SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Stoneyetts Certified Institution for Mental Defectives, Chryston, on Friday, March 16, 1923.

During the forenoon Dr. C. G. A. Chislett conducted members round the Hospital, explaining the arrangements made for the care and training of the patients.

Members were thereafter entertained to lunch, after which Lt.-Col. J. KEAY thanked the Stoneyetts Committee of the Glasgow District Board of Control, and Dr. Chislett, on the behalf of the Division, for the opportunity of seeing something of the work done at the Hospital and for their kind hospitality.

On the meeting reassembling Dr. R. B. Campbell was called to the chair.

The CHAIRMAN referred in appropriate terms to the great loss which the Association had sustained through the death of Col. D. G. Thomson, a former President of the Association and one of its most active members. It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Col. Thomson and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement, and the Secretary was instructed to send an excerpt of the minute to Mrs. Thomson.

The CHAIRMAN also referred to the fact that Dr. W. A. Parker, of Gartloch, had been laid aside from duty by illness, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Dr. Parker the sympathy of the members of the Division, and their hope that his health would soon be restored.

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

Dr. Donald Ross and Dr. Neil T. Kerr were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan was elected Divisional Secretary.

The following candidates after ballot were elected ordinary members of the Association :

(1) John Russell, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. R. B. Campbell, Kerr and Buchanan.)

(2) Victor William Jack, M.B., Ch. B.Edin.,Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert. (Proposed by Drs. R. B. Campbell, Kerr and Buchanan.)

The SECRETARY made a statement regarding amendments to the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, from which it appeared that it might now be possible for the Association to obtain a hearing on the subject from the Minister of Health. In view of this, and of the fact that the Parliamentary Committee are including the purely Scottish amendments in any representations made, it was unanimously agreed not to proceed meantime with the proposed Divisional Memorandum to the Secretary for Scotland, Members of Parliament, Boards of Control, etc. It was further decided to add the two following amendments to those already adopted by the Division.

(1) That Certified Institutions for Mental Defectives which are supported by public funds (other than those provided by District Boards of Control) be brought within the Superannuation Act on the same lines as the Royal Asylums.

(2) That those members of the asylum staffs who contracted out of the Superannuation Act, should be given an opportunity of availing themselves of its provisions on payment of a sum equal to the aggregate of the percentage amounts, which would have been deducted from salary or wages and emoluments, if no notice to contract out had been given.

During the discussion of the Nurses' Registration Act the Division unanimously agreed with the intention of the Association to continue to train and examine nurses for the Certificate of Proficiency in mental nursing. It also unanimously supported the proposal made at the Newcastle Quarterly Meeting to revert to two examinations instead of three.

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON laid the President's views as to the establishment of Clinical Centres before the Division. After considerable discussion Dr. Henderson was asked to embody his views in a resolution to be printed on the Agenda for the November meeting, so that suggestions might be invited and the matter fully discussed.

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Dr. C. G. A. CHISLETT contributed a short description of Stoneyetts, which was followed by an exceedingly interesting demonstration of cases. On the motion of the Chairman, Dr. Chislett was cordially thanked for the arrangements he had made in connection with the meeting and for his paper.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting, following which members were kindly entertained to tea.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held at St. Patrick's Hospital, St. James's Street, Dublin, on Thursday, April 26, 1923. Dr. J. O'C. Donelan in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence was read dealing with the registration of mental nurses and the communication directed by the Autumn Meeting to be forwarded to the General Nursing Council of Ireland was read and approved.

The election of an Hon. Secretary and two Representative Members of Council was next proceeded with, and on a ballot being taken and the scrutineer's reports received, the Chairman announced that Dr. R. R. Leeper was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and that Dr. S. J. Graham, Purdysburn Mental Hospital, Belfast, and Dr. J. O'Doherty, Sligo District Mental Hospital, were elected Representative Members of Council for the coming year.

On a ballot for the election of ordinary members the following having been proposed and seconded were declared elected:

DUNNE, JOHN, M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman District Mental Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. J. O'C. Donelan, H. R. C. Rutherford and H. Eustace.

MURNANE, HELEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman District Mental Hospital, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. J. O'C. Donelan, H. R. C. Rutherford and H. Eustace.

BARTON, MICHAEL, L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman District Mental Hospital, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. J. O'C. Donelan, H. R. C. Rutherford and H. Eustace.

DWYER, PATRICK, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., R.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman District Mental Hospital, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. J. O'C. Donelan, H. R. C. Rutherford and H. Eustace.

The meeting next proceeded to fix the dates of meetings of the Division for the coming year. The dates fixed are as follows:

Summer Meeting, July 3, 1923, at Mullingar District Asylum by the kind invitation of Dr. Gavin.

Autumn Meeting, November 1, 1923.

Spring Meeting, April 24, 1924.

The meeting considered a lengthy communication from the Hon. Secretary, Parliamentary Committee of the Association, requesting the opinion of the Irish Division as regards the proposed amendments to the Ayslum Officers' Superannuation Act. The members carefully considered the proposed amendments and after a great deal of discussion the Hon. Sectretary was directed to impress upon the Parliamentary Committee that they generally approved of the proposed amendments, but having regard to the fact that Dr. M. J. Nolan, of Downpatrick (whose knowledge and experience of this Act is so well known), was unable to be present it was considered wise to ask his opinion and advice on them and a further communication would be forwarded in due course.

Letters of condolence were ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Colles, Mrs. Forde and Dr. T. A. Greene expressing to them the sympathy of the members of the Irish Division in their recent bereavements.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. F. E. RAINSFORD, and seconded and passed by acclamation, thanking Dr. Leeper for his hospitality in entertaining the Division. Dr. LEEPER having replied and stated that it would always be a great pleasure for him to see the Irish Division at St. Patrick's Hospital whenever thay cared to come.

The proceedings then terminated.

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