

in this clause, did not sufficiently ensure the inclusion of certain staff attached to Asylum Committees, but not necessarily attached to the asylum itself. It was resolved therefore to suggest that the word "Asylum," at present at the end of the clause, should read "Asylum Authority."

It was further agreed that in Clause 13 it would be probably necessary to include a definition of "Managers or Authorities of any Asylum" and "Asylum Managers or Authority," in order to cover the different terminology in the three Lunacy Acts for the three divisions of the United Kingdom.

CLAUSE 14.—Dr. Shuttleworth read a new clause which the promoters of the Bill were suggesting should take the place of the present one. It was agreed that the new clause, and which ran as follows:

"The enactments specified in the schedule to this Act are hereby repealed, subject to this qualification, that this repeal shall not affect the payment of any superannuation allowance granted before the commencement of this Act, provided always that the requirements and provisions of this Act shall not apply to those cases where the Asylum Authorities have agreed, or by resolution have arranged, prior to the commencement of this Act, or may agree or resolve at or within three months after the commencement of this Act to deal with all or any of the persons then in their employ in a more generous manner than is provided by Clause 2 of this Act, and in those cases such agreement or resolution shall thereafter be considered binding on the part of such Asylum Authorities, so far as such existing employés are concerned,"

was more exact, and therefore preferable to the present clause. It was further resolved to recommend the following sub-section to Clause 14, thus amended:

"Provided also that it shall be competent for any officer or servant, who has served for not less than fifteen years under one asylum authority previous to the commencement of this Act, by giving notice within three months thereof to the managing authority, to be excluded from the requirements and provisions of this Act as regards superannuation allowance, but not to forfeit the benefit of the arrangements in that respect existing under Sections 280—282 of the Lunacy Act, 1890."

COMMITTEE TO ACT.—The following members were appointed as a Committee (a) to draw up a Statement of Evidence founded on the resolution passed at this Special Meeting, to be forwarded to the Select Committee of the House at present considering the Bill, and (b) as far as required, to wait on such Select Committee.

Drs. Charles Mercier, H. Hayes Newington, David Bower, Edwin H. Beresford, and C. Hubert Bond.

The meeting had the advantage during part of its sitting of the presence of Sir William Collins, M.P., who was good enough to give some valuable information upon several points in the Bill. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his attendance.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Pasmore at the Croydon Mental Hospital, Upper Warringham, Surrey, on Tuesday, April 27th, 1909.

Among those present were Drs. R. R. Alexander, Josephine Brown, P. E. Campbell, R. H. Cole, J. F. Dixon, A. C. Dove, F. H. Edwards, F. C. Gayton, F. W. Edridge-Green, H. E. Haynes, J. W. Higginson, G. H. Keene, P. G. Kennedy, H. Kerr, H. A. Kidd, R. Langdon-Down, Mary E. Martin, J. M. Moody, F. J. Moore, A. Newington, E. S. Pasmore, David Rice, T. Claye Shaw, J. G. Smith, F. R. P. Taylor, D. G. Thomson, F. Watson, and R. H. Steen (Hon. Sec. of the Division).

The visitors included Alderman F. W. M. King, J.P., Chairman of the Visiting Committee; G. F. Carter, Esq., M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer; Fleet-Surgeon Corrie; and Drs. Pollock, Etches, Cohen, Berncastle, Furber, Macan, and Clarkson.

Apologies were received from Sir William Collins, Drs. Savage, Robert Jones, Outterson Wood, Bower, and Hollander.

The members visited the wards and other parts of the Institution, and plans of the buildings in course of construction were exhibited by the Borough Engineer.

At 1.30 p.m. luncheon took place, and at the termination of this Dr. T. Clay Shaw proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Pasmore for so hospitably entertaining the Division.

The meeting of the Divisional Committee was held at 2.15 p.m.

The General Meeting was held at 2.45 p.m., Dr. Pasmore in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having appeared in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

The following members were elected by voting papers to take office for 1909-10:

*Hon. Secretary of the Division.*—Dr. R. H. Steen.

*Representative Members of the Division on the Council.*—Drs. Boycott, Fennell, Wolseley-Lewis, and Mott.

The following gentlemen were elected as ordinary members of the Association:

Dr. Hubert James Norman, Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell House Asylum; and Dr. William Brooks Keith, Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Asylum, Maidstone.

Drs. Pasmore, Greenlees and Peachell were elected as members of the South-Eastern Divisional Committee of Management, which now consists of the following:

<i>Retire in 1910.</i>	<i>Retire in 1911.</i>	<i>Retire in 1912.</i>
Dr. Taylor.	Dr. Seward.	Dr. Pasmore.
Dr. R. Langdon-Down.	Dr. R. H. Cole.	Dr. Greenlees.
Dr. Dixon.	Dr. J. G. Smith.	Dr. Peachell.

The invitation of Drs. Adams and Johnston to hold the autumn meeting at Brook House, Upper Clapton, N.E., was unanimously accepted with much pleasure. The date was fixed for October 6th, 1909.

Dr. T. CLAYE SHAW read a paper entitled, "The Clinical Value of Consciousness in Disease" (see page 401).

In the discussion which followed, Dr. F. W. EDRIDGE-GREEN said that the point which had been raised by Dr. Claye Shaw might be explained when we took into account the fact that the basal ganglia had a separate blood-supply to the cerebral hemispheres. If the blood-supply of the centres for memory were below the normal, impressions received at that time would be indifferently recorded, as would be the case if any toxin interfered with their action. A lesion of the perceptive centre would effectually prevent the revival of impressions, for instance, he had only yesterday examined a case of total colour blindness after tetanus occurring in a signalman who had several times passed tests for colour-blindness. It was obvious that he could no longer deal with impressions of colour.

Drs. PASMORE and STEEN also spoke, and Dr. CLAYE SHAW replied.

After the meeting Mrs. Pasmore kindly entertained the members to tea in the Medical Superintendent's house.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The SPRING MEETING of this Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Nelis, at the Newport Borough Asylum, Caerleon, on Friday, April 30th, 1909.

The following members were present:—Drs. Bazalgette, Blachford, Richard Eager, Glendinning, Goodall, MacBryan, McGregor, Martin, Morrison, Nelis, Shera, Soutar, Thomas, and the Hon. Div. Secretary. There were also five visitors.

Dr. Glendinning having been voted to the chair, the minutes of the Autumn Meeting were read and signed.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the President, Dr. P. W. Macdonald, and others.

The following candidates were elected ordinary members of the Association:

Harold West Hodgson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Barnsley Hall Asylum, Bromsgrove. Proposed by Drs. Hughes, Maule Smith, and Aveline.

John Frederick Wolseley Leech, M.D. Dublin University, Assistant Medical Officer, Wilts County Asylum, Devizes. Proposed by Drs. Ireland Bowes, Cole, and Aveline.