SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. J. L. Jackson at Knowle Mental Hospital, Fareham, Hants, on Thursday, October 25, 1934.

The following members were present: Drs. A. Wilson, P. G. Grant, P. Carruthers, P. L. Hemphill, G. E. Shand, C. E. Alan Shepherd, C. Davies-Jones, J. L. Jackson, J. D. Thomas, Ian Skottowe, and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The undermentioned attended as visitors: Drs. M. R. Lockwood, T. Hurley and J. Carson.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. J. W. Leech, Dr. John Keay and others.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Dr. J. L. Jackson and Dr. Ian Skottowe were nominated Representative Members of Council, the latter also as Chairman of the Division.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

MADELINE ROSE LOCKWOOD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea.

HENRY JOHN GRIFFITHS, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea.

THOMAS ANGER FEREMAN TYRRELL, M.B., B.S.Lond., L.M.S.S.A., President, Lincoln Medical Society; Resident Clinical Assistant, Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea.

Proposed by Drs. Ian Skottowe, N. Moulson and S. Edgar Martin.

The HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that Dr. Ian Skottowe had kindly invited the members to hold the Spring Meeting, 1935, at Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea, and it was decided to accept his offer.

Dr. J. L. JACKSON then read an interesting paper on "The Organization of the Mental Health Service". He recalled the history of mental institutions in the county. Knowle was opened in 1852, and up till 1921 was the only mental institution in the county. In that year Park Prewett was opened, and the county entered into partnership with Southampton and Bournemouth. In 1927 the county opened a mental deficiency colony, and in 1931 another was started by Southampton. Then a new partnership in all four was formed, and the speaker was appointed Principal Medical Adviser. He referred to the difficulties of organization in a scattered county as compared with a compact area, to his work as Mental Deficiency Adviser, and to the opening of out-patient clinics at Southampton and Winchester. It was proposed to open an additional one at the new Admission Hospital. In concluding he paid a tribute to the work of the well-organized voluntary societies in the county.

The following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. SKOTTOWE, SHEPHERD, DAVIES-JONES and ALBAN WILSON. Dr. J. D. THOMAS proposed and Dr. IAN SKOTTOWE seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Jackson for his paper.

Those attending the meeting were taken over the new buildings in course of erection, and were most impressed, especially by the new Reception Hospital with its receiving room, X-ray room, and the various modern appliances which were being incorporated.

The members were very kindly entertained to lunch and tea by the invitation of the Committee of Visitors, at which Alderman L. Parham presided, and on the proposition of Dr. J. D. Thomas and Dr. Skottowe a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. J. L. Jackson and his Committee for their hospitality.

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