

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was, by the courtesy of the Visiting Committee and at the invitation of Dr. C. Hubert Bond, held at the London County Asylum, Long-Grove, Epsom, on Thursday, February 22nd, under the Presidency of Dr. WILLIAM R. DAWSON.

There were present: The President (Dr. W. R. Dawson), Mr. A. H. Trevor, Mr. G. T. Hine, and Drs. Adair, R. R. Alexander, W. H. Bailey, P. J. Baily, G. F. Barham, Fletcher Beach, J. S. Bolton, C. Hubert Bond, D. Bower, A. N. Boycott, D. Blair, G. S. Blandy, J. F. Briscoe, P. E. Campbell, R. B. Campbell, J. Chambers, G. Clarke, R. H. Cole, M. A. Collins, L. F. Cox, H. G. Cribb, H. Cullinan, A. M. Daniel, W. I. Donaldson, R. Langdon Down, J. F. Dixon, T. Drapes, A. J. Eades, E. Gane, F. C. Gayton, J. W. Geddes, E. Goodall, S. J. Gilfillan, B. Hart, H. E. Haynes, J. W. Higginson, C. K. Hitchcock, R. D. Hotchkis, F. R. P. Hughes, P. T. Hughes, G. H. Johnston, E. M. Johnstone, John Keay, W. Brooks Keith, Lt.-Col. Kennedy, H. Kerr, N. Lavers, J. R. Lord, P. W. MacDonald, T. W. McDowall, H. J. Mackenzie, W. J. Mackeown, E. Mapother, J. E. Martin, Alfred Miller, Sir James Moody, C. S. Morrison, F. W. Mott, W. F. Nelis, A. S. Newington, H. Hayes Newington, N. Oliver, E. S. Pasmore, A. W. Paton, W. Eden Paul, G. E. Peachell, O. P. N. Pearn, E. Powell, W. Rawes, C. Rolleston, Sir George Savage, W. J. Seward, E. S. Simpson, R. Percy Smith, T. Waddelow Smith, J. G. Soutar, P. Spark, A. de Steiger, R. C. Stewart, F. R. P. Taylor, O. F. N. Treadwell, T. Seymour Tuke, H. W. White, J. C. Woods, J. C. Wootton, R. Worth.

Visitors: A. O. Goodrich, J.P. (Chairman of the London Asylums Committee), T. Hunter (Chairman of the Visiting Committee of Long-Grove Asylum), W. Haydon, W. Lloyd-Taylor, J.P. (members of the Asylums Committee), H. F. Keene (clerk of the Asylums Committee), W. Clifford Smith, M.Inst.C.E. (Asylums Engineer), Rev. E. Goodchild, Rev. T. Morrissey, Rev. J. Woodhouse (chaplains of Long-Grove), Rev. E. W. Northey, J.P., Dr. Geo. Clifton, J.P. (Chairman Leicester Borough Asylum Visiting Committee), F. Perkins Pick, F.R.I.B.A., Drs. H. M. Berncastle, F. Dillon, L. Laurie, G. Rice, and J. Williamson (M.O.H. Epsom).

Regrets at inability to be present were received from: Sir Clifford Allbutt, Sir Thomas Clouston, Sir William Collins, Sir James Crichton-Browne, Sir Bryan Donkin, Sir David Ferrier, Sir George Newman, Sir John Batty Tuke, and Drs. M. T. Archdale, A. Bowles, F. St. J. Bullen, D. G. Campbell, E. Marriott Cooke, S. Coupland, G. Dickson, C. C. Easterbrook, F. A. Elkins, C. T. Ewart, Gardiner Hill, C. H. Hopkins, Carlyle Johnstone, Robert Jones, N. Lavers, W. Bevan Lewis, T. C. Mackenzie, G. W. F. Macnaughton, H. C. Martin, J. Middlemass, R. Miller, R. H. Mumby, J. Neil, M. J. Nolan, W. A. Parker, E. C. Plummer, J. M. Redington, G. Revington, D. Rice, J. B. Ronaldson, E. H. O. Sankey, T. Claye Shaw, G. E. Shuttleworth, T. E. Knowles Stansfield, R. H. Steen, J. Stewart, W. B. Tate, D. G. Thomson, A. R. Turnbull, A. R. Urquhart, W. R. Watson, E. White, H. B. Wilkinson, H. Wolseley-Lewis, T. Outterson Wood.

