he spoke of the method of inter-hospital conferences in the United States, pointing out the medical administrative, and social advantages of such a system. Dr. J. H. MacDonald seconded the motion, and after Dr. T. C. Mackenzie, Dr. Donald Ross, Sir H. Arthur Rose, Dr. R. Mary Barclay, and Prof. Robertson had spoken in support, the motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange in future accordingly.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, November 1, 1923, Dr. M. J. Nolan in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

Letters in connection with the registration of mental nurses were read, and telegrams received from Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and others were considered by the meeting.

The correspondence regarding the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act was read, and the report of Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. P. O'Doherty, appointed at the last meeting of the Division to deal with this important matter, was read and considered.

It was decided that no further action should be taken at present, pending the introduction of the amending Bill in the Parliament of Southern Ireland.

On a ballot being taken the following were elected ordinary members:

McCarthy, Dr. Owen Felix, Resident Medical Superintendent of Cork District Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Nolan, O'Conor Donelan and R. R. Leeper.

Fitzgerald, Dr. John J., Assistant Medical Officer, Cork District Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Nolan, O'Conor Donelan and H. R. C. Rutherford.

The meeting next considered the present position as regards the registration of mental nurses by the General Nursing Council in respect of Ireland, particularly in respect of those nurses who, although uncertificated by the Association, were eligible for registration, having been for three years in active practice as mental nurses before the specified date fixed by the General Nursing Council.

The meeting considered that it was in the proper discretion of the Medical Superintendents to give a certificate to these nurses who were really engaged in the treatment of insane cases during the specified period, so as to enable them to go upon the Register.

The meeting next discussed the desirability of assistant medical officers in Ireland obtaining a special qualification in mental disease, and it was unanimously decided that the Certificate of the Association was eminently suitable as a qualification, being a certificate granted by examination by experienced physicians and superintendents of mental hospitals; and candidates for the certificate must always be physicians engaged for a specific period in the active treatment of mental disease before they are permitted to sit for the examination.

The Hon. Secretary was directed by the meeting to have printed and issued a circular to medical men practising as physicians in Irish mental hospitals, calling their attention to the desirability of their joining the Medico-Psychological Association, and thereby contributing by their clinical, pathological and therapeutical knowledge and experience to the advancement of psychological medicine in this country.

This terminated the proceedings.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

London County Council.—The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5.—We understand that Sir Frederick Mott will continue to direct the course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine at the Maudsley Hospital. The seventh course will commence on Monday, January 21, 1924.

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Part I.—(1) Eight Lectures on the Anatomy of the Nervous System. By Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., on Mondays at 2.30 p.m., commencing on January 21, 1924.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations.—Methods of staining nervous tissue and preparing it for microscopical examination; the living nerve cell—the nerve fibre; degeneration and regeneration of nerves; distribution of sections, illustrating the principal diseases of the nervous system, for mounting as a permanent collection.

(2) Eight Lectures on the Physiology of the Nervous System. By F. Golla, M.D., F.R.C.P., on Fridays at 2.30 p.m., commencing on January 25, 1924.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations.—Physiological Chemistry: Chemistry of the nervous system, and cerebro-spinal fluid; metabolism; vitamins and food deficiency; physico-chemical methods as applied to bio-chemical research; blood and urine analysis—acidosis, uræmia, uric acid. Practical Physiology: Physical concomitants of emotion; recording reflexes and tremors in man; action of drugs on autonomic system; the study of reflex action in the spinal animal.

(3) Eight Lectures on Psychology. By Henry Devine, M.D., F.R.C.P., on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m., commencing on January 24, 1924.

Practical Instruction and Demonstration.—Sensation; psycho-physical methods; statistical methods; reaction times; association; memory; intelligence tests; muscular and mental work.

An announcement regarding Part II will follow.

Fees: For the whole course of Part I and II, £15 15*s.*; for Part I separately, £10 10*s.*; for Part II separately, £10 10*s.*; for one single series of Lectures in Part I, £4 4*s.*; for one single series of Lectures in Part II, £2 2*s.*

Enquiries as to Lectures, etc., should be addressed to "The Director of the Course in Psychological Medicine, Pathological Laboratory, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E."

Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E. 1.—A course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine granted by the various universities is given at Bethlem Royal Hospital twice yearly during the spring and autumn.

The next course, which will begin on January 14, 1924, will conclude in April, and is divided into two parts—A and B. Part A deals with the anatomy, histology and physiology of the nervous system and psychology, and Part B consists of lectures and demonstrations of neurology, psychological medicine and mental deficiency. The fees for both parts of these lectures and demonstrations are 15 guineas, or 10 guineas for Part A or Part B separately.

Clinical instruction in psychological medicine is given at Bethlem Royal Hospital every morning (except Wednesdays) at 11 a.m. The fee for post-graduates is 5 guineas for three months, but a reduction is made to those who attend the course for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine.

University of London.—A course of three lectures on Psychology will be given at University College, Gower Street, W.C. 1, by Professor Morton Prince, M.D., LL.D. (of Tufts College Medical School, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.), at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 4th, Wednesday, February 6th, and Thursday, February 7th.

Admission to these lectures is free.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1923.

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IT is a great pleasure to me to be here to-day. I have read with much interest the admirable Annual Report of your Superintendent, Dr. W. H. Coupland, and after seeing for myself the institution, and the work it carries on in the care and treatment of mental defectives, I am able to endorse the excellent report made by the Commissioners of the Board of Control as a result of their visit on May 25 last. Lord Beaconsfield once said: "The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a nation depend; but if the population of that country is stationary or yearly diminished in stature

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