supplied the general lines for further investigation. He was sorry he had not been able to give results, only plans and ideas.

The PRESIDENT expressed the thanks of the meeting to Dr. Guttmann for his paper.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held at St. Audrey's Hospital, Melton, Suffolk, on Friday, April 24, 1936.

In the forenoon members and their guests inspected the hospital and grounds, and were entertained to lunch.

The meeting took place at 2.30 p.m.

The minutes of the autumn meeting were read and confirmed. The following candidates for membership of the Association were unanimously elected :

DE VINE, MICHAEL GEORGE, M.B., B.Ch.N.U.I., 126, Harley Street, W. 1.
Proposed by Drs. Henry Devine, R. M. Macfarlane and Noel Harris.

RATCLIFFE, TOM ARUNDEL, B.A., M.B., B.Chir.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Andrew's Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich.
Proposed by Drs. Henry Yellowlees, R. Worth and H. Beccle.

MCCOWAN, ALEXANDER KNIGHT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist, Chartham Mental Hospital, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. M. A. Collins, F. C. M. Taylor and P. K. McCowan.

STARR, DONALD, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Chartham Mental Hospital, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. M. A. Collins, F. C. M. Taylor and P. K. McCowan.

PRICE, ANNIE BAPTY, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., Assistant Medical Officer, Chiswick House, Pinner.
Proposed by Drs. D. I. O. Macaulay, F. H. Hunnard and Margaret French.

The following letter from the National Council of Mental Hygiene was read :

" At the Meeting of the No. 2 Sub-Committee of the National Council for Mental Hygiene on Thursday, January 24, 1935, it was resolved ' that, as a principle, a patient should have direct right of entry to a rate-aided mental hospital provided the patient's own doctor recommended his admission and provided the mental hospital physician was of the opinion that the case was suitable for inclusion in the voluntary category. Thus, if a mentally ill person presents himself voluntarily at a mental hospital, recommended by his own doctor and accompanied by a near relative, and he is examined by the hospital physician and found to be a suitable patient, he should be admitted forthwith as a voluntary patient. Right of refusal is, of course, vested in the mental hospital physicians. It was the opinion of the Sub-Committee that the principle of admission of a voluntary patient to a rate-aided mental hospital should approximate to the practice which is usual in the case of a physically sick person to a general hospital, or of a mentally sick person to a registered or private mental hospital '."

Dr. BROOKS KEITH informed the meeting that in Suffolk a voluntary patient was admitted without question as to social position or means. The Public Assistance Committee was not consulted in the first instance, but was informed after the patient had been admitted.

Dr. MCCALLUM said that at the Ipswich Borough Mental Hospital there was no difficulty in admitting a voluntary patient provided he was regarded as suitable for admission in that category.

Dr. BOWER said that in Bedfordshire a voluntary patient was admitted without first referring the question of his admission to the Public Assistance Committee.

The following were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management : Drs. Haynes, McDowall, Brooks Keith, Stewart, Lindsay, Sergeant and Sinclair.

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Dr. Brooks Keith was elected Chairman of the Division.

Dr. R. M. Macfarlane was elected Secretary of the Division.

The following were elected Representative Members of Council: Drs. Haynes, McDowall, Brooks Keith, Fitzroy Jarrett and Lindsay.

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

The following examiners were nominated: Senior, Dr. Skottowe; Junior, Dr. Paton; Mental Deficiency, Dr. Fitzroy Jarrett; Nurse Examiner, Miss Ruark.

Dr. Thomas Munro then read a most interesting paper entitled **"Some Pedigrees of Insanity".** Several members took part in the discussion which followed.

Members and their guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of the Directors of The Old Manor and Dr. S. Edgar Martin, at Hume Towers, Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth, on Thursday, April 30, 1936.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. G. de M. Rudolf, Francis Dudley, R. W. Macdonald, F. E. Fox, S. Edgar Martin and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Dr. J. L. JACKSON, seconded by Dr. J. R. BENSON, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary. Dr. JACKSON mentioned that owing to illness Dr. Martin was unable to be with them, but he was glad to say that he was recovering. Dr. Jackson then read a telegram from Dr. Martin wishing the members a successful meeting. Dr. Carruthers (Acting Secretary) was asked to convey to Dr. Martin the wishes of those present for a speedy recovery.

Dr. J. L. JACKSON proposed and Dr. J. D. THOMAS seconded that Drs. E. Barton White and J. R. Benson be elected as Representative Members of Council, and Dr. J. R. Benson as Divisional Chairman. This was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. J. R. BENSON then took the chair, and said he was sure the members would like him to say how much they appreciated the way Dr. Jackson had carried out the duties of Chairman during his term of office.

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

The following was elected as an Ordinary Member:

KITCHING, EDWIN HOWARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., Ch.B.Leeds, Assistant Medical Officer, Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea.

Proposed by Drs. N. Moulson, Ernest Shand and C. Leonard Copeland.

The following nominations for posts as Examiner were made:

Preliminary Nursing Examination: Dr. T. M. C. Speer.

Final Nursing Examination: Dr. N. Moulson.

Nurse Examiner: Miss P. Dean (Laverstock House).

The following resolution, passed by the National Council for Mental Hygiene relating to the working of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, was considered:

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