Dr. BOND, Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, and his colleagues conducted parties of members over the institution, pointing out its salient features.

Present at previous Council Meeting: Drs. T. Stewart Adair, C. Hubert Bond, David Bower, Robert B. Campbell, James Chambers, W. R. Dawson, J. Francis Dixon, T. Drapes, R. D. Hotchkis, D. Hunter, John Keay, P. W. MacDonald, Henry J. McKenzie, H. Hayes Newington, G. E. Shuttleworth, J. B. Spence, W. H. B. Stoddart, J. G. Soutar, F. R. P. Taylor.

LUNCHEON.

The inspection of the Asylum occupied the morning, and, before commencing the business of the afternoon, the members were entertained at luncheon in the Recreation Hall, during which a selection of music was rendered by the Asylum orchestra.

TOASTS.

Dr. BOND, who occupied the chair, proposed "The King" and said he felt sure that at a medical gathering the toast would have an enthusiastic reception.

Sir GEORGE SAVAGE, in proposing Dr. Bond, said that however imperfectly he might submit it to the gathering, it was one which was sure to be acceptable, namely "Health, prosperity, and every blessing to their friend, Dr. Bond." He assumed that he had been selected to propose this toast because of his long connection with their specialty, a connection which began forty-eight years ago, and had since then been uninterrupted. During that period he had seen the immense advances which had been made in the treatment of the insane, and to-day under Dr. Bond's guidance they had seen their culmination during their inspection of Long-Grove Asylum. He would not endorse the statement which an American made to him when he was in the United States, *vis.*, that he was a believer in evolution, as everyone must be, for it had culminated in the production of the American. But, without any false flattery, all would agree with him in asserting that the work which had been done in this institution was worthy of all praise. Very much of the favourable condition of things at Long-Grove Asylum was due to the efforts of Dr. Bond, and it was a great satisfaction that he had been made a Commissioner in Lunacy. In launching a ship it was usual for bottles to be cracked. They were launching that day a ship for the good of their particular branch of medicine, and he was sure it would be agreed that the launch was a great one.

The enthusiasm with which the toast was pledged culminated in three cheers.

Dr. BOND, in responding to the toast, said he felt quite unequal to doing it justice. He was quite sure the company would appreciate that his feelings at that juncture were very mixed, and his emotions were very deeply stirred by their kindness. It was a great pleasure to him to hear such words from Sir George Savage, and to see so many of his friends around him. They would understand that he had in his mind an acute sense of regret that he was so soon to leave this institution. He was conscious that this numerous gathering included those who had come very long distances, from Scotland and Ireland, as well as the remote parts of this country. He referred with much gratitude to the way in which the President and others had acquiesced in the tentative suggestion he made that the present meeting might perhaps be held at Epsom. He would like to assure the company that he did not propose to accept, *boa constrictor*-like, all the flattering things which Sir George Savage had said, with the satisfied feeling that would produce, but he did confess that he had done his best. There were many others who deserved praise. There were around him that day friends who had helped him right loyally ever since he had been at Epsom—medical staff, nurses, and all engaged in the Institution, without whom one could not get on. It was impossible to say with what unstinted help he had been backed up. There were the officers attached to the Committee, who did not reside there, but were attached to their central department in London. The Asylums Committee of the London County Council and his own Committee were always most helpful, and it was due to them that this Asylum was in its present condition. He expressed his hearty thanks to the Association for the way in which it had accepted the toast of his health.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON, in proposing "The Visiting Committee of Long-Grove Asylum," associated with it the name of the Chairman, Mr. Hunter. He felt certain that the toast did not need any words from him, but it would be a bad compliment if, when the company was in such a complacent mood owing to Dr. Bond's hospitality, arguments were not offered as a justification for drinking that toast. It was not necessary to go far in order to see very substantial grounds for offering congratulations to the Asylum Committee, and he must associate with that Committee of Long-Grove the great London County Council: what they had seen that day was only a sample of what went on in all the other great asylums under the charge and control of the London County Council. On their tour of inspection members had seen abundant reason to congratulate the Committee; they had seen how that Committee had carried out its primary duty of looking to the comfort, the happiness and the restoration of those placed under their care. This was accomplished not only by the expenditure of money, but by the exercise of much thought, and scientific thought, so that underlying

