general medicine, on its part, he would like to see represented more in the mental hospitals; he would like to see attached to every mental hospital a visiting physician. He hoped the Association would do more to bring together a closer union between psychological and general medicine, which was so much to be desired. It was in that hope that he asked them to drink, with him, to the health and prosperity of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, coupled with the name of the President. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT, in replying to the toast, said: I sincerely thank Dr. Robert Hutchison for the very kind remarks he has made about our Association. Dr. Hutchison has given us to-night some advice which I think should bear fruit. But I would tell him this: that to-day, in the modern mental hospital, we have physicians of very high standing, men who are very highly qualified, and who fortunately have taken up this branch of medicine, and we shall benefit by their advice. There was a time, in my early days, when it was the indifferent student who went into this kind of work. But all that kind of thing has now been changed, and it has become a distinct branch of medicine, where the best qualified and the keenest physicians are beginning to take their part. This is all to the good.

On behalf of our Association, Dr. Hutchison, I thank you for your kind words, and I hope that on some future occasion you will honour us again; there are still some physicians amongst us. (Applause.)

During the meeting, visits were paid to Springfield Mental Hospital and to Shenley Mental Hospital. At each of these members were given opportunities of inspecting the buildings and were entertained to garden parties by the kind invitation of the respective Visiting Committees and Medical Superintendents.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the District Mental Hospital, Sligo, by the kind invitation of Dr. John Dunne, Medical Superintendent, on Saturday, July 20, 1935.

In the forenoon the members and guests were conducted over the Hospital and grounds by Dr. Dunne and his staff, and they noted with great interest the plans already in hand for extensive additions to the Hospital.

Later the members were kindly entertained to luncheon, and guests at the luncheon included Judge Moonan, Mr. W. A. Dixon, F.R.I.A.I., Mr. T. J. McGoldrick, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. R. F. Browne, Capt. W. Campbell, Mr. J. A. McCarthy, and Drs. McCarthy, McLoughlin, Martyn, Swan, Walsh, Moran and Harbinson. At the conclusion of the luncheon Mr. T. J. McGoldrick, Chairman of Committee of Management, extended a hearty welcome to members and guests to Sligo Mental Hospital. Dr. Mills and Dr. Deane replied.

The following members were present: Dr. John Mills, in the Chair, Drs. Stanley Blake, F. J. Deane, Kathleen Dillon, Catherine Daly, John Dunne, L. Gavin, B. F. Honan, P. J. Irwin, J. Kearney, R. R. Leeper, P. Moran, J. C. Martin, Eveleen O'Brien, Alfred Sheridan, R. Taylor, R. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Sir Jocelyn Gore Booth, Capt. Percival, and Mr. S. C. Berridge, and Drs. J. O'C. Donelan, D. L. Kelly, John FitzGerald, P. Grace, E. N. M. O'Sullivan, Alexis Fitzgerald, and many other members.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary then submitted correspondence from Miss E. M. Delany, regarding the formation of an Irish Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Following upon a discussion it was unanimously decided to express approbation of the movement.

Dr. STANLEY BLAKE, in the absence of the Hon. Sec., Dr. John Fitzgerald, then read the report of the sub-committee appointed at the Spring Meeting to consider

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"Problems Relating to Mental Deficiency and the 'Sane Epileptic'". The report was considered eminently satisfactory, and the Chairman and several members expressed their deep obligation to Dr. Fitzgerald for his endeavours.

Dr. MARTIN, Hon. Secretary of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the "Revision of Lunacy Laws in the Irish Free State", then read his report, which included a sympathetic letter from the Chief Justice of Saorstát Éireann. The report was unanimously approved of, and Dr. Martin was cordially thanked by the members present for his efforts to bring about this much-needed reform.

Dr. P. MORAN then moved the following motion, tabled by Dr. O'Sullivan, who was unavoidably absent:

> "That the question of the appointment of a temporary Medical Officer during the absence on holiday leave of the R.M.S. or an Assistant Medical Officer should be one of standard practice in all the Public Mental Hospitals, and that we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to include the arrangement in the statutory regulations of each of the Hospitals concerned."

Following upon a discussion, the motion, as tabled, was approved of, and the Secretary was directed to bring it to the notice of the proper authorities.

The Secretary then brought to the notice of the meeting the suggested procedure in England regarding "Sterilization of the Unfit". It was decided to await events in England before further considering the matter.

The Autumn Meeting was fixed for Saturday, November 2, 1935, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting the Chairman drew the attention of the members to the recent death of Dr. T. I. Considine, who was an Honorary Member of the Association. Tributes of appreciation of the worth and work of Dr. Considine were paid by the Chairman and Dr. P. J. Irwin, and the Secretary was directed to convey to the relatives the deep sympathy of the meeting.

PAPERS.

Dr. LEEPER, R.M.S., St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin, gave the meeting a very interesting account of his recent visit to the Paris mental hospitals. He described many interesting features of the treatment of both mental and physical diseases by diathermy, other forms of electrical treatment, and pyrogenetic agencies.

Dr. Leeper's paper was fully discussed by the members and medical guests, many of whom expressed their appreciation of his very interesting account of the present trend of psychiatric practice in Paris.

Mr. W. A. DIXON, F.R.I.A.I., and Dr. JOHN DUNNE then gave the meeting a very interesting account of the proposed methods to remedy the overcrowding in Sligo-Leitrim Mental Hospital.

Mr. Dixon described very fully the architectural features of the proposed additions to the Hospital, the sites of which the members had already seen in their tour of the hospital.

The various features of these additions were fully discussed, and both the authors were thanked for the trouble they had obviously taken to give the meeting the benefit of their experiences.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Dunne proposed to read his paper on "Some Mental Statistics of Sligo and Leitrim" at a future meeting of the Division.

Dr. LEEPER then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Dunne for his very kind hospitality. This was seconded by Dr. MARTIN and carried unanimously.

Subsequently the members and guests were kindly entertained to tea.

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