

basis for hallucinations. In his own reading on the subject of hallucinations and their study the conception of them from a physical standpoint had not helped him in the least. Approach from the psychical side did, however, give him a better insight into the condition. A physical basis must exist, but if these hallucinatory cases were viewed from the standpoint of the existence of a mental conflict in the patient, which was being repressed, and efforts were made to deal with this in an early stage by psycho-analysis, he believed many of them would recover.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, February 13th, 1920.

Present: Lieut.-Col. Keay, Major Hotchkis, Drs. Buchanan, Drummond, Kerr, MacDonald, Tuach Mackenzie, Oswald, G. M. Robertson, Skeen, Shaw, Steele, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

Lieut.-Col. Keay occupied the chair.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. Easterbrook, McRae, Carre, T. C. Mackenzie, Donald Ross, and Crichlow.

The SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Scottish Board of Health, requesting the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association to submit the names of two "suitable persons" to the Board of Health for their consideration in appointing a General Nursing Council in terms of the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919. The Secretary stated that he had referred the matter to the Business Committee, who had nominated Drs. G. M. Robertson and L. R. Oswald, and that he had sent their names to the Scottish Board of Health. The Division approved of the Business Committee's selection, and also the action taken by the Secretary.

The Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act was then considered in detail and various points discussed. It was decided that the Business Committee should be authorised to act as an Advisory Committee to the Division's representatives on the General Nursing Council, to whom all matters could be referred.

The Division considered it would be expedient to have someone representing mental nurses nominated as a member of the Nursing Council. In the course of discussion it was pointed out that the Board of Health had already taken steps to have this done. It was finally decided that the Secretary should find out if this was the case, and if on inquiry it was found that no nomination had been made, Lieut.-Col. Keay and the Divisional Secretary should interview the Board of Health, and lay stress on the advisability of having someone nominated to represent the interests of mental nurses.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the business of the meeting.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, on Friday, March 19th, 1920.

Present: Lieut.-Col. Keay, Drs. Buchanan, Clarkson, Chislett, Easterbrook, Kate Fraser, Hotchkis, Henderson, Kerr, Macdonald, McRae, Richards, Roberts, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

Lieut.-Col. Keay occupied the chair.

The Minutes of last divisional meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

The SECRETARY intimated apologies for absence from Drs. G. M. Robertson, Oswald, Orr, Tuach Mackenzie, Shaw, T. C. Mackenzie, Skeen, Steele, Ross, and Boyle.

The SECRETARY read the following letter which he had received from the Secretary, General Board of Control, regarding the petition which had been sent to the Board in support of the continued employment of female nurses in the male wards of asylums:

[COPY.]

GENERAL BOARD OF CONTROL FOR SCOTLAND,
EDINBURGH;

March 8th, 1920.

SIR,—Your letter enclosing a memorial from the medical officers of Scottish asylums on the question of the attitude of the Asylum Workers' Union towards the employment of female nurses in the male wards of asylums was laid before a meeting of the Board held here on the 3rd inst.

In reply I am directed to state that in the opinion of the Board it is highly regrettable that an economic dispute, unconnected with the intrinsic merits of the important question at issue, should imperil a system of nursing which affects the comfort and happiness of thousands of helpless individuals.

The Board have always regarded the introduction into asylums of the nursing of male patients by women as among the more important advances in the care of the insane which has occurred in the history of Scottish lunacy administration. The Medical Commissioners early recognised its value, and they have constantly advocated its extension because of its beneficial results and its humanising influence, not only upon the patients immediately subjected to it, but upon the general tone of the institutions in which it has been adopted.

For many years in this country the sick of both sexes and of all classes, whether in hospitals or in private houses, have been tended by female nurses, and the Board can conceive of no valid reason why the male inmates of asylums, with very few exceptions, should not equally participate in the same benefit.

The medical officers of Scottish asylums may rest assured that the Board will continue to use their influence in the direction of supporting and extending the nursing of the male insane by women.

In view of the importance they attach to the matter, the Board have directed that a copy of the memorial and of this letter be sent to the Secretary for Scotland for his information.

Dr. CAMPBELL, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.	I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,	A. D. WOOD, Secretary.
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The Division were gratified to learn of the warm support offered by the General Board, and unanimously agreed that the letter should be incorporated in the Minutes. The Secretary was instructed to write the General Board of Control expressing the thanks of the Division for the letter and for their promise to support, and at the same time to ask permission to circulate copies of the letter to the asylum authorities who received the petition, namely, clerks of District Boards of Control and secretaries of Royal Asylums Boards.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter which he had received from Dr. John Macpherson, Senior Commissioner, General Board of Control, proposing that arrangements might be made during this summer, preferably a date in either the month of May or June, to visit one of the "boarding-out" colonies to have a demonstration of the Scottish system of "boarding out." The Division approved of the proposal, and the Secretary was asked to write Dr. Macpherson thanking him for his offer. The Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements for the proposed visit.

Drs. T. C. Mackenzie and G. Douglas McRae were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was elected Divisional Secretary.

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON read an interesting and instructive paper on "Anxiety States occurring at the Involutional Period," which was followed by a discussion in which several members took part.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the business of the meeting.