everything was a good scientific reason. In that connection he need only refer to the hospital system. He remembered that when the County Council first started it tackled that most serious question of how to deal with the insanity of the Metropolis from the hospital point of view, and now they could congratulate themselves that the scheme then formed was likely to see fruition and lead to excellent results, thanks to the munificence of their old friend Dr. Maudsley. He was sure it would be good news to the members of the Association to know that Dr. Maudsley had consented to join them as an honorary member. (Applause.) He felt he must also refer to the great work done at Claybury by Dr. Mott, and all the evidence of progress shown by the Committee in proposing the reception-houses and various other departures. His memory went back almost as far as Sir George Savage's, and that gentleman would confirm him when he said that thirty years ago London was not in evidence, either at the meetings or in the Journal. But that state of things was now reversed, for London was now not only taking a fair share, but was taking the lead, by its medical superintendents and by its hard-working assistant medical officers. Another word of congratulation which he thought he could add was, that all this sound work was done to the satisfaction of that irritable and rather exacting person—the ratepayer. He would remind the company that every three years there was a time of great stress and strife, when every man and every woman in London wanted "to get at" everybody who was proposed as a candidate for the London County Council; every little fault, every fraction of a penny, which could be raked up against the individual was brought up. But through all that strife and criticism no one heard a word against asylums. He thought it might be said, "Blessed is the asylum that has no history." He was bidden to associate with the toast the name of Mr. Hunter, the Chairman of the Long-Grove Asylum. He thought he, the speaker, could claim to be something of an expert as to what a chairman should be, because for at least twenty years he had had the opportunity of watching operations in a chairman from a favourable point of view, namely, from sitting beside one. Beyond the ordinary routine duties he had, very early in his career, to recognise that he had got to give most of his time and all his heart to the work set before him. A large asylum like that which they were now visiting could not go on without constant and loving care on the part of the Chairman. Another truth which had to be recognised quickly by a chairman was, that it was easier for grit to get into machinery than it was to take it out. An asylum was the most delicate machine, and it rested with the chairman to see that it went smoothly. A very important qualification was that the chairman must be paternal. He must be kind, and yet firm in seeing that the work was properly done, and at the same time he should be approachable by everybody connected with the asylum service, and especially by the medical superintendent. The latter official should be able to come to him for advice, for all medical superintendents knew that there were sometimes tight corners when such advice was most valuable. He should be eager to give that advice and should take a fair share in the responsibility of its being adopted. From all that he could hear, Mr. Hunter admirably fulfilled these requirements.

The toast was warmly pledged.

Mr. THOMAS HUNTER (Chairman Long-Grove Asylum Committee), in responding to the toast, said it was a great pleasure to meet the Association at that institution. He did not think he possessed half the qualifications required of a chairman; but one thing he did claim to possess, namely, a great love for the work of looking after the poor unfortunate people who were committed to the care of asylums. His was the honour of being the first chairman appointed for the Long-Grove Sub-Committee, and he did not think there were many men who would have taken more interest in the work than he had. He had had a splendid committee to work with, which was always a very great help. In London, too, they had had experience which those on many other committees had not, namely, of building and equipping a new asylum. In carrying out this work they had the great advantage of being advised by Dr. Stansfield and Mr. Clifford Smith. Mr. Hine was the architect. They did not confine their observations to London, but endeavoured to get the latest information possible. The result was that he believed they had now a capital asylum, and they were proud of it. They were also fortunate in having a good builder, who had put in good work. With regard to equipment, it was a great undertaking, but their very able clerk, Mr.

