Dinner.

A Dinner was held in the evening, in honour of Prof. Winkler, at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W., at which there was a good attendance of members and guests.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. E. S. Pasmore, Medical Superintendent and the Committee of Visitors at the Croydon Mental Hospital, Warlingham Park, Upper Warlingham, on Tuesday, October 9, 1923.

Among the visitors present were: The Rt. Hon. Lord Sandhurst, Sir R. W. Walden, C.B.E., Col. Ffrench, Col. Sleeman, Ald. J. G. Allan, D.L., J. P., Ald. J. T. Trumble, J.P., Councillor Dr. Owen Fowler, J.P., Councillor J. E. Fox, J.P., T.D., Councillor Jarvis, Councillor W. B. Robarts, Drs. Percy Allan, Hammond, McGuire, Newby, Newsholme, Sidney Owen, H. W. Phillips, Pollock, A. Rose, Sibley, Russell Thomas, Tripe, Vicar of Croydon, Rev. Reid, Rev. H. M. Scott, E. G. Field, Esq., H. Howard, Esq., J. M. Newnham, Esq., D.L., LL.D.

After an inspection of the Hospital and grounds, the members were invited to lunch in the Recreation Hall.

At the ensuing General Meeting Dr. J. Chambers took the Chair.

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

The following candidate was elected as an ordinary member:

Edmund Duncan Tranchell Hayes, B.A., M.D., B.Ch.Dubl. D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Croydon Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Dr. H. M. Berncastle, E. S. Pasmore and J. Noel Sergeant.

Dr. E. D. T. Hayes read a paper, "Some Aspects of Dementia Præcox." The Chairman initiated a short discussion, in which Drs. A. Helen Boyle, F. H. Edwards and H. J. Norman took part. Dr. Hayes replied.

The kind invitation of Dr. H. Wolseley-Lewis to the Division to hold the Spring Meeting at Barming Heath, on Wednesday, April 30, 1924, was accepted with acclamation.

After a further inspection of the Hospital and grounds the members were entertained to tea, which concluded this agreeable and instructive meeting.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was held by the kind invitation of Dr. R. Eager and the Committee of Visitors at the Devon County Mental Hospital, Exminster, on Thursday, October 25, 1923.

Major Kitson (Chairman of the Visiting Committee), the Mayor of Exeter (Mr. P. F. Rowsell), Rev. Elliott, Mr. Russell Coombe, Mr. Lock, Drs. Gordon, Roper, Bryant, Somerville and Stirk were present as visitors.

Dr. R. Eager was voted to the Chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Dr. W. Starkey was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Drs. R. Eager and N. R. Phillips were nominated as representative members of Council.

The following candidate was elected as an ordinary member:

Somerville, George, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Mental Hospital, Exminster.

Proposed by Drs. R. Eager, C. F. Bainbridge, and W. Starkey.

The date of the Spring Meeting was fixed for either April 24 or 25, 1924, and its place of meeting was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary to arrange.

Dr. E. Barton White read a short paper on *A Case of Cerebral Syphilis*, which was discussed by Drs. R. Eager, G. E. Peachell and W. Starkey.

Dr. R. Eager then opened a discussion on *The Early Treatment of Mental Disorders*, and Dr. Peachell read an account of a rural out-patient clinic as in operation in Dorset. The discussion that followed was taken part in by Drs. Roper, McKinley Reid and W. Starkey.

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The following resolution was passed and a copy ordered to be sent to the Minister of Health:

> "That, in the opinion of this Meeting, it is of the utmost importance that the Mental Treatment Bill should become law as soon as possible, as the absence of the facilities which it provides seriously hampers the prompt treatment of incipient mental disorder."

During the morning members and visitors were afforded the opportunity of inspecting the wards, workshops and pathological laboratory. Dr. EAGER demonstrated a series of cases of Huntingdon's chorea, and other cases of interest were shown by members of the staff. Members and visitors were most hospitably entertained to lunch, at which the Chairman of the Visiting Committee presided, and tea was kindly provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Eager and the members of the Visiting Committee for their hospitality and the provision of a most interesting day's programme.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the East Riding Mental Hospital, at Beverley, by the courtesy of Dr. E. S. Simpson, who entertained the meeting to lunch, on Thursday, October 25, 1923.

Dr. E. S. Simpson occupied the Chair.

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

Drs. T. S. Adair, E. C. Mould and Bedford Pierce were re-elected members of the Divisional Committee for the ensuing year.

The following candidate was balloted for as an ordinary member of the Association and was duly elected:

> SYDNEY FRANCIS MARWOOD, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, South Yorkshire Asylum, Sheffield.
>
> *Proposed by* Drs. W. J. N. Vincent, J. M. Mathieson and F. Back.

Dr. J. E. MIDDLEMISS (Leeds) read a paper on "Mental Trends and Mechanisms and their Relation to Disease Considered in their More Familiar Manifestations."

The paper gave rise to an interesting discussion, in which Drs. D. YELLOWLEES, G. R. JEFFREY, BEDFORD PIERCE and O'CONOR DONELAN took part, and Dr. MIDDLEMISS replied. (This paper will appear in the Journal in due course.—Eds.)

Dr. M. A. ARCHDALE then read a paper on "The Token-Reward System in Mental Hospitals." He gave a very interesting account of the introduction, development and results of a system of token-rewards which he had used at the Cambridge Mental Hospital. The value, distribution and purchasing power of the system were all described.

This paper gave rise to a prolonged discussion which was taken part in by most of those present.

Dr. SIMPSON showed a case for diagnosis—a married woman, æt. 56, showing great hypertrophy of the cranial bones, particularly the temporal parietal and occipital; the frontal was only slightly affected. There was no enlargement of the facial bones.

The mental condition was one of progressive dementia with confusion, slight exaltation, great loss of memory for recent events.

The cranial measurements were as follows: Circumference 24 in. Nasal notch to inion 14 in. Ear to ear over vertex 16 in. There was slight ptosis of right eye. Traces of left facial paralysis. Flaccid paraplegia of lower limbs with loss of bladder and rectal control. Sensation to temperature, touch and pain very little impaired. Headache constant but varying in intensity. Dr. Simpson suggested that all the symptoms, both mental and physical, had a common origin, namely pressure of the hypertrophied cranium on the brain as a whole. His diagnosis of the condition was "leontiasis ossea."

The members present displayed much interest in the condition, but did not venture on any diagnosis.

This concluded the meeting.

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