SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. R. J. Stilwell, at Moorcroft, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Thursday, September 29, 1927.

There were present thirty-six members.

Members were taken in parties round the house, and were shown and appreciated the wealth of historical interest, architectural beauty and modern scientific therapy which it provided.

They were then entertained to luncheon, Dr. Stilwell presiding. At the conclusion of the luncheon, after some remarks by Lt.-Col. LORD, Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES proposed the health of the Chairman, to which Dr. STILWELL replied.

At the meeting which followed Lt.-Col. J. R. LORD, Ex-President, took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Spring Meeting, 1928.

A preliminary Divisional Clinical Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Cedric Bower, Helen Boyle, W. Brooks Keith, R. M. Macfarlane, E. D. T. Roberts and Isabel G. H. Wilson, with power to co-opt. The Committee to investigate the best manner in which the Division could be subdivided into N.E., S.E., Western and Metropolitan areas for the purpose of holding clinical meetings, to get into touch with members, more particularly assistant medical officers, on this matter, and to find a member in each of these areas to act as Secretary for such clinical meetings.

The Chairman then spoke on the desirability of electing Divisional Chairmen who would be Vice-Presidents of the Association. The meeting expressed its approval of the letter from the General Secretary on the matter.

Dr. JAMES then read his paper on "Surgical Emergencies in Psychiatry." This was followed by a discussion in which the CHAIRMAN, Dr. A. C. HANCOCK, Dr. A. A. W. PETRIE, Dr. J. BRANDER and Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES took part.

Dr. HARDCASTLE then read his paper on "Acetonuria: Some Laboratory Findings." The Chairman voiced the appreciation and thanks of the members for this paper.

The members were then taken in cars to Hayes Park, where they were refreshed with tea, and given opportunities to inspect this house and afterwards Mead House.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. J. D. Thomas, at Northwoods House, Winterbourne, near Bristol, on Thursday, October 27, 1927. Twenty-one members and one visitor were present.

Dr. J. G. Soutar was voted to the Chair and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received among others from Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, Lt.-Col. E. Goodall, Drs. Barton White, R. Eager and G. W. T. H. Fleming.

The question of the formation of clinical areas in the Division was discussed, and it was suggested that five such areas might be formed, with centres at Cardiff, Bristol, Oxford, Exeter, and Salisbury (or ? Dorchester). Letters on the subject from Drs. Barton White, Eager and Fleming were read, and the Hon. Div. Secretary was instructed to get into touch with certain members in the other areas as to their willingness to act as members of the Divisional Clinical Committee.

The proposal of the Ex-President (Lt.-Col. Lord) as to the appointment of a Vice-President in each Division to act as Chairman at its meetings was adopted without any amendment.

Dr. R. W. BRANTHWAITE suggested that the Spring Meeting on April 26, 1928, might be held at Stoke Park Colony, Bristol. This was agreed.

Dr. J. MCGARVEY, Medical Superintendent, Wells Mental Hospital, then introduced a discussion on "The Sterilization of Mental Defectives." The following members joined in the discussion: Drs. R. W. BRANTHWAITE, J. V. BLACHFORD,

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R. N. CRAIG, N. R. PHILLIPS, A. C. KING-TURNER, W. BROWN (Bristol) and the CHAIRMAN.

Dr. MCGARVEY replied briefly.

The members had the opportunity of inspecting the hospital before the meeting, and were most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by courtesy of Dr. G. L. Brunton and the Committee of Visitors at the Nottingham City Mental Hospital, Mapperley Hill, on Thursday, October 20, 1927.

There were present twenty-six members and two visitors.

Members were shown over the hospital in the forenoon. The nurses' home, paranoiacs' rock garden and poster corridor were objects of special interest.

Dr. Brunton and the Committee entertained the visitors to lunch, at which the Chairman of the Hospital Committee presided.

A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. C. H. Bond and seconded by Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, and carried unanimously. In his remarks Dr. Bond referred to the progressive spirit which animated the Hospital Committee, and to the work which they were doing. He congratulated the Chairman on the fact that the Nottingham authorities had established an institution for their mental defectives.

Dr. Brunton having been elected to the Chair, the minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and confirmed signed by the Chairman.

The formation of Divisional areas for clinical meetings was discussed.

Lt.-Col. LORD stated that Divisional clinical meetings were primarily intended to meet the interests of the assistant medical officers, as in the case of the Maudsley meetings, but he attached the greatest importance to local general practitioners being also invited, and gave his reasons why. He stated that the work of the sub-committee on special subjects of the Research and Clinical Committee is to be differentiated from the Divisional clinical meetings. He was of opinion that it was the discussion on actual cases which was of great advantage both to the doctor and to the patient.

Dr. MENZIES remarked that hospitals situated in an isolated position would experience difficulty in getting members to attend.

Dr. J. E. MIDDLEMISS suggested that areas be delineated and the meetings distributed among the hospitals in each area.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. BRUNTON) showed a map which he had prepared with the provisional areas marked, each of which contained a University centre.

Dr. J. I. RUSSELL considered these areas too large, and remarked that the success of the meetings would depend upon the attendances and amount of clinical material available.

After further discussion, in which several members joined, it was agreed that the following provisional areas be recognized, and that a Committee be formed to subdivide or otherwise arrange these areas if desirable. The areas are Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nottingham and York.

The following were elected members of the Divisional Clinical Committee to carry out these arrangements and report to the Division: Dr. A. T. W. Forrester, Prof. J. Shaw Bolton, Dr. Dove Cormac, Dr. M. T. Archdale, Dr. G. L. Brunton, Dr. J. I. Russell.

It was proposed by Dr. MATHIESON and seconded by Dr. J. M. MACKENZIE that this Committee have power to co-opt members to meet them before their report is submitted to the Division. This was agreed to.

The following were elected, by ballot, ordinary members of the Association:

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Proposed by Drs. J. B. Tighe, G. E. Mould and D. H. Cameron.

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Proposed by Drs. J. B. Tighe, G. E. Mould and D. H. Cameron.

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