The Council agreed to accept the invitation of the Mental Hospitals Association and appointed the President (Dr. Graves), Col. Petrie and Dr. Masefield as Representatives.

The Council notes with regret that no meetings of the Scottish or South-Eastern Divisions have been held either during 1940 or this year.

The date of the next Quarterly Meeting has been fixed for Thursday, February 26, 1942, the Committees meeting the previous day.

It is hoped that the May Quarterly meeting will be held at Preston, Lancs. The actual date has not yet been arranged.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Dr. HELEN BOYLE and agreed to.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT nominated Dr. Bower and Dr. Lindsay to act as Scrutineers.

It was also agreed that the two elections should be held together, and on a ballot being taken the following were declared unanimously elected:

DALEY, WILLIAM ALLEN, B.Sc.Lond., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H.Camb., Medical Officer of Health; School Medical Officer; County of London, County Hall, Westminster.

WHATLEY, JAMES LAWSON, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer, Midland Counties Institution, Knowle, Birmingham.

Paper: **"The Investigation of Personality in Patients Treated by Prefrontal Leucotomy,"** by Dr. E. L. HUTTON, Research Medical Officer, Burden Neurological Institute (see p. 275).

The PRESIDENT, in calling on Dr. Hutton to read her paper, said he was sure all were interested readers of the preliminary report on this subject published in the *Lancet* of July, 1941. This mode of treatment appeared to hold out some prospects of alleviation in some conditions of mental disorder and they would be glad to know whether this had been borne out by further investigation.

The paper was discussed by the PRESIDENT, Prof. F. L. GOLLA, and Drs. MCCOWAN, J. H. MACDONALD, M. B. BRODY, W. G. MASEFIELD, REES THOMAS, and R. SESSIONS HODGE.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN 1941 MEETING of the South-Western Division was held, by kind invitation of the Directors of The Old Manor, Salisbury, and Dr. S. Edgar Martin, at The Old Manor, Salisbury, on Thursday, October 23, 1941.

The following members were present: Dr. J. W. Leech (in the Chair), Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Prof. F. L. Golla, Drs. Peter Carruthers, G. Clarke, G. W. T. H. Fleming, H. B. Hill, E. L. Hutton, A. C. King-Turner, J. McGarvey, R. G. McInnes, N. Moulson, J. C. Penton, J. M. C. Speer, F. E. Stokes, D. H. H. Thomas, J. P. Westrup, and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary). The following attended as a visitor: Dr. J. W. Miller.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. B. M. Mules, A. S. Mules, John Keay, Isabel G. H. Wilson, F. Finigan, E. Casson, R. E. Hemphill, R. Sessions Hodge, A. Helen Boyle, A. Shepherd, F. Douglas Turner and J. V. Blachford.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Divisional Committee had nothing to report and the same applied to the Representative Members of Council.

On the proposition of Dr. FLEMING, seconded by Lieut.-Col. ARMSTRONG, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Dr. J. W. Leech was re-elected Chairman.

On the proposition of Dr. FLEMING, seconded by Dr. J. M. C. SPEER, Dr. J. W. Leech and Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The HON. SECRETARY reported that Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming had kindly offered to have the Spring, 1942, Meeting (Thursday, April 23, 1942) at Barnwood House, Gloucester, and it was unanimously decided to accept and thank him for his kind offer.

Dr. J. M. C. SPEER (Wilts County Mental Hospital) read a paper on **"Treatment of Dysentery by Sulphapyridine"** and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Prof. Golla, Dr. F. E. Stokes and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming.

Dr. G. W. T. H. FLEMING (Barnwood House) then read a short paper on **"Prefrontal Leucotomy"** (see p. 282), and the following contributed to an interesting discussion on the paper: Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Dr. E. L. Hutton, Dr. R. G. McInnes and Dr. A. C. King-Turner, etc.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Drs. Speer and Fleming for their interesting papers.

The members were then entertained to tea, and those who wished had an opportunity of looking over The Old Manor.

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