SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN, 1936, MEETING of the Division was held at Laverstock House, near Salisbury, by kind invitation of Dr. J. R. Benson, on Thursday, October 29, 1936.

The following members were present: Drs. R. Eager, G. W. T. H. Fleming, J. W. Leech, J. F. Lyons, W. R. Dawson, James M. Rutherford, P. W. Carruthers, A. C. Sinclair, A. Guirdham, H. R. A. Cooper, F. E. Stokes, N. Moulson, E. H. Kitching, L. Barber, J. D. Thomas, P. E. Hemphill, J. S. Horsley, J. L. Jackson, E. Barton White, J. R. Benson, R. C. Monnington, and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The undermentioned attended as visitors: Drs. T. E. Burrows, H. B. Hill, Messrs. A. Dignam, W. F. Swords, K.C., V. R. Baker and N. Vivian Bell.

Dr. J. R. Benson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. F. Dudley, C. Lovell and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that the Committee of Management had decided to nominate Dr. J. R. Benson, of Laverstock House, near Salisbury, as Chairman for the ensuing year, and Dr. E. Barton White to serve with Dr. Benson as Representative Members of Council. Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

BURROWS, THOMAS EGGLESTON, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, County and City Mental Hospital, Burghill, Hereford.

Proposed by Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, D. M. Cox and R. W. Gilmour.

COX, ALICE, M.D.Glas., Mental Specialist, Devon County Council Education and Mental Deficiency Committees, 4, Bamfield Crescent, Exeter.

Proposed by Drs. C. F. Bainbridge, R. A. G. Penny and S. Edgar Martin.

In connection with the Spring, 1937, Meeting to be held on April 29, 1937, the HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY read a letter he had received from Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming of County and City Mental Hospital, Burghill, Hereford, inviting the members to meet at Holme Lacy, the private Annexe to the County Hospital. It was decided to accept the kind invitation of Dr. Fleming for the meeting on April 29 next.

Dr. E. H. KITCHING (Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea) read a paper entitled "**The Excretion of Sodium Barbitone in Patients Suffering from Mental Illness**" (see Jan., 1937, p. 40), and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. FLEMING, STOKES, EAGER, BENSON and CRAWFORD-SINCLAIR.

Dr. J. S. HORSLEY (Dorset Mental Hospital) read a paper entitled "**Therapeutic Narcosis with Soneryl**" (see Jan., 1937, p. 25), and Dr. A. GUIRDHAM (Bailbrook House) followed with a paper on "**Social Responsibilities of Psychiatry** and the following took part in the discussion: Drs. BENSON, JACKSON, MONNINGTON and others.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Drs. Kitching, Horsley and Guirdham for their instructive and interesting papers.

During the day members were able to inspect the house and grounds of Laverstock House. They were kindly entertained at lunch and tea by Dr. Benson, who was heartily thanked on the proposal of Dr. Eager. In his reply Dr. BENSON gave several interesting details of the origin of Laverstock House and of its early useful work. He mentioned that he was preparing a brochure giving the history of Laverstock House.

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