the Secretary to call a special meeting of the Committee, prior to the meeting alluded to in April, for the purpose of discussing the matter and suggesting names.

Dr. AMSDEN then proposed, Dr. BOWER seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Hon. Divisional Secretary should have authority to convene a special meeting of the Divisional Committee at some convenient place before next April.

Dr. BOYCOTT said that when the new rules came into force, and members knew where they stood in the matter, the routine procedure would have to be decided. The present provision was for a temporary situation.

Dr. STEEN exhibited and demonstrated an "ideal inhaler." He said he thought a good inhaler was required in asylums. Gas was very expensive, and when a tooth required to be drawn the patients objected to it being done without an anæsthetic. The new anæsthetic used in the present apparatus was somnoform, consisting of ethyl chloride 60 per cent., methyl chloride 35 per cent., ethyl bromide 5 per cent. The inhaler was made by the Dental Manufacturing Company. He believed that somnoform was much more satisfactory than gas. It had been given 75,000 times without accident, and it was pleasant to the patient. He had only given it twenty-five times himself, but he had found it very good.

Dr. RAWES read a paper entitled "A Short History of St. Luke's Hospital" (see page 37).

Dr. EDRIDGE-GREEN opened a discussion on "The Relation of Hysteria to Insanity." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

After the discussion on the papers—

The PRESIDENT proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Rawes for the kind manner in which he had placed St. Luke's Hospital at the disposal of the Division for that meeting, and for the way he had contributed to the interest of the members.

Dr. RICHARDS seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation and duly acknowledged.

After a vote of thanks to the President for presiding in the chair the meeting terminated.

The members dined together subsequently at the Café Monico.

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## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the South-western Division was held at the County Asylum, Wotton, Gloucester, on November 3rd.

Dr. Craddock was voted to the chair, and the following were present:—Drs. Woods, Benham, Bullen, Rorie, Laval, Stewart, Kough, Smyth, Soutar, Miller, Aldridge, Braine-Hartnell, Aveline, MacBryan, Marnan, Henley, Bubb, Mac-Donald (Hon. Secretary).

Letters of apology for inability to be present were received from Drs. Brayn, Davis, Stewart, and Weatherly.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Ed. Fitzadam Kough, M.B., B.Ch., T.C.D., A.M.O., County Asylum, Gloucester, was elected an ordinary member of the Association.

A letter was read from Dr. Brayn inviting the Association to hold their April meeting at Broadmoor Asylum, and, on the motion of Dr. STEWART, seconded by Dr. BULLEN, the invitation was accepted unanimously.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. RORIE read a paper entitled "Notes on Adolescent Insanity." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

Dr. MARNAN read a paper entitled "Some Remarks on the Use of Caution Cards in Asylums." (This paper will appear in the April number of the JOURNAL.)

Dr. MacDonald's paper was postponed to a future meeting.

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A vote of thanks to Dr. Craddock for his hospitality concluded the proceedings.

The members and friends subsequently dined at the Club, Gloucester.

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## IRISH DIVISION.

### Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting of this Division was held at 41, Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, on Monday, October 5th, 1903. Dr. M. J. Nolan occupied the chair, and there were also present Drs. C. Norman, B. C. Harvey, H. M. Eustace, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). Letters regretting inability to attend were notified from Drs. J. Mills, J. Oakshott, and R. R. Leeper.

The minutes of the previous meeting were slightly amended and signed.

### Youghal Auxiliary Asylum.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the meeting had been called with reference to the impending arrangements for the management of Youghal Auxiliary Asylum, and read portions of two letters from Dr. Oscar Woods, and a leading article from the 'Cork Constitution,' explaining the circumstances. In 1901 the Committee of the Cork Asylum, deciding to take advantage of the 76th section of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, obtained the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant to making the Youghal Auxiliary part of the parent asylum. In the August of the present year, the asylum approaching completion, it was decided to appoint some nuns as officials, and also to have no resident medical officer, but a visiting physician at a salary of £100. The matter was then before the Lord Lieutenant for his approval, and Dr. Woods had suggested that a copy of the first clause of the resolution bearing on the subject which was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at Cork in 1901 should be forwarded to His Excellency through the Inspectors of Lunatics, and reinforced by a further resolution from the Division.

After a prolonged discussion, in which all present joined, it was decided to fall in with Dr. Woods's suggestion as regards the copy of the first clause of the Cork resolution, and to send with it a covering letter expressing the opinion that an institution to contain some 400 insane, like that at Youghal, could not safely be managed without a resident medical officer, and that such an officer could be secured for the same salary that it was proposed to offer to the visiting physician, a post which had long been discarded as obsolete.

The Secretary was also directed to forward to the Inspectors, with a letter strongly expressing the opinion of the meeting, a resolution urging them to use all their influence to check such a tendency to retrograde and obsolete methods.

The proceedings then terminated.

### Autumn Meeting.

The autumn meeting of the Division was, by the kind invitation of Dr. Leeper, held at St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin, on Friday, November 13th, 1903.

Before the meeting the members, some of whom had previously inspected the institution, were entertained at luncheon by Dr. Leeper.

There were present Dr. Leeper, who occupied the chair, and also Drs. G. R. Lawless, W. Kelley-Patterson, M. J. Nolan, J. Mills, C. Norman, T. Drapes, J. A. Oakshott, and W. R. Dawson (Hon. Sec.). A letter regretting inability to attend was notified from Dr. Oscar Woods, and a telegram from Dr. J. J. Fitzgerald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

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