namely, that on the day he became Commissioner he started with ten years' Government service. To-day the Government had dropped for everybody "added years." Therefore anyone now appointed Commissioner dropped all his years he had put in towards his pension, and started *de novo* on a less scale and less salary than before. He was very glad to see that the matter had been raised in Scotland, and he was sure that "down South" the Board would be glad to know of this resolution, if it should be adopted.

Agreed.

The PRESIDENT said a copy of that would be sent to the Board of Control.

### MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The GENERAL SECRETARY reported the receipt of an invitation to send delegates to the Conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health at Scarborough.

It was agreed that it lie on the table.

The GENERAL SECRETARY read a letter from Mrs. Tuke Sainsbury offering the Library of the Association an album which was presented to her father, Dr. Hack-Tuke, by the contributors to his *Dictionary of Psychological Medicine.*

He said he wrote at once accepting the gift, with warm thanks. His action was confirmed.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY.

This report, which had been submitted to the Council, was considered by the meeting and approved of.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting be held in London commencing July 9th, and that the appointment of the Maudsley Lecturer for 1925 be left over for the present.

### ELECTION OF CANDIDATES AS ORDINARY MEMBERS.

The following were duly elected ordinary members of the Association:

PAILTHORPE, GRACE WINIFRED, M.B., B.S.Durh., Clinical Assistant, H.M. Prison, Birmingham.
*Proposed by* Drs. M. Hamblin Smith, Geo. A. Auden, and R. Worth.

MADILL, JOSEPH THOMAS HERBERT, B.A.N.U.I., M.B., B.Ch.Edin., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Chester.
*Proposed by* Drs. G. Hamilton Grills, G. Warwick Smith, and R. Worth.

GILLESPIE, ISABELLA ANNIE, M.B., B.Ch.Edin., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Chester.
*Proposed by* Drs. G. Hamilton Grills, G. Warwick Smith, and R. Worth.

LAING, JOHN KIDD COLLIER, M.B., B.S.Melb., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Cane Hill Mental Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
*Proposed by* Drs. S. Elgee, O. P. Napier Pearn, and F. Morres.

MCGARVEY, JOHN, M.B., B.Ch.Belf., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Somerset and Bath Asylum, Wells.
*Proposed by* Drs. J. E. P. Shera, W. Starkey, and H. B. Wilkinson.

KIDDLE, FREDERICK, *C.M.G.*, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Assistant Medical Officer, Essex County Mental Hospital, Colchester.
*Proposed by* Drs. R. C. Turnbull, W. Gordon Masefield, and Alan F. Grimbly.

HENNESSY, JAMES ALPHONSUS, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Mickleover, Derby.
*Proposed by* Drs. G. N. Bartlett, John Bain, and R. Worth.

CHEVENS, LESLIE CHARLES FREDERICK, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Parkside, Macclesfield.
*Proposed by* Drs. H. Dove Cormack, G. G. Parkin, P. C. Coombes.

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## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of the Committee of Management and Dr. A. Helen Boyle, at the Lady Chichester Hospital, Aldrington House, New Church Road, Hove, Brighton, Sussex, on Wednesday, March 21, 1923.

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Among the visitors present were: The Countess of Chichester, the Hon. Eleanor Ritchie, Drs. H. Buckley, Douglas A. Crow, L. C. Harris, E. Hobhouse, Mrs. Carswell and Miss Hingston.

The members were shown round the hospital and grounds and were then entertained to luncheon, at the conclusion of which Dr. PERCY SMITH proposed the Lady Chichester Hospital, coupling with it the names of the Countess of Chichester and Dr. Helen Boyle.

The COUNTESS OF CHICHESTER and Dr. HELEN BOYLE responded.

The General Meeting was held at 2.30 p.m., Dr. R. Percy Smith in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Dr. Noel Sergeant and Drs. F. H. Edwards, A. A. W. Petrie, J. G. Porter Phillips and F. R. P. Taylor were unanimously elected Hon. Div. Sec. and Representative Members of the Council respectively for the year 1923–24.

Drs. H. G. L. Haynes, W. Brooks Keith and A. A. W. Petrie were elected member of the Divisional Committee of Management.

Drs. N. A. Crow and D. N. Hardcastle were elected ordinary members.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the Autumn Meeting.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE read a paper on "The History of the Lady Chichester Hospital," which was followed by a discussion in which Drs. J. CARSWELL, F. H. EDWARDS, E. S. PASMORE, A. A. W. PETRIE and PERCY SMITH took part.

Dr. N. A. CROW read a paper on "Epilepsy."

Dr. PERCY SMITH asked Dr. J. N. G. NOLAN to read his communication dealing with the treatment of epilepsy by luminal, and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. E. S. PASMORE, J. FARQUHARSON POWELL and F. R. P. Taylor.

Dr. CARSWELL then read a paper on "Laughter."

Lt.-Col. J. R. LORD then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

The members were entertained to tea at the Lady Chichester Hospital and also at Hove Villa by Dr. F. H. Edwards.

## IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, November 30th, 1922.

Dr. Gavin took the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A communication was considered from the General Nursing Council of Ireland, *re* the registration of mental nurses, from which it appeared that at the time of writing there were only four registered mental nurses in Ireland. The Hon. Secretary was directed to communicate with the Nursing Council in reply with copies of the previous correspondence as regards the want of representation of the Asylum Service of Ireland on the Nursing Council.

Dr. MOLONY, Assistant Medical Officer, Limerick, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Association.

As neither Dr. J. O'C. Donelan nor Dr. F. E. Rainsford were present, the discussion on "Parole" was not introduced, and the proceedings terminated.

## PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

*February* 15, 1923: *Ex-service Men in Mental Hospitals.*—Mr. LANSBURY asked the Minister of Pensions how many ex-service men at present being treated in mental hospitals his department decided to hand over for maintenance as pauper cases to Poor-Law authorities, and in how many cases have Boards of Guardians accepted chargeability for such cases?—Mr. F. ROBERTS asked the Minister of Pensions the number of mentally-afflicted ex-service men that have been transferred from the care of the Ministry of Pensions to the Poor-Law Guardians and are now pauper lunatics; and whether any scheme has been devised for the Ministry of Pensions to keep these men under their charge?—Major TRYON replied: The number of ex-service men in asylums for whom the temporary responsibility

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