Among the visitors present were: The Countess of Chichester, the Hon. Eleanor Ritchie, Drs. H. Buckley, Douglas A. Crow, L. C. Harris, E. Hobhouse, Mrs. Carswell and Miss Hingston.

The members were shown round the hospital and grounds and were then entertained to luncheon, at the conclusion of which Dr. PERCY SMITH proposed the Lady Chichester Hospital, coupling with it the names of the Countess of Chichester and Dr. Helen Boyle.

The COUNTESS OF CHICHESTER and Dr. HELEN BOYLE responded.

The General Meeting was held at 2.30 p.m., Dr. R. Percy Smith in the Chair.

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

Dr. Noel Sergeant and Drs. F. H. Edwards, A. A. W. Petrie, J. G. Porter Phillips and F. R. P. Taylor were unanimously elected Hon. Div. Sec. and Representative Members of the Council respectively for the year 1923–24.

Drs. H. G. L. Haynes, W. Brooks Keith and A. A. W. Petrie were elected member of the Divisional Committee of Management.

Drs. N. A. Crow and D. N. Hardcastle were elected ordinary members.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the Autumn Meeting.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE read a paper on "The History of the Lady Chichester Hospital," which was followed by a discussion in which Drs. J. CARSWELL, F. H. EDWARDS, E. S. PASMORE, A. A. W. PETRIE and PERCY SMITH took part.

Dr. N. A. CROW read a paper on "Epilepsy."

Dr. PERCY SMITH asked Dr. J. N. G. NOLAN to read his communication dealing with the treatment of epilepsy by luminal, and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. E. S. PASMORE, J. FARQUHARSON POWELL and F. R. P. Taylor.

Dr. CARSWELL then read a paper on "Laughter."

Lt.-Col. J. R. LORD then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

The members were entertained to tea at the Lady Chichester Hospital and also at Hove Villa by Dr. F. H. Edwards.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, November 30th, 1922.

Dr. Gavin took the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A communication was considered from the General Nursing Council of Ireland, *re* the registration of mental nurses, from which it appeared that at the time of writing there were only four registered mental nurses in Ireland. The Hon. Secretary was directed to communicate with the Nursing Council in reply with copies of the previous correspondence as regards the want of representation of the Asylum Service of Ireland on the Nursing Council.

Dr. MOLONY, Assistant Medical Officer, Limerick, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Association.

As neither Dr. J. O'C. Donelan nor Dr. F. E. Rainsford were present, the discussion on "Parole" was not introduced, and the proceedings terminated.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

February 15, 1923: *Ex-service Men in Mental Hospitals.*—Mr. LANSBURY asked the Minister of Pensions how many ex-service men at present being treated in mental hospitals his department decided to hand over for maintenance as pauper cases to Poor-Law authorities, and in how many cases have Boards of Guardians accepted chargeability for such cases?—Mr. F. ROBERTS asked the Minister of Pensions the number of mentally-afflicted ex-service men that have been transferred from the care of the Ministry of Pensions to the Poor-Law Guardians and are now pauper lunatics; and whether any scheme has been devised for the Ministry of Pensions to keep these men under their charge?—Major TRYON replied: The number of ex-service men in asylums for whom the temporary responsibility

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