if any was exercised, and was told that books about mental hospitals and those which show doctors in unpleasant roles were excluded.

Miss M. BERGMAN read a paper on " Social Club Chairmen "—a humorous and critical survey of the 26 patients who had been Chairmen of the Netherne Hospital Patients' Social Club in the eight years of its existence.

Dr. DAX then introduced the film " Out of True " which had been produced by the Crown Film Unit at Netherne Hospital. This forty-minute film showed the circumstances leading up to an attempted suicide by a young married woman and her subsequent admission, treatment and recovery in a mental hospital.

IRISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Association was held on Wednesday, 2 May, 1951, at Stewart's Hospital, Palmerstown, Co. Dublin, by the kind invitation of Dr. H. St. George Smith, Medical Superintendent.

33 members and 3 guests were present.

The members and guests were most hospitably entertained to Lunch by Dr. Smith before the meeting. At the close of the Luncheon a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. MORAN and seconded by Dr. DUNNE expressing to Dr. Smith and his Committee the great indebtedness of the Division to them for their magnificent hospitality.

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

The Officers of the Division were re-elected for a second year of office.

The following new member was unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

O'CONNOR, J. J., M.B., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Mental Hospital Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Proposed by Drs. E. N. M. O'Sullivan, C. B. Molony and M. J. Kennefick.

It was decided to hold the Autumn Quarterly Meeting at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Wednesday, 7 November, 1951.

Dr. MORAN raised the question of the hours of duty of supervisory officers in mental hospitals. After some discussion it was decided that this matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting and formally discussed.

Dr. SMITH then presented his communication on **" Some Aspects in the Education of Mentally Handicapped Children."** He defined education as an attempt to train the individual to achieve the greatest benefit to himself and to the environment in which he finds himself. The factors which must be considered in any scheme of education were : (1) Religious principles, (2) Family relationships, and (3) Understanding speech. Dr. Smith then proceeded to discuss each of these three factors. The first he decided was too big a question to discuss at a meeting of this kind, despite its paramount importance. He described how the difficulty of absence of family relationships was overcome in his Hospital by encouraging older patients to look after younger ones. He showed how this was good for the younger patients and provided a satisfactory outlet for the instincts of the older ones. He described in detail the amenities provided in the way of playrooms and occupational therapy, and demonstrated some of the product of the classes. He presented some older and younger patients, demonstrating the obviously happy relationship between the two.

He then demonstrated in some detail the mechanical apparatus used in helping to deal with the third problem, the understanding of speech, in those patients whose power to hear and speak had not developed. He gave a practical demonstration of one child who had been unable to speak at all a few months previously and now talked quite happily to the meeting.

He closed his communication by an appeal to the various social groups in the community, especially educational and religious, asking for their help and co-operation in the rehabilitation of these patients.

The communication was discussed by Drs. O'SULLIVAN, DUNNE, KEARNEY, COYNE, THOMPSON, MORAN and HONAN and Brother BILFRID.

Dr. SMITH replied to questions, and the meeting adjourned to be entertained to tea by Dr. Smith.

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