

the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Hon. Lord Salvesen, Sir Thomas Fraser, Lord Guthrie, Rev. Dr. Fisher, Sir Halliday Croom, etc. During the evening the Edinburgh Quartette rendered, in admirable style, some capital pieces. The after-dinner speeches were of a very high order.

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#### IRISH DIVISION.

The Summer Meeting of the Irish Division took place at the District Asylum, Belfast, by the kind invitation of Dr. W. Graham, on Thursday, July 7th, 1910, at 11.30 a.m., the members having previously visited the old institution, which will shortly be abandoned.

Dr. T. Drapes was voted to the chair, and there were also present Drs. W. Graham, P. O'Doherty, J. Patrick, S. Graham, G. R. Lawless, J. Mills, J. O'C. Donelan, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.).

Apologies were received from Drs. F. E. Rainsford, M. J. Nolan, E. O'Neill, J. J. Fitzgerald, C. E. Hetherington, and others.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Division, and those of the Special Meeting, were read and signed.

The Hon. Secretary reported on various matters arising out of the Minutes, especially with reference to the resolutions passed at the Special Meeting relative to the appointment of Inspectors of Lunatics. To that sent to the Irish Members of Parliament four replies had been received, all favourable; and Mr. Arthur Lynch had asked a question on the subject in the House.

A letter from Mr. Winston Churchill was read, conveying the thanks of His Majesty the King and of Queen Alexandra for the resolution passed by the Division at its last meeting.

A letter from Dr. Hetherington was received, renewing the kind invitation to meet at Londonderry on some future occasion.

The following were balloted for, and declared unanimously elected ordinary members of the Association:

Ada English, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Ballinasloe; proposed by Drs. J. Mills, J. O'C. Donelan, and W. R. Dawson.

Edward Patrick Harnett Murphy, B.A., L.A.H. (Dublin), Assistant Medical Officer, Stewart Institution, Palmerston; proposed by Drs. F. E. Rainsford, J. O'C. Donelan, and W. R. Dawson.

It was decided to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division, fixed for Saturday, November 5th, 1910, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin.

The question of how best to mark appreciation of the work of Sir George P. O'Farrell in the interests of the insane in Ireland during his tenure of the office of Inspector of Lunatics was then discussed, and ultimately it was decided to appoint a committee, consisting of Drs. Drapes, Hetherington, W. Graham, Dawson, Nolan, Ellison, James J. Fitzgerald, O'Neill, O'Doherty, Mills, and Lawless, with power to add to their number, to co-operate with other representatives of the staff of the Irish Asylums in arranging for a suitable presentation, it being felt that the movement ought not to be restricted to the medical officers. In the meantime it was decided to send to Sir George O'Farrell an expression of regret at his retirement and appreciation of his services.

Dr. Drapes then read a paper entitled "A Case—and A Confession." A male patient had been sent in from the "idiot ward" of the workhouse with the history of a suicidal attempt, and also that he complained of pain which, owing to the absence of signs to account for it, was judged to be hallucinatory. The pain was in the epigastrium, had been complained of off and on for about two years, and in the asylum was judged for certain reasons to be at least partly mental. Morphia was, however, almost the only thing that gave relief. Other symptoms supervened later, and the case eventually turned out to be one of locomotor ataxy with gastric crises.

Dr. Donelan quoted two cases in his experience in which pain, supposed to be hallucinatory, proved to be due to tabes.

Dr. Graham thought that the abdominal pains of tabes might be explained by

hyperæsthesia of the abdomen, accompanying diminished sensation in the extremities.

Drs. Mills and Dawson also spoke, and Dr. Drapes having replied, the meeting terminated.

A brake then conveyed the members to the new asylum at Purdysburn House, where they were entertained at lunch by Dr. Graham, who afterwards conducted them over the villas of the new institution already occupied, and also the buildings in course of erection, finishing with the farm-steadings.

After tea at Purdysburn House a pleasant and instructive day was concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Graham.

