himself, within a few weeks of half-a-century of watching a cavalcade of memories wax and wane, and was still an optimist and always had been and still maintained full enthusiasm for the advancement of any method which would be to the advantage of the patients, could be a neutral. He felt he could not be a neutral so he disclaimed that.

"Impartial adjudicator." Might he take the second word first? He would not read his notes, but he had compared it to the function of a judge and what he did in the way of taking his evidence. Notes were taken for him, but he did not after all give the verdict. He had a body, which Sir Hubert called the practitioners of life, to give their verdict, and surely in this instance it was the practitioners of medicine, not some adjudicator, who should give the verdict? Suppose some brave man did fill the position of adjudicator, what would be the result? Suppose he gave a dramatic verdict in favour of this doctrine? His belief was in his fellow countrymen, and, dare he say, still more in those who claimed to belong to the County Palatine; all we could do would be immediately to stir up a mountain of opposition, and if he gave a verdict against that would not stop them from doing the very best for their patients.

So he would drop that, and all he would claim to be was impartial. Still trying to fulfil that role—and as he had advance copies of what the contributors intended to say he made some notes which might be of interest in the Journal. He also left blank pages to make what notes he could of the remarks. Particularly was he going to take a note of the remarks against this line of treatment because he felt that was what ought to be answered, but there had been no remarks against it, and he came back to the position in which it was left in London last July when the meeting was adjourned, and renewed at the present gathering.

He was very glad the Association had come north; it was 40 years since it met in Lancashire and they must congratulate the President on an extraordinarily good meeting. Quite a number of superintendents had been accompanied by those who were acting with them in their hospitals as ear, throat and nose surgeons. They owed them a tremendous debt of gratitude; they had cleared the air, and they had come back to where he left it in London. He remembered his remarks, that scales had dropped from his eyes and he never could understand why people were so unwilling to take the matter up seriously. He was not taking sides and saying that he believed in this theory.

The reason for the impatience at the mention of this doctrine was not a question of controversy between physicians in mental and nervous disorders, it was a lack of agreement between their colleagues and the other departments. He need not voice that; they had faced it themselves and had said that the teaching methods must be altered; not *might* be, but must be. As soon as the surgeons attached to the mental hospitals took the line of those who have given the magnificent exposition to which they had listened and given their advice to the physicians in charge, then there would be very much greater unanimity.

The PRESIDENT said that he hesitated to speak on behalf of his other colleagues, yet he felt that they had been so good to him in coming forward to help him that he must express his extreme appreciation of Sir Hubert's kindness in giving a summary. Mr. Adams had sketched the beginning of the work they had carried out in Birmingham, and he was grateful to him and to Sir Gilbert Barling for their help. Dr. Patrick Watson-Williams, to whose work he owed a considerable amount of encouragement and personal help, would have been very glad to have been present that day. Mr. Bedford Russell had helped very nobly and to him he tendered his thanks. If he had been able to help the progress of mental illness he was only too grateful.

He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lancashire County Council for their help in providing the accommodation they had given for the meeting, and also to the officers and members of the Lancashire Mental Hospitals Board.

The vote of thanks was accorded by applause and the meeting terminated.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, June 23, 1942, at 3 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Lindsay took the Chair.

The following Members were present: Drs. B. W. F. Armitage, H. M. Berncastle, A. Helen Boyle, Cedric W. Bower, M. B. Brody, H. M. Burke, W. A. Caldwell, L. C. Cook, E. C. Dax, A. G. Duncan, A. E. Evans, R. Freudenberg, F. L. Golla, H. G. L. Haynes, J. G. Hamilton, W. J. T. Kimber, S. L. Last, A. P. Rossiter Lewis, J. B. S. Lewis, R. M. Macfarlane, J. S. McGregor, D. I. O. Macaulay, H. Crichton-Miller, W. Gordon Masefield, W. D. Nicol, A. A. W. Petrie, B. Reid, F. L. Scott, G. W. Smith, R. Ström-Olsen, Isabel G. H. Wilson and L. H. Wootton.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. W. A. Daley, S. Edgar Martin, J. A. Small, R. M. Stewart and F. Douglas Turner.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been published in the Supplement to the Journal were taken as read and confirmed.

