Dr. TURNER said there was a proposal to send out a questionnaire.

The PRESIDENT said what he wanted to ascertain was: (*a*) Did the Association support the Brock Report; (*b*) did the Association consider there should be further research?

A MEMBER said it was a question of promoting a Bill.

Dr. C. J. THOMAS said he would like to submit the following wording:

"This meeting requests the Council to circularize all the members of the Association on the following questions:

"(1) Would you support or oppose a Parliamentary Bill on the lines of the Brock Report in favour of voluntary sterilization?

"(2) Do you regard as an even more effective and more important measure the introduction of more intensive research into the problems of heredity in mental disease and disorder?"

Dr. KIMBER said that after conferring with his seconder they would withdraw their wording in favour of Dr. Thomas's.

The PRESIDENT put Dr. Thomas's motion, and it was carried without dissent.

Dr. MCRAE again insisted that each member should have a copy of the Report of the debate, with the questionnaire, and the President undertook to arrange for this to be done.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN, 1935, MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Elizabeth Casson, at Dorset House, Clifton Down, Bristol, on Thursday, October 31, 1935.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. J. R. Benson, A. Guirdham, Irene Yates, E. Barton White, R. Eager and C. Lovell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

With regard to the nomination of a Chairman for the ensuing year, Dr. J. L. JACKSON pointed out that he had only agreed to carry on this year owing to Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe's appointment to a hospital outside the Division. He now had great pleasure in informing the members that the Management Committee had decided to nominate Dr. J. R. Benson, of Laverstock House, Salisbury, as Chairman for the ensuing year. In addition, the Committee recommended the name of Dr. E. Barton White to serve with Dr. Benson as Representative Members of Council, and Dr. S. Edgar Martin as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

WILLIAM MAURICE PINKERTON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, Wilts County Mental Hospital, Devizes.

Proposed by Drs. J. W. Leech, P. W. Carruthers and S. Edgar Martin.

JAMES BAILLIE DEDMAN, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Cornwall Mental Hospital, Bodmin.

Proposed by Drs. W. G. Rivers, F. Dudley and S. Edgar Martin.

In connection with the Spring, 1936, Meeting on April 30 next, Dr. JACKSON reported that at the meeting of the Committee of Management, the Hon. Divisional Secretary, Dr. S. Edgar Martin, had mentioned that, failing an invitation from elsewhere, he hoped to have the pleasure of entertaining the members at Hume Towers, Bournemouth (the seaside convalescent home of The Old Manor, Salisbury), and it was decided to accept Dr. Martin's kind offer.

Dr. ELIZABETH CASSON then read a most interesting paper entitled, **"A Review of a Year's Work in an Approved Nursing Home"**, written in conjunction with Dr. IRENE YATES. The following members took part in the discussion which followed: Drs. P. K. MCCOWAN, LEECH and JACKSON.

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On the motion of the CHAIRMAN a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Drs. Casson and Yates for their interesting paper, and Dr. Jackson also mentioned that he considered Dr. Casson very brave in reading her paper when she was far from well. He further asked Dr. Casson to convey the sympathy of the meeting to Dr. Yates (who was ill and unable to be present), and its sincere wishes for her speedy recovery.

It was also reported that a telephone message had been received from Dr. Guirdham, of Bailbrook House, to the effect that he was ill, and would therefore not be able to read the paper which he had written.

An informal discussion then took place on Faith Healing, with special reference to the proposed opening, in the near future, of Milton Abbas by the Rev. John Maillard for those mentally afflicted. Several members took part in the discussion.

During their visit to Dorset House members had an opportunity of inspecting the house and grounds, and also seeing the various arts and crafts including weaving , pottery, mat-making, carried on by the patients.

The members were kindly entertained to lunch and tea by Dr. Casson, and a hearty vote of thanks for her hospitality was unanimously accorded to her.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. M. A. Archdale, at Sunderland Mental Hospital, on Thursday, October 31, 1935.

During the forenoon members visited the wards, workshops and craft huts, and were afterwards entertained to lunch. Dr. EDGERLEY thanked the Committee and Superintendent for their kind hospitality, and Dr. ARCHDALE replied.

Dr. Edgerley, Divisional Chairman, presided.

The meeting opened at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting, having been published, were confirmed and signed.

The following candidates, after ballot, were elected Ordinary Members of the Association :

EDWARD FRETSON SKINNER, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., F.R.C.P., Physician, Sheffield Royal Hospital ; Consulting Physician, City General Hospital, Sheffield, and Victoria Hospital, Worksop ; 342, Glossop Road, Sheffield.
Proposed by Drs. Mathieson, Poole and Sykes.

FRANK EDWARD KINGSTON, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Mental Hospital, Wakefield ; 20, Bar Lane, Wakefield, Yorkshire.
Proposed by Drs. Thomas, Wilson and McGrath.

Drs. Archdale, Edgerley and Dove Cormac were re-elected to serve on the Divisional Committee.

Dr. R. E. JOWETT read an interesting paper on **"Sinus Sepsis and Mental Disorder"**, and several members took part in the discussion which followed (see p. 28 of Journal).

Dr. J. W. ASTLEY COOPER and Dr. T. C. BARKAS read a paper entitled **"A Consideration of Some Mental Illnesses within the Male Sexual Life; their Mode of Origin and Development"**. Cases were described to illustrate neurotic sex characters evidently caused by the persistence of instinctual sex trends of childhood, which had frustrated normal sex activities and resulted in progressive immorality and perversions. Members were disappointed that sufficient time was not available for a full discussion, and the authors agreed to re-introduce the subject at another meeting of the Division.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m., and members were kindly entertained to tea.

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