Keene, gave great help in the matter. The method pursued was to obtain samples of the class of furniture and other things required, and then to go direct to contractors, and avoid dealing with the middle man. There might be the best building and the very best equipment, but if there were not someone to carry out properly the administration of the asylum it was of very little use. He was a radical reformer in reference to the treatment of patients in asylums, and he was proud of his association with Dr. Bond since the opening of the present institution. He did not think there could be an asylum in which there was less trouble with the staff, and much of the credit of that was due to the Superintendent, to his being able to judge as to the character of the people who applied to him for appointments. He was not only proud of the staff, but also of the amount of scientific work which had been done. He quite agreed that there should always be a close association between the Superintendent and the Chairman. Personally he was very sorry that Dr. Bond was leaving Long Grove, and in saying that he was voicing the opinion of every member of the Asylum Committee and of the Staff. Dr. Bond was strong, he was just, and he was courteous towards everyone with whom he had to deal. In conclusion, he thanked the gathering on behalf of the Committee for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast.

Mr. A. O. GOODRICH (Chairman of the London Asylums Committee), in proposing the toast of the Association, said that on the books of the Medico-Psychological Association there were something like 700 eminent names, and many of them he knew to have done distinguished work in the English asylum service. The Association had doubtless done a great deal in raising the standard of the medical officer. And it had not confined its attention to the medical officer, but had gone to every branch throughout the asylum service—to the attendant and to the nurse. It had altered the method of treatment of the insane, and improved the path towards recovery. He was informed that some universities had arranged to grant diplomas specially for mental work. That was very acceptable news to the laymen on the London County Council. As one of those who were sent to the London County Council by their constituents, and as Chairman of the Asylums Committee of that body, he could say they wanted to make their work as successful as possible. Last Friday, when he was at the Colney Hatch Asylum, the medical officer told them that amongst the deaths he had to report that one patient, who had died in the past fortnight, had been fifty-six years in that institution. At Hanwell, through the adoption of what Dr. Conolly instituted many years ago, four patients died in that asylum who had put in over forty years' residence. Where did the poor ratepayer come in when medical men were able to do so much to prolong the lives of their patients? It seemed to him that the Medico-Psychological Association could do anything in the way of lowering the death-rate, but they did not seem to help them, as a Committee of the London County Council, in lowering the expenses. They thanked the Association, and he was sure the public did, for having done so much in abolishing all harsh treatment. He was quite aware that the specialty had produced good and clever men; but a Lord Lister was required in that department who could do outstanding work in medical science as applied to asylums. The Asylums Committee would extend a hearty welcome to such, and would not grudge the expense to be incurred in a well-considered attempt to decrease insanity. He appealed especially to the young men, who would make their mark if they did something in this way. He did not know whether brains could be operated upon with success from this point of view. He had great pleasure in submitting the toast.

The toast was heartily pledged.

The PRESIDENT (Dr. DAWSON), in reply, said it was easy to be sure he expressed the feelings of all the members of the Association when he returned thanks for the manner in which the health of their venerable Association had been drunk, and for the kind terms in which it had been proposed. Mr. Goodrich's position as Chairman of the London County Councils Asylums Committee was one which made every word that fell from him in this connection of value, and therefore the praise which he had given them for their work in the past was extremely grateful to them. With regard to the desires expressed by Mr. Goodrich as to their future work, those desires were shared by every member of the Association. And in view of recent developments he felt sure they were commencing a new

era. This year the Association reached its seventieth birthday anniversary, but it was as virile as ever, and, indeed, more so, a proof of which was that it was making a fresh departure in revising, as it was hoped to do in the next year or two, all the conditions of service of asylum medical officers in such a way as would make the medical treatment of insanity more efficient, and would lead to the acquisition of such further knowledge of the causation of insanity as would eventually conduce to its cure, as well as to the lessening of its occurrence. There was need for the Association to be strong and vigorous, because of a circumstance which was in all their thoughts, namely, the loss which they were suffering in the retirement from the secretaryship of Dr. Bond. They could therefore sympathise the better with the Committee of Long-Grove Asylum. The degree in which that loss was felt could be somewhat gauged by the fact that to-day's gathering was the largest meeting of the Association which, he believed, had ever been held. When Dr. Bond asked him to depart a little from the usual custom and sanction the February meeting being held near London instead of in the provinces, he was only too delighted to do anything he could to mark his appreciation of the work done by Dr. Bond as Secretary of the Association. Members had been rewarded for coming, not only by seeing their host and talking with him, but by all which had been learned in going the round of that excellent asylum—one which embodied so many interesting and up-to-date features in the treatment of the insane. Not only had members learned a great deal, but they had been sumptuously entertained by Dr. Bond, and he wished to express the thanks of the Association for that, and for the facilities which had been placed at their disposal by the members of his Committee for their entertainment. It was a happiness to realise that Dr. Bond would continue to be a fellow-worker, because the first object of all, members of the Association, members of asylum committees throughout the country, and Commissioners in Lunacy, was the prevention of insanity in the first place, its cure when that was possible, and in all cases the care, happiness, and well-being of the insane. Once more he thanked those who had so heartily accepted the toast. The knowledge of the existence of such kindly feeling was a great encouragement to asylum officers in carrying on their work.

