SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the County Asylum, Powick, Worcester, on Friday, April 24th.

The following members were present: Drs. Aveline, Bullen, Braine-Hartnell, Rd. Eager, Fenton, Morrison, Nelis, and Walford, and one visitor, the Rev. Mr. Lane, Chaplain to the Asylum.

Dr. Soutar telegraphed his regret at not being able to attend, and the Hon. Div. Secretary was also unable to attend, but had arranged with Dr. Aveline to act for him.

Dr. Braine Hartnell was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. Blachford was re-elected Hon. Div. Secretary, and Drs. Aveline and Nelis as Representative Members of the Council. Drs. Pope and Thomas were elected Members of the Divisional Committee of Management.

The following were elected Members of the Association: A. D. Clanchy, L.R.C.P., and S.I., Fourth Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Asylum, Exminster (proposed by Drs. A. N. Davis, Eager, and Blachford); C. Murphy, M.B., B.Ch. (N.U.I.), Third Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Asylum (proposed by Drs. A. N. Davis, Eager, and Blachford); Walter H. Smith, B.A., M.D., B.Ch. (Dublin), L.M., Rotunda, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Shrewsbury (proposed by Drs. Gemmel, Stanley Hughes, and Guthrie Blandford).

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Thursday, October 22nd next, and the Spring Meeting for April 22nd, 1915.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Board of Control, addressed to the Secretary of the Medico-Psychological Association, respecting a grant from the Treasury towards pathological research, and the Hon. Div. Secretary was instructed to find out how much support could be relied upon from the various asylums in the Division with a view to obtaining a portion of the grant mentioned. A meeting on the subject to be arranged for, and the information obtained discussed thereat.

Dr. Richard Eager read a paper on "The *rôle* of Hypnotics in Mental Disease" (see p. 461), and this was discussed by Drs. Braine-Hartnell, Fenton, Walford, and Bullen, and Dr. Eager replied.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, a paper by Dr. Bullen on "Freud's Interpretation of Dreams" had to be postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Dr. Braine-Hartnell for his hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held, at the kind invitation of Dr. Edgerley, at the West Riding Asylum, Menston, on Thursday, April 30th, 1914.

President: Dr. S. Edgerley.

The following nineteen members were present: Drs. T. S. Adair, H. R. Cross, H. Devine, G. Dickson, S. Edgerley, F. W. Eurich, J. R. Gilmour, E. G. Grove. D. W. Hunter, G. R. Jeffrey, T. Johnstone, H. J. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, J. M. Mathison, J. E. Middlemiss, B. Pierce, W. Vincent, C. W. Vining, R. C. Walker.

Visitors: Dr. W. H. Robinson, Dr. R. R. Kirwan.

(1) The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

(2) A ballot was taken for Charlotte Murdoch Birnie, M.D., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, The Retreat, York. *Proposed by* Drs. Pierce, Mackenzie, and Adair.

Charles Wilfred Vining, M.D., B.S.(Lond), M.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.P.H., Assistant Physician, Leeds General Infirmary, 40, Park Square, Leeds. *Proposed by* Drs. Edgerley, Walker, and Adair, as ordinary Members of the Association and they were unanimously elected.

(3) Dr. T. Stewart Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division, *proposed by* Dr. Pierce, seconded by Dr. Vincent.

(4) Drs. H. Devine, A. R. Douglas, and J. R. Gilmour were elected representative

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