R. N. CRAIG, N. R. PHILLIPS, A. C. KING-TURNER, W. BROWN (Bristol) and the CHAIRMAN.

Dr. MCGARVEY replied briefly.

The members had the opportunity of inspecting the hospital before the meeting, and were most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by courtesy of Dr. G. L. Brunton and the Committee of Visitors at the Nottingham City Mental Hospital, Mapperley Hill, on Thursday, October 20, 1927.

There were present twenty-six members and two visitors.

Members were shown over the hospital in the forenoon. The nurses' home, paranoiacs' rock garden and poster corridor were objects of special interest.

Dr. Brunton and the Committee entertained the visitors to lunch, at which the Chairman of the Hospital Committee presided.

A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. C. H. Bond and seconded by Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord, and carried unanimously. In his remarks Dr. Bond referred to the progressive spirit which animated the Hospital Committee, and to the work which they were doing. He congratulated the Chairman on the fact that the Nottingham authorities had established an institution for their mental defectives.

Dr. Brunton having been elected to the Chair, the minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and confirmed signed by the Chairman.

The formation of Divisional areas for clinical meetings was discussed.

Lt.-Col. LORD stated that Divisional clinical meetings were primarily intended to meet the interests of the assistant medical officers, as in the case of the Maudsley meetings, but he attached the greatest importance to local general practitioners being also invited, and gave his reasons why. He stated that the work of the sub-committee on special subjects of the Research and Clinical Committee is to be differentiated from the Divisional clinical meetings. He was of opinion that it was the discussion on actual cases which was of great advantage both to the doctor and to the patient.

Dr. MENZIES remarked that hospitals situated in an isolated position would experience difficulty in getting members to attend.

Dr. J. E. MIDDLEMISS suggested that areas be delineated and the meetings distributed among the hospitals in each area.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. BRUNTON) showed a map which he had prepared with the provisional areas marked, each of which contained a University centre.

Dr. J. I. RUSSELL considered these areas too large, and remarked that the success of the meetings would depend upon the attendances and amount of clinical material available.

After further discussion, in which several members joined, it was agreed that the following provisional areas be recognized, and that a Committee be formed to subdivide or otherwise arrange these areas if desirable. The areas are Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nottingham and York.

The following were elected members of the Divisional Clinical Committee to carry out these arrangements and report to the Division: Dr. A. T. W. Forrester, Prof. J. Shaw Bolton, Dr. Dove Cormac, Dr. M. T. Archdale, Dr. G. L. Brunton, Dr. J. I. Russell.

It was proposed by Dr. MATHIESON and seconded by Dr. J. M. MACKENZIE that this Committee have power to co-opt members to meet them before their report is submitted to the Division. This was agreed to.

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

JAMES WOODMAN ASTLEY COOPER, L.S.A., L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., etc., Middleton Hall Private Mental Hospital, Almora Hall, Middleton St. George, co. Durham.

Proposed by Drs. J. B. Tighe, G. E. Mould and D. H. Cameron.

THOMAS COOK BARKAS, *O.B.E.*, M.B., B.S.Durh., Resident Medical Officer, Middleton Hall, Middleton St. George, co. Durham.

Proposed by Drs. J. B. Tighe, G. E. Mould and D. H. Cameron.

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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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