Dr. Brooks Keith was elected Chairman of the Division.

Dr. R. M. Macfarlane was elected Secretary of the Division.

The following were elected Representative Members of Council: Drs. Haynes, McDowall, Brooks Keith, Fitzroy Jarrett and Lindsay.

The fixing of the date and place of the Autumn Meeting was left to the Divisional Secretary.

The following examiners were nominated: Senior, Dr. Skottowe; Junior, Dr. Paton; Mental Deficiency, Dr. Fitzroy Jarrett; Nurse Examiner, Miss Ruark.

Dr. Thomas Munro then read a most interesting paper entitled **"Some Pedigrees of Insanity".** Several members took part in the discussion which followed.

Members and their guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of the Directors of The Old Manor and Dr. S. Edgar Martin, at Hume Towers, Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth, on Thursday, April 30, 1936.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. G. de M. Rudolf, Francis Dudley, R. W. Macdonald, F. E. Fox, S. Edgar Martin and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Dr. J. L. JACKSON, seconded by Dr. J. R. BENSON, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary. Dr. JACKSON mentioned that owing to illness Dr. Martin was unable to be with them, but he was glad to say that he was recovering. Dr. Jackson then read a telegram from Dr. Martin wishing the members a successful meeting. Dr. Carruthers (Acting Secretary) was asked to convey to Dr. Martin the wishes of those present for a speedy recovery.

Dr. J. L. JACKSON proposed and Dr. J. D. THOMAS seconded that Drs. E. Barton White and J. R. Benson be elected as Representative Members of Council, and Dr. J. R. Benson as Divisional Chairman. This was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. J. R. BENSON then took the chair, and said he was sure the members would like him to say how much they appreciated the way Dr. Jackson had carried out the duties of Chairman during his term of office.

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

The following was elected as an Ordinary Member:

KITCHING, EDWIN HOWARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., Ch.B.Leeds, Assistant Medical Officer, Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea.

Proposed by Drs. N. Moulson, Ernest Shand and C. Leonard Copeland.

The following nominations for posts as Examiner were made:

Preliminary Nursing Examination: Dr. T. M. C. Speer.

Final Nursing Examination: Dr. N. Moulson.

Nurse Examiner: Miss P. Dean (Laverstock House).

The following resolution, passed by the National Council for Mental Hygiene relating to the working of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, was considered:

> At the meeting of the No. 2 Sub-Committee of the National Council for Mental Hygiene on Thursday, January 24, it was resolved "that, as a principle, a patient should have direct right of entry to a rate-aided mental hospital provided the patient's own doctor recommended his admission, and provided the mental hospital physician was of the opinion that the case was suitable for inclusion in the voluntary category.
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> "Thus, if a mentally ill person presents himself voluntarily at the mental hospital, recommended by his own doctor and accompanied by a

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near relative, and he is examined by the hospital physician and found to be a suitable patient, he should be admitted forthwith as a voluntary patient. Right of refusal is, of course, vested in the mental hospital physicians. It was the opinion of the Sub-Committee that the principle of admission of a voluntary patient to a rate-aided mental hospital should approximate to the practice which is usual in the case of the admission of a physically sick person to a general hospital, or of a mentally sick person to a registered or private mental hospital."

Note.—The National Council for Mental Hygiene passed the above resolution in January, 1935, relating to the working of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930. It is the practical application and not the theoretical possibilities of the Act which prompted this resolution.

After the resolution had been read, the members present thought that the matter required further consideration. Copies of the resolution were handed to each member.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the presence of the Chairman, Secretary and some Members of the Committee of the recently formed Poole and District Medical Society. He said it was a great pleasure to the South-Western Division to welcome the Society and wished it every success in the future. He asked the Chairman to accept an inscribed board so that the names of its Chairmen could be recorded thereon from year to year.

Dr Mein, in replying on behalf of the Society, said he would like to say how much they appreciated the interest shown in their Society by the Division and for the kind invitation to lunch and to the meeting.

The place of the Autumn, 1936, Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 29, 1936, was left in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. R. D. GILLESPIE (Lecturer, Psychological Medicine, Guy's Hospital) then read a most interesting paper on **"Psychological Factors in Physical Disease".** In the discussion which followed Drs. POTTS, DAVIES-JONES, GUIRDHAM and BENSON took part, and Dr. GILLESPIE then replied.

Dr. J. S. HORSLEY then gave his paper entitled **"Narco-Analysis",** and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. MOULSON, LEECH, HURLEY, GUIRDHAM and GILLESPIE. Dr. HORSLEY replied.

(This paper will be published in the July number of the *Journal*.)

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously proposed to Drs. Gillespie and Horsley for their papers.

During the morning members visited Hume Towers (the seaside home of The Old Manor, Salisbury), and were much impressed with the grounds and beautiful surroundings and also with the accommodation provided for the patients.

The members were kindly entertained to lunch and tea by the Directors of The Old Manor, Salisbury, at Branksome Tower Hotel, Bournemouth. Mr. W. F. Swords, K.C., welcomed them at lunch, and on behalf of The Old Manor expressed his great pleasure in being able to have the meeting at Hume Towers. On the proposition of Dr. J. L. Jackson a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Swords and the Directors of The Old Manor for their kind hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held at the Uffculme Branch of Winson Green Mental Hospital, Birmingham, on April 24, 1936, when nineteen members and three visitors attended.

During the forenoon members inspected Uffculme House and Bungalow, which provide pleasant accommodation for 160 male working patients, entirely on the open-door system.

Before the meeting members were kindly entertained to lunch by the Visiting Committee.

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