The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Letters expressing regret for not being able to attend were received from Dr. T. C. Graves and Dr. Donald Ross.

Prof. J. Shaw Bolton, Drs. M. A. Archdale, G. L. Brunton, Dove Cormac, R. C. Forrester and J. I. Russell were re-elected members of the Divisional Committee.

Miss Celia M. Moore, Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Macclesfield, was, according to the procedure laid down by Bye-law 26, elected a member of the Mental Nursing Consultative Committee, and Mr. Jas. Baird, County Mental Hospital, Lancaster, was nominated as a candidate for election to this Committee by the Educational Committee.

The following were elected by ballot ordinary members of the Association:

DAVID KENNEDY BRUCE, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Medical Officer, Storthes Hall Mental Hospital, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.
Proposed by Drs. J. Shaw Bolton, C. W. Ewing and M. J. McGrath.

THEONIE RENÉE CHAPMAN, M.B., B.S.Durh., Assistant Medical Officer, Northumberland Mental Hospital, Morpeth.
Proposed by Drs. G. R. East, R. C. Illingworth and J. B. Tighe.

ROBERT WILLIAM MACDONALD, M.B., B.Ch.Glasg., Medical Officer, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.
Proposed by Drs. J. Shaw Bolton, C. W. Ewing and M. J. McGrath.

HENRY CECIL WALDO, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond, Barrister-at-Law, Medical Superintendent, Notts County Mental Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Proposed by Drs. G. Warwick Smith, G. W. Shore, Noel G. Harris and J. B. Tighe.

ARTHUR GURNEY YATES, M.A., M.D.Edin., M.R.C.P.Lond., Physician, Sheffield Royal Infirmary, 53, Wilkinson Street, Sheffield.
Proposed by Drs. W. Vincent, J. Moir Mathieson and F. Thorpe.

It was left to the Hon. Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Spring Meeting, 1929.

Dr. MIDDLEMISS read a paper, "Some Remarks on the Certification of the Mental Defective" (*vide* p. 45), which gave rise to a very interesting discussion, in which Drs. Drake-Brockman, Archdale, Russell and Davie took part. The view was advanced that though the definition of a mental defective laid down in the Act of 1927 simplified the practice of certifiers, it had undoubtedly caused confusion. Dr. Middlemiss in his reply said that the extension of the age to eighteen years did make it possible for cases of dementia præcox to be included.

In reply to another question Dr. MIDDLEMISS said he always thought it wiser when certifying to use the lesser degree of deficiency, *e.g.*, if higher than an imbecile he used the term "feeble-minded."

Mr. W. BRITTAN JONES described a case of mammary abscess and a case of abscess of the liver, in both of which melancholic symptoms were found. He said that these bodily conditions had for a long period escaped diagnosis, and he consequently was impressed with the importance of very careful examination of all mental cases for physical disease.

Dr. J. P. STEEL read a paper entitled "The Routine Treatment of Epilepsy" (*vide* p. 107).

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks to the speakers for the interesting and informing contributions which they had brought before the meeting. His remarks were endorsed by Drs. BEDFORD PIERCE and DOVE CORMAC and the proceedings terminated.

Members were afterwards entertained to tea by Mrs. Drake-Brockman, during which a cinema film, "The Manufacture of Iron and Steel from Ironstone to the Finished Product," was shown. This gave an interesting picture of the principal industry of Middlesbrough, where the film was taken, as well as of the industrial life of the River Tees generally.

SCOTTISH DISIVION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Kirklands Mental Hospital, Bothwell, on Friday, December 14, 1928.

There were present twenty-seven members.

Dr. C. C. Easterbrook, Divisional Chairman, occupied the Chair.

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Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting the Chairman feelingly referred to the death of Dr. R. B. Mitchell, who had joined the Association in 1881, and who, though handicapped through life by deafness, had, as Medical Superintendent of the Midlothian and Peebles District Asylum, Rosslynlee, for the long period of twenty-eight years, rendered valuable service in the care and treatment of the insane. He also spoke of Dr. Mitchell's fine personal qualities, and of the interest he took in the affairs of the Scottish Division. 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. R. B. Mitchell 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. Mitchell.

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

The Secretary submitted a letter of acknowledgment from Dr. D. R. Oswald thanking the Division for its kind letter of sympathy, and also a letter from Dr. R. B. Campbell thanking the Division for their good wishes for his restoration to health.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Drs. D. K. Henderson, W. Boyd, A. Ninian Bruce, H. de M. Alexander, T. C. Mackenzie, George Gibson, Tuach Mackenzie, W. K. Anderson, J. H. C. Orr, R. Mary Barclay, H. C. Marr and Prof. G. M. Robertson.

Dr. R. B. Campbell was nominated Divisional Chairman, Drs. R. B. Campbell and Neil T. Kerr for Representative Members of Council, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan Divisional Secretary for the year 1929–30.

