was his experience that cases associated with the puerperium and lactation were becoming rare.

Dr. BOWER confirmed what the President had remarked about the rarity of puerperal cases. In his opinion this was the result of the more reasonable and physiological way in which the puerperium was now conducted.

Dr. STODDART also agreed that puerperal cases were not so common as they had been. He thought this raised the question whether septic conditions were not really responsible for many of the cases.

Dr. JOHNSTONE also discussed the paper, and Dr. CLARKE replied.

A vote of thanks to the President for occupying the chair was unanimously carried.

After the meeting Mrs. Turner kindly entertained the members to tea.

In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held, at the kind invitation of Dr. T. L. Johnston, at the Lincoln Asylum, Bracebridge, on Thursday, October 24th, 1912.

Dr. T. L. Johnston presided.

The following members were present: Drs. M. A. Archdale, J. R. Gilmour, T. L. Johnston, A. P. Russell, E. S. Simpson, R. C. Stewart, T. S. Adair; and three visitors: Drs. J. M. Barkley, W. A. Carline, G. H. Johnston.

Apologies were received from the President (Dr. Soutar), Drs. Shuttleworth, Pierce, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Drs. Hitchcock, McDowall and Pierce were unanimously elected to form the Divisional Committee for the next twelve months.

An interesting paper was read by Dr. E. S. SIMPSON on "A Case of Methæmoglobinuria followed by Multiple Neuritis" (see p. 81).

Dr. JOHNSTON, Dr. GILMOUR and others took part in the discussion afterwards, and narrated various experiences they had had in the use of sulphonal.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Johnston for his kind hospitality.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING was held by the courtesy of Dr. Monnington at Laverstock House, Salisbury, on Thursday, October 24th, 1912. The President of the Association (Dr. Soutar) was in the chair, and the following members were present: Drs. Baskin, Nelis, MacDonald, Monnington, Morton, and the Honorary Divisional Secretary (Dr. Blachford).

Letters of regret at being unable to attend were read from Drs. Aveline, Mumby, and J. M. Rutherford.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Dr. Blachford was nominated for re-election as Divisional Secretary and Drs. Aveline and Nelis for re-election as Representative Members of Council.

The following were elected as members of the Association: Dr. W. E. Stevenson, M.B., B.S.Durh., Senior A.M.O., City and County Asylum, Hereford, proposed by Drs. C. S. Morrison, Blachford, and Bazalgette.

The Spring Meeting was fixed to take place at the County Asylum, Gloucester, on Friday, April 18th, 1913.

A report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question of a Central Pathological Laboratory was read, and after a short discussion the meeting was of opinion that in view of a conference shortly to be held in London, the matter should be allowed to rest until after that meeting, and as the President (Dr. Soutar) was attending the Conference he was asked to be good enough to watch the proceedings and voice the opinion of the South-Western Division should opportunity occur.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Dr. Monnington for his hospitality.

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