SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. MacBryan, at 17, Belmont, Bath, on Friday, October 27, 1922.

Dr. W. F. Nelis was voted to the Chair and the minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed and signed.

A letter was read from Dr. E. Goodall expressing his regret that he could not receive the Division for this Meeting.

The resignation of the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Dr. G. N. Bartlett) was received with regret, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his services.

Dr. W. Starkey was nominated Hon. Divisional Secretary, and his consent to act as such until his formal election was gratefully acknowledged.

Drs. T. S. Good and J. G. Soutar were nominated as representative Members of Council.

The place of the Spring Meeting on April 26, 1923, was left in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

A letter was read from Dr. R. Eager proposing that the dates for holding the meetings be reconsidered. It was decided to circularise members of the Division as to which days in the last full weeks of April and October are most suitable for meetings.

A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. MacBryan for his hospitality, which he is ever ready to extend to members of the Division.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held, on the invitation of Dr. B. H. Shaw, at the County Mental Hospital at Stafford on Thursday, October 26, at 2 p.m.

Dr. Shaw, who afterwards occupied the Chair, entertained the Division to lunch, and gave a short sketch of the history of the Hospital, which is one of the oldest in England, having been established in 1818. He also exhibited several very old visitors' books and reports, which were of great interest. Dr. Shaw was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. H. Crowther Viehoff, Coton Hill Mental Hospital, was balloted for and unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association.

Drs. T. S. Adair, E. C. Mould and Bedford Pierce were elected members of the Divisional Committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. SHAW read a paper on "Infection in Asylums, with Special Reference to Floor Treatment" (see p. 24). The paper was a most interesting and practical one and was discussed by several members.

Drs. R. M. STEWART and D. O. RIDDEL followed with a paper on "Pressure Changes in the Cerebro-spinal Fluid." This gave an account of the changes in a series of cases in which the pressure of the cerebro-spinal fluid was recorded over a period of hours and under varied conditions. The paper was illustrated by charts. Several members discussed the paper.

Dr. FARRAN-RIDGE then showed a patient giving an interesting family and personal history and demonstrating the points clinically. The question of the diagnosis was spoken to by various members.

Dr. E. S. SIMPSON then reopened the discussion on the nursing question, which had been adjourned from the Spring Meeting of the Division. The hours, duties, and training of the staff were considered. A prolonged discussion followed, mainly bearing on the differences between hospitals in their methods and training. The following resolution was adopted to be sent to the Council of the Association: "That in the opinion of this Division it is an urgent necessity that steps be taken to try to prevent the migration of junior and probationer nurses from one hospital to another."

This concluded the meeting.

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