No invitations having been received, it was left to the Hon. Secretary to fix the date and place of the 1928 meetings.

A letter was read from Mrs. Simpson conveying thanks for letter of sympathy received from the Division.

Document B of the proposal, referred to the Divisions by the Council to appoint annually Chairmen of Divisions who would be Vice-Presidents of the Association, was considered; it was explained that the Vice-President would be one of the Divisional Representative Members of Council. It was recommended that chairmen of Divisions should be members of not less than 10 years' standing. All queries in the document were unanimously approved.

Dr. BRUNTON brought forward a proposal that the date of the Autumn Nursing Examinations be altered to the last Monday in November and the first Monday in December. He stated that at present he had to hold a course of lectures in August, September and October to prepare candidates for the examination, but these were the main holiday months for the teaching staff and therefore it was difficult to train the candidates and to maintain the proper care of the patients.

It was resolved that Dr. Brunton's proposal be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Dr. E. MILDRED CREAK read a paper, "Classical Mental Symptoms arising from Gross Bodily Disorders" (*vide* p. 94).

Dr. T. WISHART DAVIDSON read a paper on "Cardiac Infarction." Specimens, photographs and X-ray films were shown (*vide* p. 92).

The CHAIRMAN congratulated and thanked both Dr. Creak and Dr. Davidson for their interesting communications.

After the meeting members were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Brunton.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, December 2, 1927.

There were present Dr. Hamilton Marr (the President of the Association), Dr. W. M. Buchanan (Divisional Secretary), and 27 other members. Dr. M. A. Bliss, St. Louis, U.S.A., was present as a visitor.

Dr. R. D. Hotchkis, Divisional Chairman, occupied the Chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman feelingly referred to the death of Dr. J. Carlyle Johnstone, the oldest member of the Division, and for 32 years Medical Superintendent of the Roxburgh District Asylum, Melrose. Prof. G. M. Robertson and Dr. Donald Ross also paid tribute to Dr. Carlyle Johnstone's memory, referring in particular to his charm of disposition, his literary and artistic tastes, and his work at the Roxburgh District Asylum, for the training of nurses, and for the passage through Parliament of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act. It was unanimously resolved to record in the Minutes that the Members of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Carlyle Johnstone, and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement. The Secretary was instructed to send an excerpt of the Minute to the relatives.

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

Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, H. Carre, J. H. C. Orr, and R. B. Campbell.

The business committee was appointed, consisting of the nominated member of Council, the two representative member of Council, the Chairman of the Division, Dr. W. M. McAlister, and the Divisional Secretary.

Dr. R. B. Campbell and Dr. Neil T. Kerr were nominated for the position of Representative Members of Council, and Dr. W. M. Buchanan was nominated for the position of Divisional Secretary.

The meeting then took into consideration the proposal to establish a Clinical Committee to organize Clinical Meetings in the Division. On the motion of Dr. Keay, seconded by the President, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the proposal subject to modification to meet local conditions in the Division, and it

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was remitted to the Business Committee to consider the question and report with recommendations.

The meeting unanimously approved of the proposal to appoint annually five Vice-Presidents, one by each Division, the Vice-President so elected to be also Chairman of the Division electing him. With regard to the details of the scheme, these were also unanimously approved except (1) that the Division considered that no term of years of membership should be laid down to make a member eligible for election as Vice-President, and (2) that the duty of a Vice-President "to make a point of becoming personally acquainted with all new members of his Division, etc.," should be modified by the insertion of the words "so far as possible," in front of "make," in view of the scattered nature of the hospitals in the Scottish Division.

An invitation was extended to the Division to hold its next meeting at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. Dr. Easterbrook was thanked for his invitation, and it was agreed to hold the Spring Meeting at Dumfries in May, 1928.

Prof. G. M. ROBERTSON delivered an address on "The Voluntary Admission of Parochial Patients to the Mental Hospitals in Scotland." After reviewing the history of voluntary boarder legislation in Scotland, it was pointed out that 60% of private patients (excluding service patients) are now admitted voluntarily to Scottish Mental Hospitals, while the proportion of rate-aided patients admitted voluntarily, though increasing, last year was only about 3%. The reasons for the difference between the numbers of parochial and private voluntary admissions were then analysed. The advantages of early voluntary admission were pointed out, and an eloquent plea was made for the extension and encouragement of it in parochial cases. An interesting discussion followed, taken part in by the PRESIDENT, Drs. R. MARY BARCLAY, P. STEELE, DONALD ROSS, S. R. MACPHAIL, J. H. SKEEN, C. J. SHAW and M. A. BLISS, all of whom desired to see an extension of the voluntary system to all parochial patients.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on Thursday, November 24, 1927.

Dr. D. L. Kelly, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, Irish Free State, and 12 other members were present.

Dr. J. O'C. Donelan having been called to the Chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

A letter of apology for unavoidable absence was read from Lieut.-Col. Dawson, who kindly forwarded a valuable communication *re* the business of the meeting.

Correspondence from the Secretary of the Association *re* the election of Divisional Secretary and Representative Members of Council was read, also a recent communication *re* the recognition of the Nursing Certificate of the Association by the General Nursing Council. Prof. Robertson's resolution anent this matter, which was carried by a large majority at the Quarterly General Meeting of the Association, held in London on November 17, was cordially approved, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a letter to the General Nursing Council, asking them to recognize the Certificate of the Association for registration, as they had not set up any examining body of their own, and to address a similar letter to the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for the election of two new members. Dr. Keene and Dr. Mills were appointed scrutineers. On a ballot being taken, it was declared by them that Dr. MARION WHITE, Assistant Medical Officer, Portrane, and Dr. JOSEPH KEARNEY, Assistant Medical Officer, Tirconaill District Mental Hospital, were elected members of the Association.

The meeting next considered, clause by clause, a memorandum *re* the establishment of Divisional Clinical Meetings, and, as amended, it was directed that the memorandum be now issued to the medical superintendents of all mental hospitals in Ireland, with a covering letter stating that it was desirable that they should bring it prominently before their committees, and urge strongly upon their committees the necessity for doing all in their power to establish and assist these

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