

## CLINICAL MEETING.

Dr. COURTNEY, Assistant Medical Officer, and Mr. J. VINCENT CALLAGHAN, L.D.S., Visiting Dental Surgeon to Letterkenny Mental Hospital, presented an interesting communication "On the Advantage of Dental Treatment in its Relationship to Insanity and Nervous Disease". The writers stressed the importance of adequate and skilled dental treatment in nervous and mental disorders, and recorded a number of illustrative cases where gratifying recoveries had followed such treatment. They mentioned the good results obtained by the use of a parodontal vaccine, in conjunction with extraction or other measures.

The paper gave rise to a lengthy discussion.

Dr. DONELAN expressed his appreciation of the work of Dr. Courtney and Mr. Callaghan, and stated that their views coincided with his own, that, in a very large percentage of mental patients, a physical cause was operative.

Dr. FITZGERALD pointed out the importance of X-ray examination in cases where obvious sepsis was not present.

Dr. GAVIN stressed the importance of an untiring search for the signs of physical disease, and of the eradication of the latter, where possible.

Dr. COURTNEY and Mr. CALLAGHAN replied.

A cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Martin for his very kind hospitality was proposed by Dr. DONELAN, seconded by Dr. LEEPER, and carried unanimously.

Dr. MCGINLEY, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their great pleasure in being allowed to participate in the meeting.

Subsequently the members, visitors and a number of guests were entertained to tea by Mrs. Martin.

On the following day Dr. Martin motored some of the members who had remained overnight to the surrounding places of interest.

## OBITUARY.

## PROFESSOR JULIANO MOREIRA.

We regret to announce the death of one who had been a Corresponding Member of our Association since 1909, and who was the first Latin American to be elected to that distinction.

Prof. Moreira, who died on May 2, 1933, was born in 1873. He graduated at the Medical School of Bahia in 1891, after having defended a thesis on precocious malignant syphilis, thus giving early proof of interest in the specialty to which he devoted his life. In 1896 he was appointed Professor, having presented an original paper on arsenical dyskinesias, which was described by the late Prof. Alexander Macalister as "a valuable addition to our knowledge of arsenical poisoning". In 1903 he was appointed Director of the Federal Asylum for Mental Diseases. Surrounding himself with a body of enthusiastic colleagues, he modernized that institution, and was instrumental in procuring the enactment of a new statute for the management of psychotic patients in Brazil, which statute inaugurated the voluntary admission of patients. He insisted upon the establishment of laboratories in the various hospitals, and under his supervision lumbar puncture and the examination of the cerebro-spinal fluid was first performed in Brazil. In 1911 he was appointed Director-General of the Department for the Assistance of the Insane—a post which he held until shortly before his death.

Prof. Moreira's work was appreciated in all parts of the world, and he was a member of some thirty learned societies in various countries. The University of Hamburg presented him with a gold medal, and he was a honorary member of the German Red Cross Society. He visited many countries as a lecturer and as a delegate to the meetings of scientific bodies. Apart from his immediate specialty, he was greatly interested in dermatology, and was an eminent historical scholar. He published more than a hundred scientific papers.

Prof. Moreira's death is deeply deplored in Brazil, where he was held in the highest respect. One of his colleagues has gracefully said that to Prof. Moreira "every psychiatrist in Brazil owes part of his knowledge, every psychopath owes some measure of alleviation".

For much of our information we are indebted to Senhora Moreira, to whom we offer our respectful sympathy upon the death of her distinguished husband.

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