CONCLUDING SESSION.—SATURDAY, JULY 11.

20. VOTES OF THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY.

The PRESIDENT expressed the hope that the visitors were not displeased with their visit, and suggested that the Association should send letters of appreciation to the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians for placing the College at their disposal during the meetings, to the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, who placed their Hall at the Association's disposal for the Annual Dinner, to the Strollers' Club, Trinity College, the Governor-General and Mrs. McNeill, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and others.

Dr. GOOD, proposing a vote of thanks to the President and Mrs. Leeper, said that they had had so much entertainment that really one was stupefied. The only thing he could say was that he had never had such a week. (Hear, hear). The President, who knew the place very well, had gone very carefully through the list of entertainments, and he would suggest that the only way to give a vote of thanks was to ask the Irish papers, which seemed very keen, to print a special edition. Although the President was such a modest man, it was he and his wife who were really responsible for their enjoyment. If they had not shown such energy, the visitors would not have had the time that they had. There was one thing he would like to emphasize, and that was that, coming from various parts of a great Empire, what struck them most in Dublin was the interest shown by those that governed the country in the specialty that the Association represented. It took, apparently, a Celtic mind to realize that it was the mind that mattered, in medicine as in everything else. That week had shown that everbody was interested. That was not only extremely flattering to the Association, but it was a sign that, even though the pessimist might say that we were all going to the dogs, we had very great hopes.

"I do propose a most hearty vote of thanks" (Dr. Good concluded) "to all the people who have treated us in this wonderful way, and particularly to two people who have almost worn themselves out looking after us. I have never been looked after as I have been this week, and I, therefore, propose a hearty vote of thanks to the President and to Mrs. Leeper."

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL said that, on behalf of the members who had come from Scotland, he would like to associate himself with everything that Dr. Good had said. He had been at many annual meetings; this was the second he had attended in this country; and really hospitality seemed to increase. So did the kindness that was showered upon them. It was a great satisfaction to know that they were so much appreciated in Ireland, and he could give an assurance that they were taking back many happy memories. The only fly in the ointment—there was always some fly in the ointment—was that they were setting such a very high standard of what should be done, and as he was to succeed Dr. Leeper next year it terrified him. His enjoyment had almost been spoilt by that knowledge. He thanked Dr. and Mrs. Leeper for their kindness in arranging everything while the visitors had been there.

Dr. LEEPER said that he wished very briefly to try to express to them his gratitude for the kind words that had fallen from the lips of Dr. Saxty Good and Dr. Campbell. It had been a labour of love for him and Mrs. Leeper to try to make the meeting a success, and they had been more than rewarded by the words that had been said.

Following the meeting, members and their guests were entertained by the Irish Division to an enjoyable motor trip through the mountains of County Wicklow.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held by the courtesy of Dr. Rambaut and the Committee of Management of St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, at their Seaside Branch, Bryn-y-Neuadd, Llanfairfechan, North Wales, on Wednesday, April 29, 1931, when Dr. J. R. Gilmour, Divisional Chairman, presided.

Four visitors and twelve members attended.

Members had the privilege of seeing all parts of the magnificent house and beautifully laid-out grounds, and were kindly entertained to luncheon.

https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.77.319.901 Published online by Cambridge University Press

Dr. GILMOUR proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Rambaut and his Committee for their hospitality, and Dr. RAMBAUT responded.

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

Apologies for absence from twenty-seven members were communicated.

The following were unanimously elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

ELIZABETH COWPER EAVES, M.D., B.S., D.P.M.Lond., Lecturer in Physiology, University of Sheffield; Honorary Neuropathologist, South Yorkshire Mental Hospital; Grindleford, Derbyshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. J. Vincent, F. T. Thorpe and J. M. Mathieson.

EUSTACE HUTTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Deputy Medical Superintendent, North Wales Counties Mental Hospital, Denbigh.

Proposed by Drs. W. S. Hughes, K. M. Rodger and J. I. Russell.

SIDNEY DAVIES, M.B., B.S.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, North Wales Counties Mental Hospital, Denbigh.

Proposed by Drs. W. S. Hughes, K. M. Rodger and J. I. Russell.

Dr. J. Ivison Russell was elected Divisional Secretary for the ensuing year, and Drs. Blair, Dove Cormac and Shaw were elected Representative Members of Council.

Dr. Dove Cormac was elected Divisional Chairman on the proposal of Dr. A. T. W. FORRESTER, seconded by Dr. MARY BARKAS.

Dr. DOVE CORMAC proposed that the Council be asked to reconsider the amount of the fees payable to Examiners for the Nursing Certificate. This was seconded by Dr. FORRESTER, and carried.

Dr. CHEVENS read a paper on **"The Correlation of Cause of Death with Type of Insanity"** (*vide* July No., p. 562), and an interesting discussion followed in which several of the members took part.

A brief discussion on the question of Volition, as interpreted by Approved Practitioners for the Purposes of Section 5 of the Mental Treatment Act, was introduced by Dr. DOVE CORMAC.

Dr. DOVE CORMAC, on behalf of the Division, thanked Dr. Gilmour, the retiring Chairman, and Dr. GILMOUR suitably replied.

Members were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by Dr. Rambaut.

GILGAL HOSPITAL, PERTH.

THIS hospital has been designed by the Directors of James Murray's Royal Asylum, Perth, as it became apparent during recent years that more accommodation should be provided for acute and recent cases. It was decided to erect a self-contained hospital block of forty beds for voluntary patients whose malady is slight or of short duration, and who, fully appreciative of their surroundings, may be apprehensive of harmful or painful contact with invalids of a more confirmed type.

The property named Gilgal, on which the new hospital has been built, extends to about ten acres on the slopes of Kinnoull Hill, 200 ft. above sea-level, and is about one mile from Perth, on the east side of the river. The private rooms, verandahs and garden face south and west, and to the north there is a magnificent view of the valley of the Tay and the mountains beyond.

The hospital consists of two wards and a central administrative block. The latter contains on the ground floor a medical office, reception room, surgery and dental room, electrical treatment room, dispensary and laboratory, and office of Matron, all connecting with the main entrance hall. At the back are the kitchen and store, nurses' messroom and service pantry. On the first floor of the central block are the staff quarters, including detached rooms for night nurses. In the basement, with access only from outside, is the central heating and domestic hot-water plant. Under the entrance hall is the meter-room and a compartment for luggage. The surgery is equipped for minor operations and dental treatment, having a gas-fed sterilizer, wash-hand basins and sinks, a dental chair, and instruments. The electrical treatment room contains an ultra-violet projector, radiant heat lamps and apparatus for faradic, galvanic and Schnee baths. The laboratory is fully equipped for investigation of the body fluids, etc.

The hospital is a self-contained unit and all cooking is done by gas, the plant consisting of two "Falcon" ovens, a "Richmond" boiler, a "Main" grill and

https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.77.319.901 Published online by Cambridge University Press