SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. J. L. Jackson and the Visiting Committee, at the Hants County Mental Hospital, Knowle, Fareham, on Friday, October 19, 1928.

Sixteen members and one visitor were present.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was voted to the chair and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Soutar, Nelis, Eager, Rutherford and others.

Dr. Starkey was nominated Hon. Divisional Secretary and Drs. Soutar and McGarvey representative members of Council for the year 1929–30.

Dr. T. Beaton, *O.B.E.*, was nominated a member of the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council for England, in place of Dr. Barton White, who is unable to act.

With regard to the election of a member of the male and female teaching staffs to represent the Division on the Mental Nursing Consultative Committee of the Education Committee, the Hon. Divisional Secretary was instructed to circularize the various hospitals in the Division asking for nominations, the final selection to be left in the hands of the Chairman, Secretary and Divisional Committee of Management.

The following were elected ordinary members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association :

HENRY JOSEPH CATES, M.D.Lond., Medical Superintendent, Northwoods House, Winterbourne, Bristol.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Thomas, W. Starkey and H. B. Wilkinson.

VLADIMIR KAMENEFF, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Knowle Mental Hospital, Hants.

Proposed by Drs. J. L. Jackson, C. E. A. Shepherd and W. Starkey.

An invitation from Dr. Bertha Mules to hold the Spring Meeting on Friday, April 26, 1929, at Cliffden, Teignmouth, Devon, was gratefully accepted.

A paper on "Epilepsy" by Dr. ISAAC ATKIN (*vide* p. 101) was read by Dr. C. E. A. SHEPHERD and gave rise to an interesting discussion, in which Drs. J. S. I. SKOTTOWE, T. BEATON, C. G. AINSWORTH, J. L. JACKSON and W. J. A. ERSKINE took part.

The remainder of the meeting was of a purely clinical character, and a most interesting series of cases was exhibited and demonstrated by Drs. V. Kameneff and C. E. A. Shepherd, Assistant Medical Officers.

The former showed (1) case of hypopituitarism, (2) two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis treated by tuberculous antigen, and (3) a series of cases of varicose veins treated by injection. Dr. Shepherd showed two cases of anæmia treated by liver diet. Mr. Ord, Consulting Surgeon to the hospital, and various members made most valuable contributions to the discussion on these cases.

During the morning members visited the hospital, and were much impressed by the way in which an old institution is being brought up to date and by the spirit of progress which was everywhere in evidence.

The members were most hospitably entertained to lunch, at which the Chairman (Sir Montague Foster) presided.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Dr. Jackson terminated a most successful meeting.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. H. G. Drake-Brockman at St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough, on Thursday, October 25, 1928.

There were twelve members and five visitors present.

Members were shown over the Hospital and afterwards entertained to lunch by Dr. Drake-Brockman.

Dr. DOVE CORMAC proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Drake-Brockman for his hospitality and kindness in inviting the Division to meet at Middlesbrough. This was cordially agreed to.

On the proposal of Dr. BEDFORD PIERCE, seconded by Dr. J. I. RUSSELL, Dr. Brockman was elected Chairman of the meeting.

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The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Letters expressing regret for not being able to attend were received from Dr. T. C. Graves and Dr. Donald Ross.

Prof. J. Shaw Bolton, Drs. M. A. Archdale, G. L. Brunton, Dove Cormac, R. C. Forrester and J. I. Russell were re-elected members of the Divisional Committee.

Miss Celia M. Moore, Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Macclesfield, was, according to the procedure laid down by Bye-law 26, elected a member of the Mental Nursing Consultative Committee, and Mr. Jas. Baird, County Mental Hospital, Lancaster, was nominated as a candidate for election to this Committee by the Educational Committee.

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

DAVID KENNEDY BRUCE, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Medical Officer, Storthes Hall Mental Hospital, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.
Proposed by Drs. J. Shaw Bolton, C. W. Ewing and M. J. McGrath.

THEONIE RENÉE CHAPMAN, M.B., B.S.Durh., Assistant Medical Officer, Northumberland Mental Hospital, Morpeth.
Proposed by Drs. G. R. East, R. C. Illingworth and J. B. Tighe.

ROBERT WILLIAM MACDONALD, M.B., B.Ch.Glasg., Medical Officer, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.
Proposed by Drs. J. Shaw Bolton, C. W. Ewing and M. J. McGrath.

HENRY CECIL WALDO, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond, Barrister-at-Law, Medical Superintendent, Notts County Mental Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Proposed by Drs. G. Warwick Smith, G. W. Shore, Noel G. Harris and J. B. Tighe.

ARTHUR GURNEY YATES, M.A., M.D.Edin., M.R.C.P.Lond., Physician, Sheffield Royal Infirmary, 53, Wilkinson Street, Sheffield.
Proposed by Drs. W. Vincent, J. Moir Mathieson and F. Thorpe.

It was left to the Hon. Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Spring Meeting, 1929.

Dr. MIDDLEMISS read a paper, "Some Remarks on the Certification of the Mental Defective" (*vide* p. 45), which gave rise to a very interesting discussion, in which Drs. Drake-Brockman, Archdale, Russell and Davie took part. The view was advanced that though the definition of a mental defective laid down in the Act of 1927 simplified the practice of certifiers, it had undoubtedly caused confusion. Dr. Middlemiss in his reply said that the extension of the age to eighteen years did make it possible for cases of dementia præcox to be included.

In reply to another question Dr. MIDDLEMISS said he always thought it wiser when certifying to use the lesser degree of deficiency, *e.g.*, if higher than an imbecile he used the term "feeble-minded."

Mr. W. BRITTAN JONES described a case of mammary abscess and a case of abscess of the liver, in both of which melancholic symptoms were found. He said that these bodily conditions had for a long period escaped diagnosis, and he consequently was impressed with the importance of very careful examination of all mental cases for physical disease.

Dr. J. P. STEEL read a paper entitled "The Routine Treatment of Epilepsy" (*vide* p. 107).

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks to the speakers for the interesting and informing contributions which they had brought before the meeting. His remarks were endorsed by Drs. BEDFORD PIERCE and DOVE CORMAC and the proceedings terminated.

Members were afterwards entertained to tea by Mrs. Drake-Brockman, during which a cinema film, "The Manufacture of Iron and Steel from Ironstone to the Finished Product," was shown. This gave an interesting picture of the principal industry of Middlesbrough, where the film was taken, as well as of the industrial life of the River Tees generally.

SCOTTISH DISIVION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Kirklands Mental Hospital, Bothwell, on Friday, December 14, 1928.

There were present twenty-seven members.

Dr. C. C. Easterbrook, Divisional Chairman, occupied the Chair.

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