

Drs. HOLYOAK, PASMORE, BRANDER and COLLINS also discussed the paper, and Dr. FAULKs replied.

Dr. GREENLEES proposed and Dr. EDWARDS seconded a vote of thanks to the President for occupying the chair. This was unanimously and heartily carried.

After the meeting Mrs. Edwards kindly entertained the members to tea. In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

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#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING was held, by the kindness of Mrs. Fox, at Brislington House, near Bristol, on Thursday, April 18th, 1912. The President of the Association (Dr. W. R. Dawson) was in the chair.

The following members were present: Drs. Aveline, Bullen, Bazalgette, Barton-White, Lavers, Morton, Marnan, MacBryan, Nelis, Rutherford, Soutar, Smyth, Scott Williamson, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Dr. Blachford).

There were also present, as visitors, Sir George Savage, Drs. Shingleton Smith, Phillips, and Smith.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Drs. MacDonald, Morrison, and Monnington.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. Blachford was re-appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. Aveline and Nelis elected Representative Members on the Council. Drs. Morrison and Nelis were elected Members of the Committee of Management.

The following were elected Members of the Association:

Dr. William Brown, M.D., C.M., District Medical Officer, Adviser in Lunacy Cases to Bristol Magistrates, Park View, Fishponds, Bristol. (Proposed by Drs. Blachford, Aveline, and Bazalgette.)

Dr. Joseph D. Burke, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer Somerset and Bath Asylum, Cotford, near Taunton. (Proposed by Drs. Aveline, Graham, and Blachford.)

Dr. William Boyd, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.(Belfast), Third Assistant Medical Officer, Cornwall County Asylum, Bodmin. (Proposed by Drs. Rivers, Dudley, and Phillips.)

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Thursday, October 24th next, at Laverstock House, Salisbury, on the invitation of Dr. Monnington.

The date of the Spring Meeting was fixed for April 17th, 1913.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE then gave his paper on "Some Dreams and their Significance" (see p. 407).

This was followed by an interesting discussion, in which the PRESIDENT, Drs. SOUTAR and SHINGLETON SMITH took part.

The report of the Sub-committee appointed to deal with the question of a Central Pathological Laboratory was read and discussed, and it was decided to adopt the report and to ask the Sub-committee to make further inquiry as to the legality of one of the recommendations contained therein.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Fox.

The members afterwards dined together at St. Stephen's Restaurant, Bristol.

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#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Farquharson at the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle, on Thursday, April 18th, 1912.

Dr. W. F. Farquharson presided.

The following eleven members were present: Drs. J. R. S. Anderson, W. F. Farquharson, C. H. G. Lyall, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, J. Middlemass, T. J. S. Moffit, J. Parker, B. Pierce, T. S. Adair, and two visitors, Rev. E. S. Pole and Dr. C. W. Donald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. T. Stewart Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division.

Dr. J. Middlemass and Dr. J. H. MacKenzie were elected Representative Members of Council for the Division for the ensuing twelve months.

The kind invitations of Dr. Johnston to hold the Autumn Meeting, 1912, at Bracebridge Asylum, Lincoln, and of Dr. Cassidy to hold the Spring Meeting, 1913, at the County Asylum, Lancaster, were accepted, and it was left to the Secretary to fix the dates.

Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE referred to the sub-committee which had been formed to inquire into the "Status of British Psychiatry and of Medical Officers," and said that the Secretary, Dr. Bernard Hart, would welcome any suggestions with regard to the subject, and he hoped that any members who had views would write to Dr. Hart in order that the matter might be freely ventilated.

Dr. J. R. S. ANDERSON read an interesting paper on "Insomnia." He dealt with the various causes of the condition, and especially its relationship to the insane. He then considered the various drugs that were in use for producing sleep, and the methods of treatment that might be beneficial. Dr. FARQUHARSON, Dr. McDOWALL and others spoke on the paper, and a suggestion was put forward that a collective investigation on the use of sedatives in certain classes of cases might be attempted by the Association.

Dr. T. W. McDOWALL read a paper written jointly by himself and Dr. COLIN McDOWALL on "Abnormal Development of Scalp" (see p. 398).

Dr. PARKER read a paper entitled "Observations on a Case of Dementia Præcox" (see p. 483).

The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Farquharson for his kind hospitality.

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#### IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, April 18th, at the Stewart Institution. Dr. Hetherington was voted to the Chair, and there were also present Dr. Mayne Courtney, Dr. Nolan, Dr. Plumer, Dr. Drapes, Dr. Oakshott, Dr. Lawless, Dr. Greene, Dr. Mills, Dr. Rainsford, and Dr. Leeper, Divisional Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Before the other business of the meeting was proceeded with it was proposed by Dr. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Drapes—"That we, the members of the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland, tender to Mrs. Henry Cullinan the expression of our deepest sympathy with her in her sad bereavement, and desire to place on record the sense of the loss the Branch has sustained by the death of Dr. Henry Cullinan."

The resolution was unanimously passed in silence, the members standing in their places.

A cordial invitation was given to the Division to hold their Summer Meeting at Londonderry by the courtesy of Dr. Hetherington, and the date was unanimously fixed upon for July 2nd subject to the approval of the President.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Thursday, November 25th, the date of the Spring Meeting April 17th, 1913, and the Summer Meeting of next year to be held on July 8th, 1913.

On a ballot being taken the scrutineers reported that Dr. Leeper was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary to the Division and Drs. Nolan and Drapes representative members of Council.

Dr. Cecil Rutherford, M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital and St. Edmondsbury, and Dr. Vivian Wallace, L.R.C.P. & S.S., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Mullingar Asylum, having been proposed and seconded and balloted for, were declared to be unanimously elected as ordinary members.

Dr. NOLAN explained the recent developments as regards the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Bills now before Parliament, and the differences that existed between Lord Wolmer's Bill and that recently introduced by Sir Charles Nicholson. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting for Dr. Nolan's clear explanation, and after much discussion and some adverse criticism of those