SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. R. J. Stilwell, at Moorcroft, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Thursday, September 29, 1927.

There were present thirty-six members.

Members were taken in parties round the house, and were shown and appreciated the wealth of historical interest, architectural beauty and modern scientific therapy which it provided.

They were then entertained to luncheon, Dr. Stilwell presiding. At the conclusion of the luncheon, after some remarks by Lt.-Col. LORD, Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES proposed the health of the Chairman, to which Dr. STILWELL replied.

At the meeting which followed Lt.-Col. J. R. LORD, Ex-President, took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Spring Meeting, 1928.

A preliminary Divisional Clinical Committee was appointed, consisting of Drs. Cedric Bower, Helen Boyle, W. Brooks Keith, R. M. Macfarlane, E. D. T. Roberts and Isabel G. H. Wilson, with power to co-opt. The Committee to investigate the best manner in which the Division could be subdivided into N.E., S.E., Western and Metropolitan areas for the purpose of holding clinical meetings, to get into touch with members, more particularly assistant medical officers, on this matter, and to find a member in each of these areas to act as Secretary for such clinical meetings.

The Chairman then spoke on the desirability of electing Divisional Chairmen who would be Vice-Presidents of the Association. The meeting expressed its approval of the letter from the General Secretary on the matter.

Dr. JAMES then read his paper on "Surgical Emergencies in Psychiatry." This was followed by a discussion in which the CHAIRMAN, Dr. A. C. HANCOCK, Dr. A. A. W. PETRIE, Dr. J. BRANDER and Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES took part.

Dr. HARDCASTLE then read his paper on "Acetonuria: Some Laboratory Findings." The Chairman voiced the appreciation and thanks of the members for this paper.

The members were then taken in cars to Hayes Park, where they were refreshed with tea, and given opportunities to inspect this house and afterwards Mead House.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. J. D. Thomas, at Northwoods House, Winterbourne, near Bristol, on Thursday, October 27, 1927. Twenty-one members and one visitor were present.

Dr. J. G. Soutar was voted to the Chair and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received among others from Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, Lt.-Col. E. Goodall, Drs. Barton White, R. Eager and G. W. T. H. Fleming.

The question of the formation of clinical areas in the Division was discussed, and it was suggested that five such areas might be formed, with centres at Cardiff, Bristol, Oxford, Exeter, and Salisbury (or ? Dorchester). Letters on the subject from Drs. Barton White, Eager and Fleming were read, and the Hon. Div. Secretary was instructed to get into touch with certain members in the other areas as to their willingness to act as members of the Divisional Clinical Committee.

The proposal of the Ex-President (Lt.-Col. Lord) as to the appointment of a Vice-President in each Division to act as Chairman at its meetings was adopted without any amendment.

Dr. R. W. BRANTHWAITE suggested that the Spring Meeting on April 26, 1928, might be held at Stoke Park Colony, Bristol. This was agreed.

Dr. J. MCGARVEY, Medical Superintendent, Wells Mental Hospital, then introduced a discussion on "The Sterilization of Mental Defectives." The following members joined in the discussion: Drs. R. W. BRANTHWAITE, J. V. BLACHFORD,

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