. P. Maclay, John Dallas, William Nicol, Kennedy, and Burgess, Dr. Cunningham, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. James R. Motion, Dr. Devon and Provost Wilson.

Dr. CLOUSTON was called to the chair.

The following were elected ordinary members:—James Hinshilwood, M.D., Surgeon to Glasgow Eye Infirmary (proposed by Drs. Carswell, Oswald, and Parker); James Devon, L.R.C.P., L.F.P.S., Prison Surgeon, Glasgow (proposed by Drs. Carswell, Oswald and Parker); Angus John Grant, M.D., B.Sc., L.R.C.P.E., of Ennerdale, Haddington (proposed by Drs. Bruce, Ronaldson, Clouston, and Macpherson).

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed in the *Journal of Mental Science* were taken as read.

The Divisional Secretary read the report of the Retiring Allowances Committee, which was as follows:

"The Retiring Allowances Committee beg to report that all the Members of Parliament for Scotland have been approached upon the subject of retiring allowances for workers in Scottish Parochial and District Asylums. Out of the 72 Members so approached 44 replied; 24 of these promised support, 18 expressed sympathy, and 2 were doubtful. The Secretary for Scotland was unable to receive a deputation owing to pressure of business.

"The Committee do not think this an opportune moment to propose that a Bill should be introduced into Parliament. They therefore ask for further instructions from the Division, and they suggest that in the event of a General Election taking place every Scottish candidate should be personally approached."

Dr. URQUHART moved and Dr. MARR seconded that the report be received and adopted in the minutes, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. CLOUSTON moved that the Committee be reappointed to watch the interests of Scottish asylum workers and servants with regard to the question of retiring

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.,