Drs. E. C. Dax, Doreen P. Firmin, Otho FitzGerald, C. Lamorna Hingston, N. McDiarmid, Joan Mackworth, J. S. Nightingale, Ian Skottowe, R. Ström-Olsen, B. Reid, S. W. Hardwick and S. A. MacKeith.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

Dobson, John Robert Earle, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), Junior Registrar, The Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. F. Kraupl Taylor, E. Stengel and S. D. McGrath.

Fleminger, John Jack, Registrar, Psychiatric Department, St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1.

Proposed by Sir W. Paul Mallinson, Drs. M. Partridge and Desmond Curran.

Norton, Alan Ralph, B.A., D.M.(Oxon.), D.P.M., Chief Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, The London Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Henry Wilson, J. G. Hamilton and K. K. Drury.

Rich, Edward John, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Claybury Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

Proposed by Drs. J. S. Harris, J. Johnstone and Charlotte R. Schmidt.

Dr. Alan M. Edwards read a paper entitled "**A Preliminary Report on Transorbital Leucotomy,**" and Drs. E. C. Dax, D. Blair, T. P. Rees, O. FitzGerald and J. B. S. Lewis took part in the discussion.

Dr. Alfred G. Hounslow read a paper on "**Tuberculosis in Mental Disorders,**" and Drs. A. A. W. Petrie, T. P. Rees and J. B. S. Lewis joined in the discussion afterwards.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring, 1950, Meeting of the South-Western Division was held, by kind hospitality of Dr. A. C. Sinclair, at Herrison House, Dorchester, on Friday, 31 March, 1950. Dr. T. J. Hennelly was in the Chair, and there was a good turn-out of members and guests.

The following were elected unanimously : *Divisional Chairman :* Dr. K. C. Bailey ; *Divisional Secretary*, Dr. R. G. McInnes, and, as *Junior Representative on Council*, Dr. Delfun Lewis.

Dr. Bailey was invested with the Chairman's badge by Dr. T. J. Hennelly, and presided over the remainder of the Meeting.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members of the Association : Drs. G. L. Davies, Ronald Maggs and J. R. Stuart.

Dr. J. R. Spillane, then read an interesting paper on "**The Analysis of the Effects of Pre-Frontal Leucotomy in 96 Cases,**" and a discussion followed in which many members took part.

Dr. Sinclair then opened a discussion on the problem of the increasing number of senile patients admitted to mental hospitals, and this was discussed at some length, but no clear recommendations could be formulated.

Members and guests were kindly entertained to lunch and tea by Dr. Sinclair, and the Meeting was a most enjoyable one.

IRISH DIVISION.

The Spring Quarterly and Clinical Meeting of the Irish Division was held at St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, on Wednesday, 19 April, 1950, on the kind invitation of the Brother Provincial and the Medical Superintendent.

Twenty-four members and one guest, Rev. Father O'Doherty, were present.

The Meeting coincided with the three-day Psychiatric Congress held to commemorate the fourth centenary of the death of St. John of God. An extensive programme, both of clinical meetings and social entertainments, was organized.

In the morning a paper entitled "**The Order of St. John of God's Contribution to Psychiatry during 400 Years**" was read by Dr. Frank McLaughlin.

The second communication on "**Re-development of Mental Health Work in connexion with existing Social Services**" was given by Dr. Thomas Spensley Simey, Professor of Social Science in the University of Liverpool. Dr. Simey began

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by commending the idea of charity, and said that if he had to choose between charity and science he would inevitably choose charity. In the course of his lecture he showed how charity and science might be linked to provide something better than either alone, and showing the necessity for this union in order to develop fully the psychiatric resources at our disposal. Dr. DUNNE proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, commenting on his eloquence and the wisdom of his remarks. This motion was seconded in similar terms by Dr. HONAN. Dr. MOORE and Dr. MORAN also spoke.

The Division was then most hospitably entertained to Lunch by the Hospital.

At the conclusion of Lunch Dr. KEARNEY read a message from Dr. Noel Browne, Minister for Health, first of all apologizing for his unavoidable absence due to illness.

A vote of thanks to the Brothers of St. John of God for their Hospitality and the success of the Congress was proposed by Dr. DUNNE and seconded by Dr. MORAN.

The Business Meeting of the Association was held after Lunch. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Apologies were read from Drs. Weir, Allison, K. K. Drury (General Secretary), Glancey and O'Malley.

The following Officers were nominated, proposed, seconded and elected :

Chairman : Dr. B. F. HONAN.

Secretary : Dr. J. N. P. MOORE.

Junior Representative on Council : Dr. H. J. EUSTACE.

After a ballot the following was elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

WALSH, MAIRE M., M.B., D.P.M., The Botanic Gardens, Dublin.

Proposed by Drs. Mary Sullivan, F. McLaughlin and J. N. P. Moore.

Dr. HONAN kindly invited the Division to hold the Summer Meeting in Cork on Wednesday, 19 July. The invitation was unanimously accepted. It was agreeed that the Meeting should be at least one, and possibly, two days, and that the arrangements for it should be left to the Chairman and Secretary.

The SECRETARY suggested that owing to the increased cost of printing, only one notice should be sent to the members for each Meeting. After discussion this proposal was agreed to. Dr. O'SULLIVAN of Killarney kindly agreed to have the notices printed at his Hospital in future for a nominal sum.

The formation of a National Association for Mental Health was then discusssed. It was finally proposed, seconded and agreed that the members of the Preparatory Commission for the Mental Health Congress, held in London, 1948, should act as a nucleus and draw up plans for the formation of the new Association.

The Meeting then adjourned and the Division went to visit St. Augustine's Colony, Blackrock. Here papers were read by Drs. P. F. O'BRIEN and A. J. DEVLIN on **" Mental Deficiency and St. Augustine's "** and on **" Experiences in a Dublin Child Guidance Clinic,"** by Drs. M. M. WALSH and MARY P. MULVANY.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

ABSTRACT of Minutes of a Meeting of the Scottish Division held at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on Friday, 27 January, 1950, at 3 p.m.

THIRTY MEMBERS were present and apologies for absence were received from 10 members.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

BUCHANAN, ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., Assistant Medical Officer, Hartwood Mental Hospital ; 18, Hartwood Road, Hartwood, Lanarkshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. N. J. Chapman, R. Good and J. McComb.

RORIE, RONALD ARTHUR BAXTER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Eastern Regional Hospital Board ; 61, Clepington Road, Dundee.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Uytman, J. W. Macpherson and J. McDougall.

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