Dr. ALEX. CORSAR STURROCK was duly balloted for and elected an ordinary member of the Association.

A letter was read from Dr. Henry Rayner, Chairman of Council of the Mental After-Care Association, stating that their Association was desirous of establishing branches in the Northern Division, and asking for the support of members. The letter was sympathetically received, but in the absence of any definite scheme no action was suggested.

A letter was read from Dr. Tighe about the representation of the Division on the Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council. After discussion the following resolution was unanimously carried and ordered to be sent to the Council:

> "That this Division be represented on the Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council appointed by the Medico-Psychological Association."

Dr. A. CORSAR STURROCK then gave a most interesting dissertation on "A Recent Epidemic of Encephalitis Lethargica in Manchester." After concisely reviewing the literature of the subject, he gave an account of the symptoms, course, treatment and after-effects of the condition. Dr. Sturrock related the history of many of his own cases to illustrate the varying conditions found. The paper was felt to be a most valuable one in view of the present epidemics. After he had replied to several questions Dr. Sturrock was most cordially thanked for his lecture.

Drs. K. K. DRURY and C. FARRAN-RIDGE then read a paper on "Some Observations on the Types of Blood-Sugar Curve found in Different Forms of Insanity." This embodied a long series of observations, and was illustrated by charts of the various states. Drs. Orr and Shaw spoke to the paper and the authors replied.

Dr. C. W. EWING then reported "A Case of Cysticerci of *Tænia solium* in the Brain causing Insanity." He gave the clinical history of the case and exhibited the brain, showing hundreds of cysts throughout the brain-substance.

Dr. R. G. ROWS then gave a short lecture "On the Treatment of Cases of Incipient Insanity during the War." He approached the subject from the point of view of finding the relation of cause and effect in mental illnesses, of examining the cases individually from the biological instead of from the conventional aspect. He pointed out the little value of studying behaviour, because it indicated only a superficial reaction, and did not explain the symptoms. The true illness lies deeper, and can be discovered if suitable investigation is carried out. Dr. Rows gave short accounts of several cases to illustrate his standpoint.

The dates and places for the Autumn Meeting, 1924, and the Spring Meeting, 1925, were not fixed.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital on Friday, May 2, 1924.

Prof. Geo. M. Robertson occupied the Chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorized to sign them.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter of acknowledgment from Mrs. Miller thanking the members of the Division for their kind letter of sympathy.

Dr. W. D. Chambers and Dr. C. J. Shaw were unanimously elected representative members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan was unanimously elected Divisional Secretary.

The following candidate, after ballot, was elected an ordinary member of the Association:

> MARTHA D. DEVON, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.R.F.P.&S.Glas., Clinical Assistant, Bangour Village, West Lothian.
>
> *Proposed by* Drs. Neil T. Kerr, C. A. Crichlow and W. M. Buchanan.

The CHAIRMAN reported the proceedings at the conference between representatives of the Scottish Division and of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, which had taken place in Edinburgh on March 6, 1924.

The SECRETARY then read a letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, dated April 1, 1924, of which the following is a copy:

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"General Nursing Council for Scotland, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh, April 1, 1924.—Dr. W. Buchanan, Kirklands Mental Hospital, Bothwell.—Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter of 10th ult., the questions discussed at our Conference were again considered at a meeting of my Council on 28th ult. I am instructed to inform you that my Council have agreed, subject to the condition undermentioned, to invite your Association to form an Advisory Committee to meet with the Education and Examination Committees of the Council, for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the Final Examination for Mental Nurses, and to further invite your Association to nominate Examiners for the Final Examination, for consideration by my Council. These resolutions were adopted only on condition that in Scotland one Preliminary Examination for all classes of nurses should be held by my Council on behalf of your Association and themselves. I shall be glad to hear from you after you have consulted your Board.—I am, yours faithfully, W. D. FARMER, Registrar."

It was pointed out that the terms of the invitation contained in this letter were the same as those agreed to in England except in the following respects:

(1) The addendum in England "that the resolutions of meetings of the Advisory Committee of the Medico-Psychological Association with the Mental Hospitals Committee of the General Nursing Council be recommendations to the General Nursing Council" had been omitted.

(2) The words "consideration by the General Nursing Council" had been substituted for the words "appointment by the General Nursing Council" in connection with the nomination of examiners.

(3) In England no condition regarding the Preliminary Examination was attached.

A very full discussion ensued.

With regard to (1), the meeting was of opinion that the addendum was not of great importance, as the institution of an Advisory Committee implied that its resolutions would be recommendations to the General Nursing Council.

Regarding (2) the Secretary explained that he had been assured by both the Registrar and the Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee of the General Nursing Council that there would be no question of the examiners nominated by the Division not being appointed, and that the verbal alteration from "appointment" to "consideration" had been made to safeguard the Council against criticism for delegating powers.

