impaired." It was that thought which prompted Maudsley to initiate this plan of establishing the Maudsley Hospital. Maudsley went through almost torments in his struggles to interest those who were in authority, and others, in his plan to erect a hospital for the prevention of actual insanity or mental disease, as it was now almost universally spoken of. In one of his letters he said, " I can write to you across the water and say all I want to say, because it will not come back on to me." His letters were a revelation of the working of the mind of a big man who was struggling to bring about help to the unfortunate and to prevent their breakdown. He must not occupy the time of the gathering too long, but Dr. Mapother had loaned him some of the letters he, the speaker, sent to the *Archives*, as being indicative of the way he thought at that time. Parts of them he would read. On April 8, 1910, he wrote: " A new Council has just been elected, and I do not know whether they will take things seriously in hand "—both Maudsley and the speaker were struggling for the same object in their respective countries—" the ordinary Britisher is a very stolid, self-complacent animal, into whose mind you cannot get a scientific idea to enter until it has become a commonplace and he does not need to think of it." Another letter, dated January 29, 1913, contained the words, " The Hospital is safe at last, so the building will, I hope, commence forthwith. It is expected to take two years, at least, so it is dubious whether I shall see it. But, anyhow, it is to be called ' The Maudsley Hospital,' and I have secured my place among those who try to perpetuate themselves. Since my wife's death, two years ago, the small interest in things or in those who were interested in me has passed away." It gave him (Dr. Briggs) much pleasure to support the vote of thanks to Sir Hubert Bond.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Cedric Bower, at Springfield House, Bedford, on Friday, October 2, 1931.

During the morning the members and guests were taken in small parties round the house and grounds. They were then entertained to luncheon. After the toast of " The King," proposed by Dr. BOWER, Dr. PERCY SMITH voiced the appreciation of those present of Dr. Bower's very kind hospitality, and proposed his health. Dr. BOWER responded.

Dr. F. R. P. Taylor took the chair at the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

The meeting accepted with pleasure the kind invitation of Dr. Collins to hold the next Spring Meeting at Chartham. It was left to the Secretary to arrange the date with Dr. Collins.

Dr. CEDRIC BOWER then read some brief notes concerning Springfield House and its history.

Dr. SERGEANT opened a discussion on the classification of voluntary, temporary and certified patients, which elicited interesting contributions from Dr. ROBINSON, Mr. GATTIE, Drs. PERCY SMITH, COLLINS, KIMBER, RICE, BOWER and TAYLOR.

On the recommendation of the Committee the meeting appointed Dr. Collins and Dr. Phillips to act as Inspectors of Examinations.

Dr. COLLINS placed before the meeting the facts concerning the letter of the General Secretary to several individual members of the Division concerning possible action in respect of proposed cuts in salaries. A resolution that the meeting did not approve of official action by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association in connection with this financial matter was proposed by Dr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Rice, and carried. The meeting requested Dr. Collins and Dr. Rice to inform the members of the Division of any developments at the next meeting.

Dr. RICE brought to the notice of the meeting certain remarks made by Dr. Fothergill at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association, which he and others considered extremely derogatory to many members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. As a result of these a committee of inquiry had been set up by the British Medical Association.

He put it to the meeting that for the above-mentioned Committee, on which the

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above-mentioned Dr. Fothergill had a seat, to summon one representative only from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was unsatisfactory. This motion was seconded and carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting members and guests were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Cedric Bower.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Elizabeth Casson, at Dorset House, Clifton Down, Bristol, on Thursday, October 29, 1931.

Dr. Barton White was in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. BARTON WHITE referred to the loss the Association had sustained in the death of Dr. J. R. Lord, and asked the members to stand in silence for one minute. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Dr. Lord's widow.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary and Drs. Barton White and B. M. Mules as Representative Members of Council on the proposition of Dr. J. McGarvey, seconded by Dr. J. J. O'Reilly.

Dr. Barton White was nominated as Chairman of the Division on the proposition of Dr. J. McGarvey, seconded by Dr. J. J. O'Reilly.

On the proposition of Dr. McGARVEY, seconded by Dr. O'REILLY, Dr. A. A. D. Townsend was nominated to serve on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council.

The following letter from the Hon. Educational Secretary was read:

"*Re* Examination Inspectors.

> "At a meeting of the Educational Committee held on May 20, 1931, it was resolved that the question of nominations for Examination Inspectors should be referred to the Divisions of the Association, and that some expression of opinion from each Division should be asked regarding the number of inspectors required. I should be glad if you would put this matter on the agenda at your next Divisional Meeting, and that in due course you will let me know the nominations as suggested, so that I may report to my Committee."

It was unanimously agreed that two Inspectors would be sufficient for the S.W. Division, and that Drs. W. R. Dawson and A. A. D. Townsend be nominated.

Drs. BLACHFORD, PHILLIPS and RUTHERFORD expressed the opinion that Examination Inspectors were unnecessary.

Dr. SOUTAR pointed out that one of the reasons of their appointment was to bring the Royal Medico-Psychological Association's examinations into line with the General Nursing Council's examinations.

The place of the spring, 1932, meeting was discussed. An invitation to hold the meeting at Bristol Mental Hospital was received from Dr. Barton White, and Dr. Bedford also offered to have the meeting at Herrison, Dorchester. The matter was left in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following was elected an Ordinary Member:

WILLIAM GREGORY RIVERS, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Medical Superintendent, Cornwall Mental Hospital, Bodmin.

Proposed by Drs. F. Dudley, J. R. Benson and S. Edgar Martin.

Dr. ELIZABETH CASSON read a paper entitled **"Some Experiences in Occupational Therapy,"** and Drs. SOUTAR, DAWSON, MCGARVEY and O'REILLY took part in the subsequent discussion.

Dr. W. R. DAWSON read a paper entitled **"Dementia Præcox as a Cause of Crime."** Drs. MCGARVEY, O'REILLY, KING-TURNER, LEECH, SOUTAR and the CHAIRMAN took part in the discussion which followed (see below).

During the morning and after the meeting members were conducted round the house and gardens, and were most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Elizabeth Casson for her generous hospitality.

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