### RETIREMENT OF SIR GEORGE O'FARRELL.

#### TRIBUTE FROM OLD COLLEAGUES AND FELLOW-WORKERS.

The retirement of Sir George O'Farrell from the position of His Majesty's Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, and his impending departure from Ireland, brought together a distinguished assemblage of his friends and admirers in the Council Chamber of Dublin Castle on Tuesday, 12th July, 1910, to make him a presentation as a token of the esteem in which he was held during his official career.

The meeting was presided over by the Right Hon. The Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Lord Justice General.

The following were present or were represented :

The Right Hon. Lord Ashbourne, The Right Hon. The Attorney General, Percy Bernard, D.L., Ralph H. Byrne, Sir C. B. Ball, M.D., E. Burke, Commissioner, Local Government Board, Sir J. G. Barton, C.B., Chief Commissioner of Valuation, The Hon. Mr. Justice Barton, E. M. Courtenay, M.B., The Right Hon. Sir Patrick Coll, K.C.B., Sir F. J. Cullinan, C.B., Sir H. F. Considine, C.B., C.V.O., J. M. Colles, Colonel Courtenay, C.B., D.L., W. P. Connolly, Thomas Considine, F.R.C.S., Sir Francis Cruise, M.D., D.L., The Right Hon. J. H. Campbell, K.C., M.P., The Right Hon. Sir J. B. Dougherty, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Blacker Douglas, D.L., Henry Doran, Commissioner, Congested Districts Board, Hon. J. French, R.M., Sir John Fagan, F.R.C.S., Sir John Franks, C.B., Gerald Fitz-Gibbon, K.C., Wilfred Fitz-Gerald, J. S. Gibbon, C.B., Chairman, General Prisons Board, L. J. Hewby, Treasury Remembrancer, Sir George Holmes, K.C.V.O., Philip Hanson, C.V.O., William Hone, Lady Holmes, The Right Hon. Sir David Harrel, K.C.B., W. V. Harrel, M.V.O., Lord Killanin, Malachy Kelly, Chief Crown Solicitor, James Little, M.D., Physician to H.M. The King in Ireland, Christopher Latouche, D.L., Mr. Commissioner Lynch, Sir John Lentaigne, F.R.C.S., J. P. Lynch, The Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Dublin, J. Mulhall, Vice-Chairman, General Prisons Board, The Right Hon. Sir F. Matheson, Sir F. X. F. McCabe, The MacDermott, D.L., Sir George Morris, K.C.B., W. L. Micks, Commissioner, Congested Districts Board, The Master of the Rolls, Sir C. J. Nixon, Bart., M.D., David Nicolson, C.B., M.D., Robert F. Olphert, R.M., E. O'Farrell, Assistant Under Secretary, J. R. O'Brien, Secretary, Congested Districts Board, The Solicitor General, F. C. Pilkington, D.L., The Right Hon. Sir H. A. Robinson, K.C.B., Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., The Right Hon. The Lord Rathmore, James Smith, Ernest G. Swifte, Metropolitan Police Magistrate, T. S. Stafford, C.B., D.L., J. J. Taylor, C.B., Sir Henry Thynne, C.B., His Honor Judge Wakely, Robert Woods, M.D., President, Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Stewart Woodhouse, Lawrence Waldron, Benjamin Williamson, Vice-Provost, T.C.D.

The presentation consisted of a handsome 18th century half-oval Sheraton satin-wood table, a silver inkstand, candlesticks, etc.

At the opening of the proceedings, the Secretary (Sir Stewart Woodhouse) intimated that no less than seventy letters had been received by the Committee from supporters of the testimonial. Of these, the letters of Sir F. Cruise, Sir A. Reed, and Mr. Commissioner Lynch were read.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in making the presentation, said :—Friends, I am very glad personally to be the medium of conveying to our old and true friend, Sir George O'Farrell, this small tribute of regard which we present to him to-day. It