Regarding (3), it was pointed out by several members that as the Preliminary Examination was carried out by the Association as a whole, the Scottish Division could give no undertaking regarding it without the consent of the Association, and that obligations towards nurses presently in training must be discharged.

Dr. C. J. SHAW then moved "that the invitation of the General Nursing Council for Scotland be accepted provided the interpretation of the condition attached is compatible with the views expressed during the discussion (recorded in preceding paragraph), and that it be remitted to the Scottish members of the Council to put the position before the Council at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association."

Dr. R. D. HOTCHKIS seconded, and the motion became the unanimous finding of the meeting.

The Committee which had met the Nursing Council in Conference was continued in office and Dr. G. D. McRae's name was added thereto.

The SECRETARY stated that the amendments to the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act proposed by the conference of interested organizations were now being incorporated in a draft amending Bill, and that no amendment dealing with the Scottish Royal Asylums was included, as the Royal Asylum authorities had not yet come to a decision in the matter. He was instructed to write to Mr. Richardson, the Secretary to the Scottish Royal Asylums Conference, informing him that the amending Bill was presently being drafted, and suggesting that if the Royal Asylums had not come to a decision before the amending Bill was introduced, the matter might be dealt with by means of a permissive clause.

Dr. G. DOUGLAS MCRAE, in moving "that a Divisional Chairman be appointed annually, and that Prof. Robertson be elected Chairman of the Division for the ensuing year," explained that the practice in the past of calling some member to the Chair at the commencement of each Divisional Meeting was unfair to such Chairman, as he frequently had to speak of matters on difficulty without preparation.

Dr. T. C. MACKENZIE seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting was then adjourned and Members were kindly entertained to lunch

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at the Hospital. After lunch, on the motion of the Chairman, the Directors of the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital and Dr. Henderson were cordially thanked for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting and for their kind hospitality.

On the meeting re-assembling the Chairman intimated that the November meeting would probably be held at the Aberdeen Royal Mental Hospital.

Three interesting cases of organic brain disease were then presented by the medical staff:

(1) Korsakov's psychosis without neuritis.

(2) Dementia following delirium probably associated with endocrine insufficiency.

(3) Alzheimer's disease.

Interesting papers on "Occupational Therapy" were read by Miss DOROTHEA ROBERTSON, B.A.Cantab., Instructress; Miss BRODIE, Lady Superintendent, both by invitation; Dr. A. G. W. THOMSON, Physician; and Dr. D. K. HENDERSON, Physician Superintendent.

The papers dealt with the question of occupation from the point of view of the instructors, the nurse and the physician, and an interesting discussion followed.

Dr. WM. WHITELAW, M.B., Director of the Western Asylums Research Institute, read a short paper on "A Study of the Blood-Sugar Content in the Psychoses."

Members had an opportunity of inspecting the Occupational Therapy Department of the Hospital, and great interest was taken in the exhibition of craft work done by patients, which included raffia and pine needle basketry, embroidery, underglaze and overglaze painting, rug making, cane work, metal work and toy making.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on April 24, 1924, at the Central Criminal Asylum, Dundrum, by the kind invitation of Dr. T. Considine, Medical Superintendent, Dr. T. Considine in the Chair.

The members were shown over the institution previous to the meeting by Dr. Considine.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The HON. SECRETARY read correspondence, and explained the present position of the Association as regards the establishment of a Diploma in Mental Disease by the Universities and Licensing Bodies in England, Scotland and Ireland.

A ballot for the election of an Hon. Secretary and two Representative Members of Council was next proceeded with. Drs. Greene and Scroope were appointed scrutineers of the ballot, and it was declared by the Chairman that Dr. Leeper was elected Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year, and that Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. J. G. Graham were elected Representative Members of Council for the Division for the ensuing year.

The meeting next proceeded to elect two Examiners for the Certificate of Proficiency in Knowledge of Mental Disease of the Association. Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. R. R. Leeper were elected Examiners for the Certificate.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:

R. MARSHALL, M.D., F.R.C.P., Medical Registrar, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

Proposed by Drs. W. R. Dawson, M. J. Nolan, and Richard R. Leeper.

J. E. HERBERT, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, District Mental Hospital, Omagh.

Proposed by Drs. Patrick, W. R. Dawson, and Richard R. Leeper.

DANIEL LANE KELLY, L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Inspector of Lunatics and Senior Medical Inspector, Local Government Department, Dublin.

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

WILLIAM CALWELL, *O.B.E.*, M.D., M.Ch., Consulting Visitor in Lunacy to the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. W. R. Dawson, M. J. Nolan, and R. R. Leeper.

JOHN WATSON, M.D., B.Ch.Edin., Resident Medical Superintendent, Londonderry District Asylum.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Nolan, W. R. Dawson, and R. R. Leeper.

FRANCIS LEO MCLAUGHLIN, M.B., B.Ch., N.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Tirconaill Mental Hospital, Letterkenny.

Proposed by Drs. J. C. Martin, R. R. Leeper, and H. R. C. Rutherford.

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