The following were elected Members of the Divisional Committee of Management: Drs. Bower, Earl, Haynes, Brooks Keith, Lindsay, McDowall and Stewart.

Dr. R. M. Macfarlane was unanimously re-elected Divisional Secretary.

The following Representative Members of Council were elected: Drs. Bower, Hamilton, Haynes, Fitzroy Jarrett, Brooks Keith, Stewart.

Dr. R. M. Stewart was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division.

The fixing of the date and place of the Autumn Meeting was left in the hands of the Divisional Secretary.

It was agreed to submit to the Educational Committee the following three nominations for the post of Examiner for the Final Nursing Examination: Drs. McCartan, Power and Ström-Olsen.

It was agreed to recommend to the Nominations Committee that Dr. S. A. Kinnier Wilson be nominated for election as an Honorary Member of the Association.*

Dr. R. M. Stewart then took the Chair vacated by Dr. Brooks Keith.

In the absence, through illness, of Dr. Kinnier Wilson, Dr. GOLLA and Dr. EARL gave a most interesting demonstration of neurological cases, more particularly of mental defectives showing various forms of motility disorder.

Dr. STEWART proposed a vote of thanks to Drs. Golla and Earl, which was seconded by Dr. LINDSAY; carried.

Members and their guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1937, MEETING of the Division was held at Holme Lacy, the private annexe to the Hereford County and City Mental Hospital, on Thursday, April 29, 1937.

The following members were present: Drs. P. W. Carruthers, A. C. King-Turner, N. Moulson, Sidney Davies, N. R. Phillips, J. W. Leech, E. P. Boyle, J. J. B. Martin, P. L. Hemphill, T. E. Burrows, James M. Rutherford, A. Walk, J. D. Thomas, H. W. Hills, R. W. Gilmour, W. S. J. Shaw, E. Casson, Bertha M. Mules, Anne S. Mules, G. W. T. H. Fleming, J. R. Benson and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The undermentioned attended as visitors: Mr. T. J. Hawkins (Chairman of the Hospital Committee), Capt. T. P. P. Powell (Chairman of the Hereford County Council), Dr. J. R. Bulman (President of the Hereford Medical Society), and E. V. Norton Bell, Esq.

Dr. J. R. Benson was in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. H. F. Fenton, J. S. Horsley, C. Lovell and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the sad loss the Division had sustained by the death of Dr. J. L. Jackson, who had been a member of the Division for many years and who had also served the Association recently as Chairman. It was unanimously decided to ask the Hon. Secretary to write to Mrs. Jackson conveying the deepest sympathy of the members with her in her bereavement. The Chairman asked the members to stand silent for a minute.

Dr. P. W. CARRUTHERS proposed and Dr. A. C. KING-TURNER seconded that Dr. S. Edgar Martin should be re-elected Hon. Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY mentioned that it had been reported to the Committee of Management that Dr. E. Barton White (who had been nominated as Representative

* The regretted death of Dr. Wilson unfortunately prevented this recommendation from going forward.

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Member of Council) had not been well recently and that he wished to be relieved of his appointment. The Committee suggested that the name of Dr. R. Eager, O.B.E., should be considered in place of Dr. Barton White.

On the proposition of Dr. G. W. T. H. FLEMING, seconded by Dr. S. EDGAR MARTIN, Dr. R. Eager and Dr. J. R. Benson were elected as Representative Members of Council, and the latter as Chairman of the Division.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The place of the Autumn Meeting, to be held on Thursday, October 28, 1937, was left in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN then opened a discussion on "**Present Trends in Psychiatry**", making reference to the marked changes which had taken place during his long association with mental disease. He suggested, however, that much more information would be gained from the younger members, and called on Dr. Fleming.

Dr. FLEMING spoke about the unreasonableness of a medical superintendent of a mental hospital being under the medical officer of health; the idea to him was unworkable. He pointed out that only those who had had many years of practical experience of work in mental hospitals were competent to advise on their administration. He feared, however, that the experiment would be tried—possibly not on a large scale for some years. He thought that the present Board of Control, although helpful, could be made stronger and more useful to those in need of their assistance.

Dr. KING-TURNER followed, and agreed with Dr. Fleming that it would be an evil day for mental work when the medical officer of health could dictate the question of policy to the medical superintendent.

Dr. J. J. B. MARTIN thought that co-operation between the medical officer of health and medical superintendent could be attained.

Drs. N. R. PHILLIPS, J. W. LEECH and N. MOULSON also contributed to the discussion.

Members were shown over the house and grounds of Holme Lacy during the day and were greatly impressed. They were entertained to lunch and tea, and on the proposal of Dr. J. R. Benson a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman and Committee of the Hospital and to Dr. Fleming for their kind hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. G. Hamilton Grills, at the County Mental Hospital, Chester, on Friday, April 23, 1937.

The following members were present, in addition to eight visitors: Dr. G. Hamilton Grills (Chairman), Drs. Archdale, Bamford, Barbour, Cormac, Craigie, Crowe, Davidson, Drake-Brockman, Drury, Forsyth, Foster, Fox, Holmes, Hull, Macmillan, Mackenzie, Malloy, Pool, Potts, Richards, Robertson, J. Russell, J. I. Russell, Silverston, Smith, Starkey, Sykes, Thorpe and Tisdall.

During the forenoon members visited the Admission Hospital, which consists of a 25-year-old unit, modernized to conform to present-day requirements. To facilitate a comparative study a booklet of plans of several new mental hospitals was supplied to each member attending.

The party was kindly entertained to lunch and tea, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Potts and seconded by Dr. Drake-Brockman and carried by acclamation.

Dr. Grills presided, and the meeting opened at 2 p.m.

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

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