SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1944, MEETING of the South-Western Division was held by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong at Littlemore Hospital, near Oxford, on Thursday, March 23, 1944.

Apologies for absence were received from the President (Dr. T. C. Graves), Drs. R. E. Hemphill, F. Dudley, J. W. Leech, E. Barton-White and others.

Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming was in the Chair.

The following were present: Drs. J. Gould, G. W. T. H. Fleming, C. Davies-Jones, Major F. Stuhl, Drs. H. B. Hill, R. G. McInnes, B. W. Armitage, E. Casson, F. M. Stewart, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Capt. G. Tayleur Stockings, Drs. E. Hagedorn, N. Moulson, F. L. Golla, B. Hutton, D. H. H. Thomas, J. Johnston Mason, E. Laval, and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following attended as visitors: Drs. Sophia Lucas, A. Guirdham, Major W. R. Reynell, Drs. R. W. Kosterlitz, E. M. Handfield-Jones, Dagmar Wilson, A. M. Stewart, Robert Biggall, Delgado, and Tytler, and Mr. Morrell (Chairman of the Visiting Committee).

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

JOHN AUGUSTINE KELLEHER, L.R.C.P.&S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, The Old Manor, Salisbury.

Proposed by Drs. S. Edgar Martin, P. W. Carruthers and J. P. Westrup.

ARTHUR GUIRDHAM, M.A., D.M.Oxon., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Bailbrook House, Batheaston, Bath.

Proposed by Drs. S. Edgar Martin, P. W. Carruthers and J. P. Westrup.

The Report of the Divisional Management Committee was received and the following recommendations approved:

On the retirement of Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming as Chairman, after this meeting, Dr. S. Edgar Martin to be Chairman, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong having kindly undertaken to do temporary Secretary's work.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin and Dr. R. E. Hemphill to be Representative Members of Council, and Dr. S. Edgar Martin to be nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

Dr. J. W. Leech to be asked if he would kindly have the Autumn, 1944, meeting to be held on Thursday, October 26, 1944, at Wilts County Mental Hospital, Devizes. In view of difficulties of travelling, petrol shortage, etc., Dr. Fleming thought it would be advisable to have the meeting as central as possible.

Dr. FLEMING opened a discussion *re* the future Mental Health Services, and the following raised various points and contributed to an animated and interesting debate on the subject: Dr. GUIRDHAM, Lieut.-Col. R. W. ARMSTRONG, Dr. R. G. MCINNES, Capt. G. T. STOCKINGS, *R.A.M.C.*, Drs. C. DAVIES-JONES, ELIZABETH CASSON, B. ARMITAGE, JONATHAN GOULD and other members.

The following were appointed as a Medical Planning Committee for the Division: Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, S. Edgar Martin, R. G. McInnes, R. M. Bates, R. E. Hemphill, N. Moulson, and Major F. Stuhl, *R.A.M.C.*, with instructions to appoint a representative on the main committee.

The Chairman of the Visiting Committee (Mr. MORRELL) welcomed the members at lunch and hoped they would have a pleasant meeting. He apologized for the state of the Hospital, but knew that they would realize this was due to shortage of labour, materials, etc.

Dr. FLEMING proposed a vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and the Visiting Committee and this was passed with acclamation. After the meeting members were kindly entertained to tea.

Dr. HORACE HILL, M.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Laverstock House, Salisbury, read a paper on **"Dementia Praecox in Juvenile Delinquency,"** and the following took part in the discussion: Dr. N. MOULSON, Major REYNELL, Dr. R. G. MCINNES and Dr. F. L. GOLLA.

Dr. JONATHAN GOULD, M.B., M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Littlemore Hospital, Oxford, read a paper on **"Psychotic Reactions to Sexual Trauma in Girls."**

Capt. G. TAYLEUR STOCKINGS, *R.A.M.C.*, read a paper on **"Schizophrenia in Military Psychiatric Practice,"** and Dr. FLEMING, Major STUHL and others took part in the subsequent discussion.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on Thursday, October 28, 1943.

Members present: Dr. John Dunne, in the Chair; Drs. J. F. Fitzgerald, P. J. Irwin, P. Grace, S. Blake, B. F. Honan, P. Moran, W. J. Coyne, R. Thompson, P. J. Cassin, R. D. Brennan, E. O'Brien, D. Hegarty, T. Geraghty, B. Moran, J. W. Weir, P. Mallie, T. Conlon, M. Gallagher, H. Ingouville-Williams, N. B. O'Higgins (Hon. Sec.).

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Drs. D. B. Lothian, J. Fitzgerald, P. J. Kelly, E. N. M. O'Sullivan, C. B. Maloney.

Before reading the minutes the HON. SECRETARY thanked the Division for their kind vote of sympathy passed at the last meeting. He also thanked the Division for electing him as Hon. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved and signed.

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