Mr. A. H. TREVOR said this was the only occasion in his life when, at a large gathering of this kind, he had insisted on his voice being heard. But he was the only representative of the Commissioners there at the moment, and he desired to say on behalf of all of them that they would unanimously welcome Dr. Bond with the utmost cordiality. He was sure he would be a great accession to the strength of the Board. The meeting might be sure that they realised to the full what Dr. Bond's feelings must be on leaving an establishment of that sort, which he had brought to such a high state of perfection. He could assure them that the Commissioners would do their utmost to make his time with them as pleasant, if possible, as that which he had had in this establishment.

Dr. BOND said he felt that he must once more express his deep thanks for the extremely kind words which had been uttered in connection with his joining the Commissioners.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The minutes of the last meeting, having already been printed and circulated in the Journal, were taken as read and were duly confirmed.

The following candidates, proposed as ordinary members, were duly elected.

Dr. Lord and Dr. Goodall acted as scrutineers.

Apthorp, Frederick William, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Edin., Senior Medical Officer, St. George's Retreat, Ravensworth, Burgess Hill. (Proposed by W. H. B. Stoddart, J. G. Porter Phillips and Ralph Brown.)

Miller, Fleet-Surgeon Richard, R.N., M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Medical Superintendent, Royal Naval Asylum, Yarmouth. (Proposed by Alfred Miller, H. Hayes Newington and C. Hubert Bond.)

Russell, John Ivison, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Asylum, Storthes Hall, Kirkburton, Huddersfield. (Proposed by T. Stewart Adair, H. R. Cross and Richard Kelly.)

Wootton, John Charles, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical

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Officer, London County Asylum, Cane Hill, Coulsdon. (Proposed by Sir James Moody, H. G. Cribb and Norcliffe Roberts.)

Woods, James Cowan, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, The Priory, Roehampton. (Proposed by Sir George Savage, R. Percy Smith and James Chambers.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR THOMAS S. CLOUSTON AND SIR GEORGE H. SAVAGE.

The PRESIDENT remarked that before proceeding to the regular work of the meeting, the pleasant task devolved upon him of proposing that the congratulations of the Association be tendered to the old friends of themselves and the Association, Sir Thomas Clouston and Sir George Savage, upon the recent honours which had been conferred upon them. Sir Thomas Clouston was his old chief at Morningside, and, in common with those who passed through his hands, he cherished for Sir Thomas a very sincere respect and affection. Sir George Savage was present, so that he could not say all that they thought of him, but he would ask the meeting to pass a vote of congratulation to those two eminent members of the profession, in whose elevation they felt themselves to have been honoured.

The vote was passed by acclamation.

SIR GEORGE SAVAGE expressed his hearty appreciation of the kind reference just made by the President. He had felt that the congratulations he had received were even more pleasant than the honour; they had been so manifold that they had convinced him that a considerable number of people who had suffered from mental disorder must get well, and that they could be grateful.

CLINICAL DEMONSTRATION.

A clinical demonstration was arranged by Dr. Barham and the members of the Long-Grove Medical Staff. Among the cases shown were the following:

(1) Friedreich's ataxia. (2) ? Disseminated sclerosis, with congenital nystagmus. (3) Disseminated sclerosis. (4) A case illustrating the genesis of a stereotypy. (5) Juvenile general paralysis; (6) intellectual imbecility; (7) juvenile general paralysis; (8) organic brain disease or ? juvenile general paralysis; (9) insanity from sense-deprivation; (10) insanity from sense-deprivation (cases of congenital syphilis). (11) A case showing psychoneurotic symptoms, with ultimate development of general paralysis. (12) Hysterical hemianæstheria, with talipes and torticollis; also probably of hysterical origin.

