A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. H. E. Haynes for his kindly hospitality was proposed by Dr. BOWER, seconded by Dr. EDWARDS, and carried by acclamation.

Mrs. Haynes then entertained the members to tea and so concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Subsequently Drs. Bower, Edwards, H. E. Haynes, H. G. L. Haynes, Norman and Sergeant dined together at the Cafe Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the above Division was held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Devine, at the Corporation Mental Hospital, Portsmouth, on Friday, April 23rd, 1920.

The following members were present:—Drs. Devine, Erskine, Nelis, Prentice, Kidd, Stanford Read, Stokes, Williams, and Dr. Bartlett, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. Devine was voted to the Chair, and extended a cordial welcome to the visitors—Sir G. Archdall Reid, Drs. Fraser, Inman, Kerr, Waterfield.

There were letters of regret for non-attendance from Drs. Aveline, Mary Martin, MacBryan, McRae, Grigsby, Peachell, Soutar and Westrup.

Dr. Bartlett was appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Drs. MacBryan and Soutar were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Drs. Devine and Stanford Read were elected as Members of the Committee of Management.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for October 29th, 1920, the place to be left in the hands of the Secretary; the date of the next Spring Meeting April 24th, 1921.

Dr. STANFORD READ, Physician to Fisherton House, then read his paper, entitled, "The Psychopathology of Alcoholism and some so-called Alcoholic Psychoses." Dr. Read ably led his hearers to re-consider alcoholism in its long-accepted relation to the psychoses, and the meeting strongly expressed their appreciation of his views and most interesting paper, which resulted in a productive discussion, in which Sir G. ARCHDALL REID, Drs. DEVINE, PRENTICE, WILLIAMS, ERSKINE, FRASER and INMAN participated.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Devine for his kindness and hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Geddes at the Mental Hospital, Middlesbrough, on Thursday, April 29th, 1920.

The President, Dr. Bedford Pierce, in the chair.

The following fourteen members were present:

Drs. H. G. Drake-Brockman, A. J. Eades, J. W. Geddes, H. W. Kershaw, R. R. Kirwan, H. I. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, G. F. May, Bedford Pierce, E. S. Simpson, R. C. Stewart, J. B. Tighe, R. C. Walker and T. S. Adair.

Several apologies were received for non-attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. J. R. Gilmour was unanimously appointed secretary for the ensuing year—proposed by Dr. Geddes and seconded by Dr. Stewart.

Drs. R. R. Kirwan and T. S. Adair were elected Representative Members of Council—proposed by Dr. Pierce and seconded by Dr. Geddes.

The kind invitations of Dr. Hunter to hold the Autumn Meeting, 1920, at the Coppice, Nottingham, on October 21st, and of Dr. Tighe to hold the Spring Meeting, 1921, at the Gateshead Mental Hospital, Stannington, on April 21st, 1921, were heartily and cordially accepted on the proposal of Dr. PIERCE, seconded by Dr. MACKENZIE.

Dr. PIERCE made some reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Division, and to the future arrangements regarding the Nursing Examination.

Dr. DRAKE-BROCKMAN then introduced the question of voluntary boarders in asylums. He thought that it was desirable that public asylums should be allowed

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to take up work in this direction. After considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Dr. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, seconded by Dr. STEWART, and carried unanimously:

"That the members present at this Divisional Meeting desire to draw attention to the fact that it is not possible to receive patients into public mental hospitals upon a voluntary basis, and feel that this statutory bar to treatment should be removed without delay."

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the General Secretary at once, in order that it might, if possible, be in time for the May meeting. Various other questions were generally and informally talked about, such as the size of the Northern and Midland Division and the difficulty of getting many to attend the meetings, that of getting more members and encouraging scientific work amongst the newer and younger men in asylums, and the suggestion that men engaged more particularly in neurological work should be invited to join.

A very enjoyable meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Geddes and to the Committee of Visitors of the Hospital for their kindness and hospitality.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on April 1st, 1920.

Members present: Lieut.-Col. Dawson, in the chair; Dr. Gavin, Dr. Mills Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford, Dr. Leeper (Hon. Sec.).

Letters and apologies for unavoidable absence were read from John M'Colles K.C., Dr. Martin, Dr. Nolan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and also of the special meeting of the Division recently held to consider the Memorandum regarding Irish Lunacy Legislation.

A ballot for the election of an Hon. Secretary and two Representative Members of Council was next proceeded with. Dr. Gavin and Dr. Rutherford acted as scrutineers of the ballot.

The CHAIRMAN declared that Dr. Leeper was elected Hon. Secretary, and Dr. J. O'C. Donelan, Richmond Asylum, and Dr. Martin, Donegal District Asylum, Letterkenny, were elected Representative Members of Council for the Irish Division.

Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford were nominated as Examiners for the Certificate of the Association for the coming year.

Dr. Geoffrey Norman Smyth, Assistant Medical Officer, St. Edmundsbury, Lucan, having been duly proposed, seconded and balloted for, was elected a member of the Association.

The following dates were fixed for the meetings of the Division for the ensuing year:

Summer Meeting, to be arranged for at either Belfast or Mullingar on Thursday, June 24th, 1920.

Autumn Meeting, Thursday, November 4th, at College of Physicians.

Spring Meeting, Thursday, April 7th, 1921.

Summer Meeting, Thursday, July 7th, 1921.

The meeting considered the position of asylum nurses under the Nurses' Registration Bill, and noted with regret that no representation in the First Irish General Nursing Council had been given to asylum officers or nurses, male or female. The Hon. Secretary was directed to draw up a statement to be forwarded to the Chief Secretary drawing attention to this serious omission.

The meeting next considered the possible effects on Irish Lunacy Legislation of the Home Rule Bill now before Parliament, and it was decided that no action on the part of the Irish Division was desirable at present.

This terminated the proceedings.

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