

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 21st, 1919.

Present: Drs. Buchanan, Clarkson, Crichtlow, Fraser, Henderson, Hotchkis, Kerr, Macdonald, T. C. Mackenzie, Tuach Mackenzie, G. D. McRae, Orr, G. M. Robertson, Ford Robertson, Maxwell Ross, Shaw, Skeen, H. Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell, Divisional Secretary.

Dr. G. M. Robertson occupied the Chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

The SECRETARY intimated apologies from Drs. D. G. Thomson, Bower, Easterbrook, Dods Brown, Ross, Steele, Ferguson Watson.

The Business Committee was appointed, consisting of the nominated member, the two representative Members of Council, along with Dr. G. M. Robertson, Dr. D. K. Henderson, and the Divisional Secretary.

Drs. T. C. Mackenzie and G. Douglas McRae were nominated by the Division for the position of Representative Members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The following candidate after ballot was admitted to membership of the Association:

Ian D. Suttie, M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer, Glasgow Royal Asylum. Proposed by Drs. Oswald, Henderson, and Campbell.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter from the President of the Association suggesting that the Scottish Division should nominate a representative from Scotland to act as Chairman of the Educational Committee, and the Division unanimously resolved that Dr. L. R. Oswald be nominated for the position. As Dr. Oswald was not present at the meeting, it was resolved that in the event of his not seeing his way to accept office, Dr. G. M. Robertson should be nominated in his stead—Dr. Robertson consenting to do so.

Dr. FORD ROBERTSON read an interesting and very instructive paper on "The Relation of Infections to Mental Diseases," which was followed by a discussion, in which several members took part.

Dr. MACDONALD referred to the importance which the National Asylum Workers' Union had placed on the teaching and training of the Nursing Staffs of Asylums, and he suggested that, in view of the high wages now paid nurses and attendants, the entrance fees for the examinations for the Association's Nursing Certificate should be increased.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to instruct the Secretary to send a Resolution from the Division to this effect to the Secretary of the Educational Committee.

Dr. G. M. ROBERTSON referred to the objections which the National Asylum Workers' Union had raised regarding the employment of female nurses in male wards of asylums, and in view of the probability of the Union taking action in the matter, it was unanimously resolved to draft a Memorial in support of the existing method of employing female nurses to nurse suitable male cases, and that all medical men interested in the treatment of mental diseases in Scotland should have an opportunity of signing the memorial before sending it to the General Board of Control, District Boards of Control, and Royal Asylums Boards.

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

A dinner, after the meeting, was held in Messrs. Ferguson and Forrester's, and was well attended.

THE LATE DR. CHARLES ARTHUR MERCIER.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE writes:

I feel that in some ways the characteristics of Mercier were better understood by the general public than by the medical profession, and better by the medical press than by our specialist journals, yet I believe it is due from us to record our personal regard for Mercier and our regret at his death.