PAPERS.

"Insanity with Myxœdema" was the title of a paper read by Dr. G. F. BARHAM. It was discussed by Dr. J. R. LORD (who also read notes of a case of myxœdema under thyroid treatment twenty years ago at Banstead Asylum by Dr. T. E. K. Stansfield, who was unavoidably absent from the meeting), and EDEN PAUL (see page 226).

A paper on "Forced Feeding" was read by Dr. DAVID BLAIR (Lancaster), and was discussed by Drs. P. T. HUGHES, J. F. BRISCOE, R. PERCY SMITH, and SEYMOUR TUKE (see page 252).

A paper entitled "A Case of Double Personality" was then read by Dr. BERNARD HART (see page 236).

The PRESIDENT remarked that although the paper was one of exceptional interest, perhaps it was of such a nature that it did not readily lend itself to discussion in the very short time at their disposal.

He must, he feared, ask the meeting to take as read Dr. MAPOTHER's paper on "Aphasia in General Paralysis and the Conditions associated with it" (see page 243) so that it might be printed in the Journal.

Before adjourning he asked that Dr. Bond would convey the thanks of the Association to Dr. Barham and his colleagues for the very interesting series of clinical cases which they had prepared for inspection.

Dr. EDEN PAUL asked for an adjournment on Dr. Hart's paper to permit of discussion, as some very important questions were raised in it. He proposed formally that this be done.

Dr. HAYES NEWINGTON seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Friday, March 15th, 1912.

Present: Drs. Bruce, Carre, Clarkson, Dawson, Gilmour, Hotchkis, Carlyle Johnstone, Keay, Marr, Marshall, Melville, Macdonald, T. C. Mackenzie, Ivy Mackenzie, McRae, Oswald, Parker, Richard, G. M. Robertson, Ross, Shaw, Watson, Yellowlees, and R. B. Campbell (Divisional Secretary).

Dr. W. R. Dawson, President of the Association, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional meeting, and the special meeting, held on December 8th, were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Dr. YELLOWLEES referred, in appropriate terms, to the loss which the Division had sustained since last meeting through the death of Dr. J. F. Sutherland, Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes—"That the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep regret at the loss of Dr. Sutherland, who had been a member of the Association for fifteen years, and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement." The Secretary was instructed to transmit an excerpt of the minutes to Mrs. Sutherland.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Sir Thomas Clouston, Drs. Urquhart, Turnbull, Reid, Easterbrook, Havelock, and Alexander.

Drs. G. M. Robertson and G. Douglas McRae were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was elected Divisional Secretary.

Dr. Keay was nominated as Examiner for the Nursing Certificate, and Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated as Examiner for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The SECRETARY drew attention to the poor attendance of representatives from the Scottish Division at the meetings of the various standing committees held in London, and he suggested that the members of the Division on the Council should be nominated as members of the Parliamentary and Educational Committees. This was unanimously approved of, and the Secretary suggested that he might lay the matter before the Nominations Committee at their next meeting.

The following candidates, after ballot, were admitted to membership of the Association:

James Scott Annandale, M.B., Ch.B. Aberdeen, Second Assistant Medical Officer, Aberdeen Royal Asylum. (Proposed by Drs. Reid, Alexander, and Kellas.)

Charles Adolphus Crichton, M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Melrose. (Proposed by Drs. Carlyle Johnstone, Oswald, and R. B. Campbell.)

William Spence Melville, M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow, Assistant Medical Officer, Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie. (Proposed by Drs. Carre, Chislett, and R. B. Campbell.)

The SECRETARY submitted the correspondence which he had had with the General Board of Lunacy regarding the difficulty which medical superintendents would now have in obtaining the required permission to perform *post-mortem* examinations as laid down in the opinion given by Mr. Scott Dickson, K.C. The Business Committee had previously considered the correspondence, and recommended that nothing further should be done in the matter, and that each medical superintendent should take whatever steps he considered best to obtain the necessary authority, and so guard himself against the possibility of legal actions being raised against