

Part IV.—Notes and News.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, on Wednesday, May 18th, 1904. Dr. Ernest W. White, the President, occupied the chair.

The following members were present:—Drs. F. W. Edridge-Green; E. D. Macnamara, Albert Wilson, Robert Baker, David Bower, L. A. Weatherly, Harry A. Benham, R. S. Stewart, J. Carlyle Johnstone, C. Easterbrook, Frank Ashby Elkins, Robert Jones, Evan Powell, W. R. Dawson, R. C. Stewart, W. D. Moore, Richard Legge, F. Hudson Evans, A. B. Kingsford, E. S. Pasmore, H. Corner, G. Stanley Elliot, E. B. Whitcombe, J. B. Spence, G. E. Mould, W. Handfield Haslett, A. N. Boycott, H. Wolseley Lewis, C. Hubert Bond, James Stewart (Clifton), G. E. Shuttleworth, T. Seymour Tuke, A. R. Urquhart, Crochley Clapham, C. S. Morrison, S. R. Macphail, James Neil, G. H. Savage, James Chambers, R. Percy Smith, A. J. Alliott, R. H. Cole, Herbert Smalley, R. N. Paton, G. F. Blandford.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. A. P. Russell, F. R. P. Taylor, D. G. Thomson.

Visitors.—Drs. O. Theobalds and T. Wilson Parry.

The Educational and Parliamentary Committees met in the morning.

The following were present at the Council meeting, which was held before the quarterly meeting:—Drs. Ernest W. White (President), Arthur N. Boycott, George Braine-Hartnell, Lewis C. Bruce, Maurice Craig, William R. Dawson, Robert Jones, Harold A. Kidd, Richard J. Legge, H. Wolseley Lewis, Henry C. MacBryan, P. W. Macdonald, Charles A. Mercier, Alfred Miller, H. Hayes Newington, Bedford Pierce, R. Percy Smith, J. Beveridge Spence, Rothsay C. Stewart, Alex. R. Urquhart, Edmund B. Whitcombe, David Yellowlees.

The Council accepted with thanks the kind offer of the retiring President, Dr. Ernest W. White, to present a badge for the President in office.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. F. R. P. Taylor and H. Rayner.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The following were elected ordinary members:—Robert Welsh Branthwaite, William Thomas Crawford, John Edwin Eddison, Wilfred Louis Remi Fleming, Daniel Gillespie, G. H. Harper-Smith, Herbert Edward Izard, John Percy Race, and Peter Campbell Smith.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. Albert Wilson read the report of the Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association appointed to consider the case of Double Consciousness (see p. 500).

The PRESIDENT said that he was sure it was the wish of the meeting to thank the Committee, which had worked so ably, for the report they had presented, and he would ask Dr. Mercier to move the adoption of it.

Dr. MERCIER said he moved with very great pleasure the adoption of the report, which had involved an enormous amount of labour on the part of Dr. Albert Wilson. It referred to one of the most extraordinary cases which had ever come within his experience. After such a case as that now reported on, one was led to ask "Who are we?" for in that case there appeared to be eight or ten personalities under one name. It raised anew the question of criminal responsibility, for in certain states that girl was vicious, and had propensities which, if not actually criminal, might easily have become so. Supposing she committed a criminal act in one state and then changed to another personality, in which she

was tried, the person tried would not be the person who committed the crime, and it would clearly be most unjust on any principle of equity to punish one person for the doings of another. The whole case was one of the most remarkable ever recorded, and he thought the Committee were not asking too much in proposing that, long as it was, it should be published in full in the columns of the JOURNAL. He therefore proposed that the report of the Committee be received and adopted, the adoption involving the carrying out of the recommendation in the last clause, that it be published in full in the JOURNAL.

Dr. JAMES STEWART (Clifton) said if it were necessary for that motion to be seconded he would gladly do so.

It was then put and carried unanimously.

Dr. BRUCE read a paper, entitled "Quantitative and Qualitative Leucocyte Observations in Various Forms of Insanity" (see p. 409).

Dr. SULLIVAN read a paper entitled, "A Statistical Note on the Social Causes of Alcoholism" (see p. 417).

Dr. KENNEDY WILL contributed "Notes of a Case of Combined Spinal Degeneration, with Unusual Mental Symptoms." Microscopical sections of the spinal cord were shown. (This paper will appear in a future number of the JOURNAL.)

The members dined together in the evening at the Café Monico.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Hunter, at the West Ham Borough Asylum, on Friday, April 29th, 1904.

Among those present were Drs. Ernest White (President), Mott, Hunter, Bower, Gayton, Shuttleworth, T. O. Wood, R. J. Stilwell, Ewan, Haynes, W. R. Hanbury, Kingsford, Pasmore, Lavers, Donaldson, Daniel, A. S. Newington, Chambers, Watson, Shera, D. G. Thomson, Goldschmidt, Edridge-Green, Hyslop, Hudson-Evans, J. W. Evans, and Boycott (Hon. Sec.).

The asylum and grounds were inspected, and after luncheon a meeting of the Divisional Committee was held.

The General Meeting of the Division was held in the afternoon, Dr. Ernest White (President) in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

An invitation from Dr. Chambers to hold the Autumn Meeting of the Division at The Priory, Roehampton, on Thursday, October 6th, 1904, was unanimously accepted with much pleasure.

It was decided that the date of the next Spring Meeting should be Thursday, April 27th, 1905.

The following members were elected by voting papers to hold office for 1904-5.

Hon. Sec. to the S.E. Division.—A. Norman Boycott, M.D.

Four Representatives on the Council.—David Bower, M.D., D. G. Thomson, M.D., T. Outterson Wood, M.D., H. Wolseley Lewis, M.D.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:—Ernest Harrison Griffin, B.A.(Cantab.), L.S.A.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House, proposed by Drs. F. H. Edwards, Boycott, and Grimmond Smith; Henry Christian Ernest Quin, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.(Edin.), L.F.P.S.(Glas.), Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House, proposed by Drs. F. H. Edwards, Boycott, and Grimmond Smith; Robert George Hetherington Tate, M.D., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, Banstead Asylum, proposed by Drs. H. W. Lewis, J. J. Murphy, and P. G. Kennedy; Harold Rowe Jeremy, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), Assistant Medical Officer, Borough Asylum, Canterbury; proposed by Drs. Norman Lavers, Boycott, and Grimmond Smith; Oliver Ferreira Naylor Treadwell, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.S.A., Medical Officer, H. M. Convict Prison, Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, proposed by Drs. Smalley, Scott, and Paton.

Drs. Hunter, Rawes, and Lord were elected as members of the South-Eastern