A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. H. E. Haynes for his kindly hospitality was proposed by Dr. BOWER, seconded by Dr. EDWARDS, and carried by acclamation.

Mrs. Haynes then entertained the members to tea and so concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

Subsequently Drs. Bower, Edwards, H. E. Haynes, H. G. L. Haynes, Norman and Sergeant dined together at the Cafe Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the above Division was held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Devine, at the Corporation Mental Hospital, Portsmouth, on Friday, April 23rd, 1920.

The following members were present:—Drs. Devine, Erskine, Nelis, Prentice, Kidd, Stanford Read, Stokes, Williams, and Dr. Bartlett, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. Devine was voted to the Chair, and extended a cordial welcome to the visitors—Sir G. Archdall Reid, Drs. Fraser, Inman, Kerr, Waterfield.

There were letters of regret for non-attendance from Drs. Aveline, Mary Martin, MacBryan, McRae, Grigsby, Peachell, Soutar and Westrup.

Dr. Bartlett was appointed Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Drs. MacBryan and Soutar were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Drs. Devine and Stanford Read were elected as Members of the Committee of Management.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for October 29th, 1920, the place to be left in the hands of the Secretary; the date of the next Spring Meeting April 24th, 1921.

Dr. STANFORD READ, Physician to Fisherton House, then read his paper, entitled, "The Psychopathology of Alcoholism and some so-called Alcoholic Psychoses." Dr. Read ably led his hearers to re-consider alcoholism in its long-accepted relation to the psychoses, and the meeting strongly expressed their appreciation of his views and most interesting paper, which resulted in a productive discussion, in which Sir G. ARCHDALL REID, Drs. DEVINE, PRENTICE, WILLIAMS, ERSKINE, FRASER and INMAN participated.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Devine for his kindness and hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at the kind invitation of Dr. Geddes at the Mental Hospital, Middlesbrough, on Thursday, April 29th, 1920.

The President, Dr. Bedford Pierce, in the chair.

The following fourteen members were present:

Drs. H. G. Drake-Brockman, A. J. Eades, J. W. Geddes, H. W. Kershaw, R. R. Kirwan, H. I. Mackenzie, H. D. MacPhail, G. F. May, Bedford Pierce, E. S. Simpson, R. C. Stewart, J. B. Tighe, R. C. Walker and T. S. Adair.

Several apologies were received for non-attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. J. R. Gilmour was unanimously appointed secretary for the ensuing year—proposed by Dr. Geddes and seconded by Dr. Stewart.

Drs. R. R. Kirwan and T. S. Adair were elected Representative Members of Council—proposed by Dr. Pierce and seconded by Dr. Geddes.

The kind invitations of Dr. Hunter to hold the Autumn Meeting, 1920, at the Coppice, Nottingham, on October 21st, and of Dr. Tighe to hold the Spring Meeting, 1921, at the Gateshead Mental Hospital, Stannington, on April 21st, 1921, were heartily and cordially accepted on the proposal of Dr. PIERCE, seconded by Dr. MACKENZIE.

Dr. PIERCE made some reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Division, and to the future arrangements regarding the Nursing Examination.

Dr. DRAKE-BROCKMAN then introduced the question of voluntary boarders in asylums. He thought that it was desirable that public asylums should be allowed

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