The treatment had proved a success because of the personal element in it. One could very readily by laboratory methods oxygenate the blood, but neither the patient nor the nurse would have any active interest in it and their co-operation would not be needed. Dr. Peters's method was a strictly nursing procedure and the staff had taken a personal pride in the work.

It was a great score to have all methods of treatment as far as possible within the personal ambit of the nursing staff.

24. Votes of Thanks for Hospitality.

Dr. Bedford Pierce said he had a pleasant duty to perform: it was to propose that the Association send a letter of thanks to those who had so well entertained its members and given them the benefit of such remarkable hospitality. Not only had the hospitality been abundant, but there had been about it a gracious kindliness which had appealed to all. The very fine weather had helped, the geniality of the President had helped, and the hosts and hostesses of the Colleges had contributed greatly to the enjoyment. If it could be done, he would have liked the message to include those—whose names the members did not know—who had taken such a helpful part in organizing this annual meeting.

Dr. J. R. Lord seconded the motion. **[Agreed.**

The President, in the name of all concerned, thanked the speakers for this vote of thanks. It was very gratifying that the people who had done the hard work necessarily incidental to such a meeting should have received such a nice recognition. Oxford was only too pleased to see the members of the Association, and it was a great pleasure to him to find everyone so pleased. He would like members to know that Sir William Morris kept his works going the whole afternoon so that members could look over them; otherwise they would have closed down at one o'clock. That action on the part of a master of industry was an example of what had been done.

Dr. Gardiner expressed the appreciation of the local practitioners of Oxford for the permission to attend the meetings and take part in the discussions. He had not known personally how large mental diseases bulked in medicine at the present day.

LADIES' CLUB ROOM.

The Ladies' Club Room, kindly lent by Messrs. Elliston and Cavell and situated almost opposite the Martyrs' Memorial, was open from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

GOLF.

The Oxford U.G.C. kindly allowed members of the Association to use the Southfields Golf Course at reduced green fees for both ladies and gentlemen.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Chiswick House, Moss Lane, Pinner, on Thursday, September 25, 1930, by the courtesy of Dr. Douglas Macaulay.

Present: Drs. N. H. M. Barker, C. W. Bower, L. A. Cholmeley, Sir Cecil Chubb, W. J. Coyne, J. H. Cuthbert, J. H. Earls, R. W. Gilmour, J. H. Glaister, H. G. L. Haynes, G. W. James, W. J. T. Kimber, F. R. King, R. M. Macfarlane, S. E. Martin, H. Crichton Miller, Josphine Miller, D. M. Odlum, J. E. Purves, C. Stanford Read, David Rice, E. Rollins, Noel Sergeant, R. Percy Smith, Geo. Somerville, R. C. Stewart, P. M. Turnbull, and J. R. Whitwell.

During the course of the morning members and guests were shown over Chiswick House and its gardens by Dr. Macaulay and his colleague Dr. Coyne and members of their staff.

They were then entertained to lunch, and after the Royal toast, Dr. Percy Smith proposed Dr. Macaulay's health, and Dr. Macaulay replied.

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The general meeting followed, which was presided over by Dr. Percy Smith.

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

The date and place of the next meeting were left to be arranged by the Secretary.

Dr. MACAULAY then gave an interesting and amusing account of the many trials and vicissitudes attending his search for "fresh fields and pastures new" necessitated by the falling-in of the lease of the old Chiswick House.

Dr. PERCY SMITH voiced the thanks and appreciation of the meeting for this paper, and members were then taken over to the sister establishment, Grove House, where tea concluded the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Stewart Institution, Palmerstown, Chapelizod, co. Dublin, on Thursday, July 10, 1930, by the kind invitation of Dr. G. H. Keene, Medical Superintendent.

The following members were present: Dr. R. R. Leeper, in the Chair, Drs. D. E. Allman, P. J. Cassin, F. J. Deane, J. O'Conor Donelan, J. Dunne, W. N. Eustace, John FitzGerald, N. M. FitzGerald, T. Greene, B. F. Honan, J. Kearney, G. H. Keene, E. M. Mahony, J. C. Martin, J. Mills, P. Moran, R. Taylor, and R. Thompson, *Hon. Sec.*

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Drs. L. Gavin, D. L. O'Kelly, H. R. C. Rutherford, and J. R. Lord.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

At the opening of the meeting, the Chairman referred to Dr. M. J. Nolan, and to the great sorrow which he had recently sustained. He recounted the debt the Association owed to Dr. Nolan, and he asked the meeting to record their sympathy with him in his great loss.

The following nominated candidates were then unanimously elected ordinary members of the Division:

EVELEEN J. O'BRIEN, M.B., B.Ch., N.U.I., D.P.M., R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. P. Dwyer, Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan and Stanley Blake.

BERNARD LYONS, M.B., B.Ch., N.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, co. Wexford.
Proposed by Drs. P. Moran, Dr. Hugh T. J. Kennedy and C. B. Molony.

The CHAIRMAN then introduced a discussion on the revised Regulations for the Training and Examination of Candidates for the Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing, and, on the proposal of Dr. MARTIN, seconded by Dr. MILLS, Dr. Laurence Gavin, Medical Superintendent, Mullingar Mental Hospital, was unanimously elected Area Examination Secretary for the whole of Ireland.

The next meeting was fixed for the first Thursday in November, and Dr. J O'Conor Donelan's invitation to hold it at Grangegorman Mental Hospital was accepted with pleasure.

Clinical Meeting.

Dr. KEENE read a paper on "Mongolism," and demonstrated the classical signs and symptoms in a number of very interesting cases, contrasting these with other varieties of amentia.

He said: The true mongol, as I have found him, is an interesting little person as a rule, and owing to his happy and affectionate disposition invariably makes many friends amongst an institution staff. There are several features about the mongol type which tend to invoke one's sympathy. His resistive powers are very low. His life is short. His helplessness is obvious, while his trustfulness resembles closely the blind devotion of a canine friend.

Possibly of all the aments the mongol is the most readily picked out and classified. His physical peculiarities, though sufficiently distinctive in the majority of cases

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