The SECRETARY reported that a proposal to institute a Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the Educational Committee had been approved by the Annual Meeting of the Association in July, 1928. He explained the constitution of this Committee and saw that the names were requested to be notified before the quarterly meeting in November. As no meeting of the Division would take place in time, the matter had been referred to the Business Committee, who had appointed Miss Maccallum, Dykebar Mental Hospital, as the Scottish female representative, and had decided not to nominate a male representative, as few, if any, of the male nursing staff in Scotland were engaged in teaching. The meeting unanimously approved of the action of the Business Committee in the matter.

The Local Government (Scotland) Bill was discussed. Several members expressed the fear that under its provisions local lunacy and mental deficiency administration might come directly under the control of the county or burgh medical officers of health. The meeting was unanimously of opinion that any such departure would be detrimental in its results. The Business Committee was instructed to watch the progress of the Bill, and to make suitable protest should it prove to be the intention of the Government to place local lunacy and mental deficiency administration under the control of the medical officer of health.

Members were kindly entertained to lunch in the hospital, and, on the motion of Dr. Easterbrook, the Joint Committee and Dr. Buchanan and his staff were cordially thanked for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting, and for their kind hospitality.

On the meeting reassembling Dr. BUCHANAN presented the following cases:

1. Case of multiple cavernous angiomata, of special interest from the nursing standpoint, owing to the danger of a trivial injury producing alarming and possibly fatal hæmorrhage.

2. Case of post-encephalitic Parkinsonianism exhibiting in marked degree the symptom of retropulsion.

3. Case of paranoïd dementia with irritative and paretic cranial nerve lesions due to gumma of the posterior edge of pons and anterior edge of medulla; recovery from cranial nerve symptoms followed arsenic, mercury and iodide therapy.

4. Case of dementia in a girl, æt. 17, with stigmata of congenital syphilis, who developed normally till the age of 12, and then rapidly became demented. Mental age now 3. Blood and cerebro-spinal fluid Wassermann positive. Pandy and Ross Jones tests positive; gold-sol curve luetic; cerebro-spinal fluid cells not increased. No physical signs of general paralysis.

5. Case of juvenile general paralysis with syphilitic stigmata, who had recently given birth to a full-term healthy child without labour pains.

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The last three cases were shown in order to introduce a discussion on the diagnosis of general paralysis. Many members took part in it, and several interesting views were expressed. The discussion brought out the necessity of defining clearly what exactly was meant by the term "general paralysis" before the diagnosis of the condition could be profitably discussed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting, and thereafter members were entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Irish Division was held at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, by the kind invitation of the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital and Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan, Medical Superintendent, on Thursday, November 15, 1928.

Members present: Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan (in the Chair), Dr. D. L. Kelly, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, Irish Free State, and twenty-three other members.

After luncheon members visited the wards for a demonstration of clinical cases by Dr. Stanley Blake and Dr. Dunne (*vide* p. 191).

Members then assembled in the Board Room of the Hospital.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Drs. F. J. Deane, G. R. Lawless, O'Kelly, Parsons, Bigger, O. F. McCarthy, Hardy, S. Graham, G. W. M. Scroope and Mr. Chance.

The following were elected, by ballot, ordinary members of the Association:

JOHN FITZGERALD, M.D., B.Ch.N.U.I., D.M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin.

Proposed by Drs. J. O'Conor Donelan, Stanley Blake and Dunne.

PATRICK JOSEPH CASSIN, M.D., B.Ch.N.U.I., D.M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, District Mental Hospital, Kilkenny.

Proposed by Drs. L. Gavin, P. Moran and R. R. Leeper.

The question of the recognition of the Association's Certificate for Registration by the General Nursing Councils was next discussed. It was considered desirable to have a person connected with the teaching and training of mental nurses as representative on the Irish Free State General Nursing Council, and it was resolved that Dr. R. R. Leeper, Hon. Sec. of the Irish Division, be nominated by the Division as its representative.

The meeting then appointed Miss Delaney, Matron of Mullingar District Mental Hospital, Nurse Representative for Ireland on the Advisory Committee to the Educational Committee.

After some discussion it was decided to abandon the January meeting of the Division and to hold the next Clinical Meeting at Belfast in April, by the kind invitation of Dr. Graham, Medical Superintendent of Purdysburn Villa Colony.

A cordial vote was passed with acclamation, recording the thanks of the Division to the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital for their hospitality and kindness, and to Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan for affording members an opportunity of visiting the Hospital and successfully commencing the Clinical Meetings of the Division, and also to Drs. J. O'Conor Donelan, Stanley Blake and Dunne for the demonstrations.

DIVISIONAL CLINICAL MEETINGS.

Bristol Mental Hospital, Fishponds, Bristol.

A Divisional Clinical Meeting was held at the hospital on Tuesday, October 16, 1928 (postponed from September 25).

Present: Five members and one visitor. Dr. E. Barton White presided.

Dr. Townsend courteously wrote and explained how it was impossible for him to attend.

The following cases were demonstrated and discussed:

(1) A case of disordered metabolism in a girl, æt. 17, was shown, with her weights

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