he spoke of the method of inter-hospital conferences in the United States, pointing out the medical administrative, and social advantages of such a system. Dr. J. H. MacDonald seconded the motion, and after Dr. T. C. Mackenzie, Dr. Donald Ross, Sir H. Arthur Rose, Dr. R. Mary Barclay, and Prof. Robertson had spoken in support, the motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange in future accordingly.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, November 1, 1923, Dr. M. J. Nolan in the Chair.

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

Letters in connection with the registration of mental nurses were read, and telegrams received from Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and others were considered by the meeting.

The correspondence regarding the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act was read, and the report of Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. P. O'Doherty, appointed at the last meeting of the Division to deal with this important matter, was read and considered.

It was decided that no further action should be taken at present, pending the introduction of the amending Bill in the Parliament of Southern Ireland.

On a ballot being taken the following were elected ordinary members:

McCarthy, Dr. Owen Felix, Resident Medical Superintendent of Cork District Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Nolan, O'Conor Donelan and R. R. Leeper.

Fitzgerald, Dr. John J., Assistant Medical Officer, Cork District Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Nolan, O'Conor Donelan and H. R. C. Rutherford.

The meeting next considered the present position as regards the registration of mental nurses by the General Nursing Council in respect of Ireland, particularly in respect of those nurses who, although uncertificated by the Association, were eligible for registration, having been for three years in active practice as mental nurses before the specified date fixed by the General Nursing Council.

The meeting considered that it was in the proper discretion of the Medical Superintendents to give a certificate to these nurses who were really engaged in the treatment of insane cases during the specified period, so as to enable them to go upon the Register.

The meeting next discussed the desirability of assistant medical officers in Ireland obtaining a special qualification in mental disease, and it was unanimously decided that the Certificate of the Association was eminently suitable as a qualification, being a certificate granted by examination by experienced physicians and superintendents of mental hospitals; and candidates for the certificate must always be physicians engaged for a specific period in the active treatment of mental disease before they are permitted to sit for the examination.

The Hon. Secretary was directed by the meeting to have printed and issued a circular to medical men practising as physicians in Irish mental hospitals, calling their attention to the desirability of their joining the Medico-Psychological Association, and thereby contributing by their clinical, pathological and therapeutical knowledge and experience to the advancement of psychological medicine in this country.

This terminated the proceedings.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

London County Council.—The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5.—We understand that Sir Frederick Mott will continue to direct the course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine at the Maudsley Hospital. The seventh course will commence on Monday, January 21, 1924.

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