to take up work in this direction. After considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Dr. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, seconded by Dr. STEWART, and carried unanimously:

"That the members present at this Divisional Meeting desire to draw attention to the fact that it is not possible to receive patients into public mental hospitals upon a voluntary basis, and feel that this statutory bar to treatment should be removed without delay."

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the General Secretary at once, in order that it might, if possible, be in time for the May meeting. Various other questions were generally and informally talked about, such as the size of the Northern and Midland Division and the difficulty of getting many to attend the meetings, that of getting more members and encouraging scientific work amongst the newer and younger men in asylums, and the suggestion that men engaged more particularly in neurological work should be invited to join.

A very enjoyable meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Geddes and to the Committee of Visitors of the Hospital for their kindness and hospitality.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on April 1st, 1920.

Members present: Lieut.-Col. Dawson, in the chair; Dr. Gavin, Dr. Mills Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford, Dr. Leeper (Hon. Sec.).

Letters and apologies for unavoidable absence were read from John M'Colles K.C., Dr. Martin, Dr. Nolan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and also of the special meeting of the Division recently held to consider the Memorandum regarding Irish Lunacy Legislation.

A ballot for the election of an Hon. Secretary and two Representative Members of Council was next proceeded with. Dr. Gavin and Dr. Rutherford acted as scrutineers of the ballot.

The CHAIRMAN declared that Dr. Leeper was elected Hon. Secretary, and Dr. J. O'C. Donelan, Richmond Asylum, and Dr. Martin, Donegal District Asylum, Letterkenny, were elected Representative Members of Council for the Irish Division.

Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford were nominated as Examiners for the Certificate of the Association for the coming year.

Dr. Geoffrey Norman Smyth, Assistant Medical Officer, St. Edmundsbury, Lucan, having been duly proposed, seconded and balloted for, was elected a member of the Association.

The following dates were fixed for the meetings of the Division for the ensuing year:

Summer Meeting, to be arranged for at either Belfast or Mullingar on Thursday, June 24th, 1920.

Autumn Meeting, Thursday, November 4th, at College of Physicians.

Spring Meeting, Thursday, April 7th, 1921.

Summer Meeting, Thursday, July 7th, 1921.

The meeting considered the position of asylum nurses under the Nurses' Registration Bill, and noted with regret that no representation in the First Irish General Nursing Council had been given to asylum officers or nurses, male or female. The Hon. Secretary was directed to draw up a statement to be forwarded to the Chief Secretary drawing attention to this serious omission.

The meeting next considered the possible effects on Irish Lunacy Legislation of the Home Rule Bill now before Parliament, and it was decided that no action on the part of the Irish Division was desirable at present.

This terminated the proceedings.

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