was remitted to the Business Committee to consider the question and report with recommendations.

The meeting unanimously approved of the proposal to appoint annually five Vice-Presidents, one by each Division, the Vice-President so elected to be also Chairman of the Division electing him. With regard to the details of the scheme, these were also unanimously approved except (1) that the Division considered that no term of years of membership should be laid down to make a member eligible for election as Vice-President, and (2) that the duty of a Vice-President "to make a point of becoming personally acquainted with all new members of his Division, etc.," should be modified by the insertion of the words "so far as possible," in front of "make," in view of the scattered nature of the hospitals in the Scottish Division.

An invitation was extended to the Division to hold its next meeting at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries. Dr. Easterbrook was thanked for his invitation, and it was agreed to hold the Spring Meeting at Dumfries in May, 1928.

Prof. G. M. ROBERTSON delivered an address on "The Voluntary Admission of Parochial Patients to the Mental Hospitals in Scotland." After reviewing the history of voluntary boarder legislation in Scotland, it was pointed out that 60% of private patients (excluding service patients) are now admitted voluntarily to Scottish Mental Hospitals, while the proportion of rate-aided patients admitted voluntarily, though increasing, last year was only about 3%. The reasons for the difference between the numbers of parochial and private voluntary admissions were then analysed. The advantages of early voluntary admission were pointed out, and an eloquent plea was made for the extension and encouragement of it in parochial cases. An interesting discussion followed, taken part in by the PRESIDENT, Drs. R. MARY BARCLAY, P. STEELE, DONALD ROSS, S. R. MACPHAIL, J. H. SKEEN, C. J. SHAW and M. A. BLISS, all of whom desired to see an extension of the voluntary system to all parochial patients.

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, Dublin, on Thursday, November 24, 1927.

Dr. D. L. Kelly, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, Irish Free State, and 12 other members were present.

Dr. J. O'C. Donelan having been called to the Chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

A letter of apology for unavoidable absence was read from Lieut.-Col. Dawson, who kindly forwarded a valuable communication *re* the business of the meeting.

Correspondence from the Secretary of the Association *re* the election of Divisional Secretary and Representative Members of Council was read, also a recent communication *re* the recognition of the Nursing Certificate of the Association by the General Nursing Council. Prof. Robertson's resolution anent this matter, which was carried by a large majority at the Quarterly General Meeting of the Association, held in London on November 17, was cordially approved, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a letter to the General Nursing Council, asking them to recognize the Certificate of the Association for registration, as they had not set up any examining body of their own, and to address a similar letter to the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for the election of two new members. Dr. Keene and Dr. Mills were appointed scrutineers. On a ballot being taken, it was declared by them that Dr. MARION WHITE, Assistant Medical Officer, Portrane, and Dr. JOSEPH KEARNEY, Assistant Medical Officer, Tirconaill District Mental Hospital, were elected members of the Association.

The meeting next considered, clause by clause, a memorandum *re* the establishment of Divisional Clinical Meetings, and, as amended, it was directed that the memorandum be now issued to the medical superintendents of all mental hospitals in Ireland, with a covering letter stating that it was desirable that they should bring it prominently before their committees, and urge strongly upon their committees the necessity for doing all in their power to establish and assist these

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Clinical Meetings, for the advancement of psychiatry and the benefit of the mental patients in their several districts.

The question of the appointment of a Vice-President and Chairman of the Divisional Meetings being *sub judice* by the Association was not considered further than to endorse the approval given at the previous meeting.

Dr. M. J. NOLAN then read a paper on " Hallucinations and Sanity " (*vide* p. 49).

The meeting cordially thanked Dr. Nolan for his most interesting and valuable communication, in which he elucidated many psychological, legal and clinical problems.

The meeting next considered the advisability of appointing a Business Committee of the Division. A resolution was proposed by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Mills, and carried unanimously :

> " That a Business Committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements for the proposed Clinical Meetings. The Committee to consist of the following six members of the Division, with power to add to their number :
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> Lieut.-Col. W. R. Dawson, Drs. J. Dunne, N. B. Norman Graham, D. L. Kelly, C. B. Molony, and P. Moran."

Dr. T. A. GREENE introduced a discussion on the recently issued Report of the Commission on the Relief of the Sick and Destitute Poor, including the Insane Poor, as it contained many matters vitally affecting the care and treatment of the insane in Ireland. It was proposed by Dr. Greene, and seconded by Dr. J. O'C. Donelan, that a Sub-Committee of the Division be appointed to consider this Report and draw up a memorandum for submission to the Government, the Sub-Committee to consist of the following members : Drs. J. O'Conor Donelan, P. O'Doherty, L. Gavin, T. A. Greene, J. C. Martin, and J. Mills.

The Sub-Committee would be summoned by the Hon. Secretary to meet at an early date.

This terminated the proceedings.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5 (*University of London*).—Lectures and Practical Courses of Instruction for a Diploma in Psychological Medicine, Course XI.

Part I, commencing on January 4, 1928.

(1) Twelve lectures on the Physiology of the Nervous System, with Demonstrations in Physiological Psychology. By F. Golla, M.B., F.R.C.P.

Six lectures and demonstrations on the Bio-Chemical Aspects of Mental Disorders and Laboratory Methods. By S. A. Mann, B.Sc.Lond., F.I.C.

(2) Eight lectures on the Anatomy of the Nervous System. By G. Elliot Smith, M.A., D.Sc., Litt.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.

Practical Instruction and Demonstrations. Demonstrator, Charles Geary.

(3) Eight lectures on Psychology. By Henry Devine, *O.B.E.*, M.D., F.R.C.P. Followed by Course of Practical Instruction.

Part II will follow in March, 1928, and will include lectures and demonstrations on the following subjects. A detailed time-table will be issued later.

Eight lectures on the Psychoneuroses. By Bernard Hart, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Eight lectures on Morbid Psychology. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Four lectures on the Pathology of Mental Diseases. By F. Golla, M.B., F.R.C.P. Followed by four Demonstrations in Pathological Anatomy, by Charles Geary.

Two lectures on the Legal Relationships of Insanity, and Treatment. By C. Hubert Bond, *C.B.E.*, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Six lectures on the Practical Aspect of Mental Deficiency. By F. C. Shrubsall, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Four lectures on Crime and Insanity. By W. Norwood East, M.D.

Three lectures on Therapeutics in Mental Disorders. By A. A. W. PETRIE, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., D.P.M.

Six Demonstrations in Clinical Psychiatry. By Edward Mapother, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Twelve Clinical Demonstrations in Neurology. By F. Golla, M.B., F.R.C.P., and F. M. R. Walshe, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

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