SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1945, MEETING of the South-Western Division was held by kind invitation of Dr. McInnes at the Warneford, Oxford, on Thursday, April 26, 1945.

Apologies for absence were received from the Divisional Chairman (Dr. S. E. Martin), Drs. Wilson, MacNiven, Davies-Jones, Eager, Hemphill and others.

In the absence of Dr. Martin, Dr. T. S. Good was voted into the chair and kindly presided over the meeting.

The Report of the Divisional Management Committee was received, and the Hon. Secretary reported that Dr. Martin had written resigning from the position of Hon. Divisional Secretary, which duties were being temporarily performed by Lt.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, and also wishing to resign from being Chairman of the Division. It was reported also that Dr. Martin was at present indisposed.

The following recommendations from the Committee of Management were proposed by Dr. BELL, seconded by Dr. CAPLAN, and unanimously approved :

That the resignation of Dr. S. E. Martin as Hon. Divisional Secretary be regretfully accepted, and that a letter should be sent to him expressing the thanks of the members of the Division for his past services, with the hopes that he should soon be restored to complete health.

That Dr. S. E. Martin be re-elected as Chairman of the Division for a further year.

That Lt.-Col. R. W. Armstrong be appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary.

That the representative members of Council should be Surg.-Capt. C. J. Thomas and Dr. R. G. McInnes.

That Dr. S. E. Martin be nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

That Dr. J. C. Speer be nominated Area Examination Secretary on the resignation of Dr. Leech, received by the Hon. Secretary.

The following members were present : Drs. Golla, Hutton, Caplan, Stewart, Thomas, Bell, Graf, Lucas, McInnes, Good, Marsh, Bower, Capt. Stockings, *R.A.M.C.*, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary. Dr. Valentine and Miss Donovan attended as visitors.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members :

BARTLETT, THOMAS THORNTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton ; Humber House, Bloxham, Oxon.
Proposed by Lt.-Col. T. Tennent, Drs. D. J. O'Connell and E. C. Chennell.

CAPES, HILDA MARY, M.B., B.S.Lond., D.P.M., Psychiatrist to Hants County Child Guidance Service ; The Summit, Bishopstoke, Hants.
Proposed by Drs. Margaret M. Methven, W. J. T. Kimber and C. Lodge Patch.

JENKINS, IVOR HOWARD, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.Lond., Capt. *R.A.M.C.*, Area Psychiatrist ; E24, San Remo Towers, Sea Road, Boscombe, Hants.
Proposed by Major J. Lloyd, Lt.-Col. G. S. Nightingale and Dr. H. Astley Cooper.

The HON. SECRETARY opened a discussion on the report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Salaries and Conditions of Service in the Mental Health Service, and Drs. GOOD, MCINNES, BOWERS, MARSH, BELL, LUCAS and CAPLAN took part in the discussion.

It was unanimously decided by the Meeting on the proposal of Dr. BELL, seconded by Dr. CAPLAN, that the following resolution should be forwarded to the Council of the Association :

" That it be recommended to Council that the Association should circularize all Visiting Committees of Mental Hospitals, recommending that there should be an immediate increase of 20 per cent. on all grades of salaries of hospital medical officers that have not been raised, except for cost of living bonus, since April, 1943.

Dr. G. BELL kindly offered to have the Autumn Meeting on Thursday, October 25, 1945, at Coldeast Colony, Tatchbury Mount, Totteh, and this offer was unanimously and gratefully accepted by the Meeting.

The Chairman of the Visiting Committee (Sir ARTHUR NELSON) welcomed the members at lunch, and said that he was impressed to learn that Divisional Meetings have been held regularly throughout war years, and expressed his best wishes for the continued success of the Division.

Dr. GOOD proposed a vote of thanks to the Visiting Committee and to Dr. McInnes, and this was passed with acclamation. After the meeting members were kindly entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. McInnes.

Dr. G. CAPLAN then read a paper on **" The Design, Construction and Practical Application of a Simplified Electrical Convulsant Apparatus."** He gave a description of the history and technique of ECT, pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of the various apparatus at present available. He went on to describe a new apparatus which he had devised to overcome some of these disadvantages and demonstrated the actual model, which is simpler and lighter than others on the market. A most interesting discussion followed, in which Drs. GOLLA and STOCKINGS took part.

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