NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of this Division was held at the County Asylum, Whittingham, near Preston, on April 18th, 1900.

Members present.—Drs. Stanley Gill, Wilcox, G. E. Mould, C. Mabel Blackwood, Holmes, G. W. Mould, Hitchcock, Edgerley, Perceval, A. W. Campbell, Shoyer, Adair, Eades, Blair, and Crochley Clapham.

Visitors.—Drs. Simpson, Orr, Bresland, and Clark.

Dr. Perceval having been voted to the chair, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Crochley Clapham was nominated for the post of Hon. Secretary, and Drs. Miller, of Warwick, and Hearder, of Wakefield, to fill vacancies on the Council of the Association.

The date of the autumn meeting was fixed for the first Wednesday in October, and its place left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary.

The Lunacy Bill.

Dr. Mould (Cheadle) opened a discussion on the new Lunacy Bill, which was joined in by Drs. Perceval, Gill, Holmes, Hitchcock, and others.

Dr. Mould said he considered this subject was of the greatest importance, and proceeded to criticise the Bill in detail. He regarded the existing Urgency Order as a valuable provision. He thought there should be great facilities afforded for permitting certified patients in registered hospitals to have a change of residence on leave of absence for health. With regard to the boarding out of pauper patients, Dr. Mould thought it should be possible for as many as twenty to reside together in a suitable house. He considered that Section 14, which deals with "special inquiries as to lunatics," required amending. As to voluntary boarders, he was of opinion the provision for their reception met a decided want, and he said he had in practice given a liberal interpretation to it. When referring to Section 16, which deals with the number of patients to be received into existing registered hospitals, Dr. Mould said he could not understand why there was such a distinction made between county asylums and the hospitals. He criticised adversely the proposed change in the management of hospitals, and he did not consider it would be practicable to have "branch establishments" registered. He concurred as to the desirability of providing for cases of injury to the staff; but he thought the Workmen's Compensation Act would best meet such cases. He did not approve of the proposed method of dealing with incipient insanity. Finally, he expressed the hope that, as the latest attempt to amend the Lunacy Acts had itself so many imperfections, the whole matter should be thoroughly investigated with a view to obtaining decided alterations in the Bill.

Dr. Gill expressed approval of the existing Urgency Order. He was of opinion that any house in which insane patients are received should be registered.

Dr. Holmes considered the proposed treatment of incipient insanity might prove beneficial.

After some further discussion by Dr. Crochley Clapham and Dr. Hitchcock regarding the admission of voluntary boarders into existing institutions, Dr. Mould said he hoped to see established separate hospitals or reception houses for boarders.

Dr. Catherine M. Blackwood, of Wadsley, then read a paper on "A Glioma of the Corpus Callosum," and a paper contributed by Dr. F. O. Simpson, of Rainhill, on "Foreign Bodies in both Bronchi," was read by his colleague Dr. A. W. Campbell. (See pages 512, 515.)

Previous to the business meeting the members were entertained at luncheon and shown round the asylum by Dr. Perceval, to whom a vote of thanks was given for both attentions. Members dined together in the evening at the Park Hotel, Preston.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting was held at the City of London Asylum, near Dartford, Kent, on Wednesday, April 25th. From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the members inspected the asylum and grounds. From 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. luncheon was served. The Divisional

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