The following members joined in the subsequent discussion: Drs. R. W. ARMSTRONG, FLEMING, MOULSON, HEMPHILL, RUTHERFORD, etc., Dr. SPEER replying.

A vote of thanks from the Chair was passed by acclamation to Drs. Hemphill and Speer for their most interesting papers.

During the day members were able to inspect the Hospital, and also to see cardiazol treatment of schizophrenia taking place.

The members and visitors were kindly entertained to lunch and tea. Dr. ARMSTRONG (the Chairman) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Leech and the Committee of Visitors for their kind hospitality, to which the Rev. Canon GOWRING replied.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. D. N. Parfitt, at Warwickshire and Coventry Mental Hospital, Hatton, nr. Warwick, on Friday, October 28, 1938.

Present: Dr. M. A. Archdale (Chairman), Drs. Back, Bain, Barbour, Campbell, Crowe, Davidson, Dove Cormac, Drury, Fischgold, Fox, K. Graves, T. C. Graves, Gillman, Harrison, Jackson, M. Jeffrey, Kennedy, Ladell, Malloy, Macarthur, Mackenzie, D. Macmillan, D. M. Macmillan, MacDonald, McKeith, McGuinness, Napier, O'Reilly, Parfitt, Pentreath, Pickworth, Pool, Potts, Richards, J. I. Russell, Selkirk, Smith, Stern, Thorpe, Wishart.

Eight visitors also attended.

During the forenoon members were privileged to visit the insulin treatment unit. This provides for the treatment of 18 patients and was instituted in June, 1937, a total of 75 cases having been treated. A demonstration of technique was given, and a bedside discussion of the treatment was held. The exceptional efficiency of the nursing staff engaged in this department and the excellent general arrangements of the whole unit were the subjects of very favourable comment, and the visit was highly instructive.

The Nurses' Home, which provides all modern advantages for 150 nurses, was also visited.

Members were afterwards entertained to lunch, and a vote of thanks to Dr. Parfitt was proposed by Dr. Archdale.

The meeting opened at 2.15 p.m., Dr. Archdale presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been published, were confirmed and signed.

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

FRANK WEBSTER FURNISS, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Whittington Hall Institution, Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

Proposed by Drs. Lewis, Evans and Russell.

BENEDICT FINKLEMAN, M.B., Ch.B., M.Sc.Vict., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Lancashire County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Warrington.

Proposed by Drs. Nicole, Howie and Quine.

MARY COX, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Assistant Medical Officer, Rubery Hill Mental Hospital, Birmingham.

Proposed by Drs. Graves, Pickworth and Graves.

THOMAS PATRICK DIAMOND, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Rubery Hill Mental Hospital, Birmingham.

Proposed by Drs. Graves, Pickworth and Graves.

LILIAN ANN HAYWARD, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.M., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Warwickshire and Coventry Mental Hospital, Hatton, near Warwick.

Proposed by Drs. Parfitt, MacKeith and Russell.

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ROBERT SCOTT WILSON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.D.S., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Warwickshire and Coventry Mental Hospital, Hatton, near Warwick.

Proposed by Drs. Parfitt, MacKeith and Russell.

SIMEON WILLY GILLMAN, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Warwickshire and Coventry Mental Hospital, Hatton, near Warwick.

Proposed by Drs. Parfitt, MacKeith and Russell.

GEORGE SHEPHERD WILSON, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., D.P.M.Eng., Medical Superintendent, Durham County Mental Hospital, Winterton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Proposed by Drs. Drake-Brockman, MacGilp and Russell.

JOHN HENRY NOBLE, M.D., M.R.C.P., Visiting Medical Officer, Leicester Frith Institution; 119, Loughborough Road, Leicester.

Proposed by Drs. Evans, Davidson and Stern.

MANFRED, JEFFREY, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Wadsley Mental Hospital, Sheffield.

Proposed by Drs. Pool, Thorpe and Mathieson.

The following members were elected to serve on the Divisional Committee: Drs. M. A. Archdale, H. Dove Cormac and S. Edgerley.

Dr. David Kennedy Bruce was nominated for appointment as Examination Secretary for Leeds Area.

Dr. K. K. DRURY, M.C., by means of the epidiascope, showed a series of photographs taken during a recent study tour in Switzerland.

A paper by Drs. S. A. MACKEITH and A. MEYER on **"A Death during Insulin Treatment of Schizophrenia"** (see *Journ. Ment. Sci.*, 1939, p. 96) was read by Dr. MACKEITH, and followed by discussion.

Dr. PARFITT said he had had under observation the case described by Dr. MacKeith, and was satisfied that the cause of death was pneumonia. He was of opinion that for a time after coma there always an increased susceptibility to infections, and that it was therefore important that patients should not be moved from the insulin unit to another ward immediately after treatment. He had found that clinical emergencies such as after-shock occurred more frequently in chronic cases, and concluded that they were to be regarded as reactions of the individual patient rather than the direct effect of insulin, implying that in advanced cases of schizophrenia there were structural organic changes.

Dr. PICKWORTH said that it was not to be expected that ganglion cell changes would be prominent in cases of schizophrenia in view of the fact that during the course of the disease lucid periods occurred. He asked whether there had been evidence of stasis in the capillaries.

In reply, Dr. MACKEITH said that the changes found had not been regarded as the pathology of schizophrenia, nor was the death thought to be due to the histopathological condition found. There was not any marked congestion or stasis.

Dr. R. S. WILSON read a paper on **"The Ganser Syndrome in a Schizophrenic"**.

Owing to lack of time and by request of Dr. DOVE CORMAC, a discussion on "The Position of the Medical Superintendent in the Future" was deferred to the Spring Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

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