The following were elected Members of the Divisional Committee of Management: Drs. Cedric W. Bower, H. G. L. Haynes, Thomas Lindsay, T. P. Rees, J. A. Small, R. M. Stewart and R. Ström-Olsen.

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The fixing of the date and place of the Autumn Meeting, 1942, and of the Spring Meeting, 1943, was left in the hands of the Honorary Secretary.

The following Examiners were nominated :

Preliminary Examination.—Dr. M. J. Brooks.

Final Examiner.—Dr. E. Cunningham Dax.

Nurse Examiner.—Miss McAllister.

The following Representative Members of Council were elected : Drs. Thomas Lindsay, W. J. T. Kimber, J. B. Strafford Lewis, T. P. Rees, N. McDiarmid, M. A. Lockwood and J. G. Hamilton.

Dr. R. M. Macfarlane was elected Honorary Secretary of the Division.

Dr. Thomas Lindsay was elected Chairman of the Division.

The Honorary Secretary was asked to convey to Dr. F. Douglas Turner the hearty congratulations of the Division on the Honour recently conferred upon him.

A most interesting paper by J. S. McGregor, M.D., D.P.M., and J. R. Crumbie, M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S.Edin., entitled **"Pre-Frontal Leucotomy,"** was read by Dr. McGregor (see p. 534). Dr. Ström-Olsen proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Prof. Golla.

Members and their guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING 1942 MEETING of the South-Western Division was held on Thursday, April 23, 1942, at Barnwood House, Gloucester, by kind invitation of the Chairman and Governors and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming.

Apologies for absence were received from the President and others.

Dr. J. W. Leech was in the Chair.

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

The following members were present : Drs. N. Moulson, J. W. Leech, F. C. Logan, G. W. T. H. Fleming, R. W. Armstrong, T. E. Burrows, S. M. Coleman, J. S. Cookson, R. E. Hemphill, J. C. Penton, P. Berkenau, Eliz. Casson, R. W. MacDonald, J. J. Mason, T. C. Smith, F. Golla, and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divl. Secretary).

Twenty-five visitors, including Mr. W. I. Croome, Chairman of Barnwood House, were also present.

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

On the retirement of Dr. J. W. Leech as Chairman after this meeting, Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming to be Chairman ; this was carried unanimously.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary ; Dr. R. E. Hemphill and Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong were elected as Representative Members of Council. Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

Some discussion took place as to the Autumn 1942 meeting, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Divisional Committee.

Dr. FLEMING read a most interesting paper on " The Shipley-Hartford Test of Mental Deterioration," illustrated by lantern-slides, and Drs. LEECH, BURROWS and others took part in the subsequent discussion.

A most interesting lecture was given by Mr. W. GREY WALTER on " Electro-Physiology in Relation to Mental Disorder," and Drs. BURROWS, LEECH and others took part in the discussion which followed.

The Chairman then called on Dr. ALFRED MEYER to read a paper, which was illustrated by lantern-slides, entitled " Problems of the Pathology of the Brain in Deficiency Diseases," stating that he was sure that all members would be interested in the researches which Dr. Meyer had been carrying out recently.

Dr. R. E. HEMPHILL afterwards read a paper on " The Excretion of 17-Keto Steroids in Mental Patients after Certain Therapeutic Procedures " (see p. 554). He gave clinical pictures of several of the patients who had been under his care and had been carefully examined for the excretion of the 17-ketosteroids.

To conclude, pathological demonstrations were given as follows :

(*a*) Pick's disease (circumscribed cerebral atrophy).

(*b*) Arhinencephaly.

(*c*) Brains from two cases dying after prefrontal leucotomy.

(*d*) Neuro-histological changes in hypoglycaemia.

Dr. LEECH proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Governors of Barnwood House and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming for their kindness in having the meeting at Barnwood House and for entertaining the members of the Division, and this was passed by acclamation.

The Chairman of the Governors (Mr. W. I. CROOME) in reply said that he was very pleased to

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