null and void a valuable appointment. Dr. Ernest Jones (Inspector-General) is satisfied that the receiving houses have achieved a distinct success in that country, but still pleads for the need for psychiatric clinics.

Bengal Mental Hospitals, 1924.—In a monograph by Sir Andrew Halliday, dated 1828, it is stated that there were, under the Bengal Government at that date, six hospitals in which mental cases were treated: (1) The twenty-four Pergunnahs at Calcutta, (2) Dacca, (3) Moorshedabad, (4) Patna, (5) Benares, (6) Bareilly. The provision now made by the Government of Bengal for mental cases consists of two mental hospitals at Dacca and Barhampore (in the Murshedabad district, some hundred miles north of Calcutta), together with a small observation ward at Bhowanipore, and a mental ward attached to the Albert Victor Leper Hospital at Gobra (in the Khulna district). The total population of these, excluding the observation ward, was 1,172, as compared with 1,186 in the previous year; 224 cases were admitted during the year as against 213 in the previous year, and the recovery-rate for the year was approximately 38% calculated on the admissions. Colonel Wilson, the officiating Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal, reports that the buildings in connection with the New Indian Mental Hospital at Ranchi (in the Lohardga district) are nearly complete, and will be ready for occupation in September.

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

POSTPONED QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association summoned for May 18, 1926, had to be postponed owing to difficulties of travelling, the outcome of the general industrial strike and cessation of work in the coal-fields.

On June 1 the Council and various standing Committees met and transacted all the business which would ordinarily have come up at the May quarterly meeting had it been held.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held by the invitation of Dr. D. F. Rambaut at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, on Thursday, April 1, 1926.

There were 23 members present.

The members were shown round the hospital and grounds and were then entertained to luncheon, at the conclusion of which Dr. NATHAN RAW proposed the health of Dr. Rambaut, to which the latter replied.

The meeting was held at 2.15 p.m. Dr. J. Chambers occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Dr. Noel Sergeant was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. A. Helen A. Boyle, H. Wolseley-Lewis, R. C. Turnbull and N. R. Phillips Representative Members of the Council.

Drs. A. H. A. Boyle, C. W. Bower and N. R. Phillips were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management.

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The following candidate, after ballot, was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association:

ALEXANDER GRIGOR MCCALLUM, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, Peckham House, London, N. 4.

Proposed by Drs. F. R. King, B. Hart and F. Dillon.

Dr. C. MCDOWALL's kind invitation to hold the Autumn Meeting at Ticehurst was accepted with acclamation.

Dr. RAMBAUT then read his communication entitled "Notes on a New Reception Hospital at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton," and Drs. CHAMBERS, D. BOWER, TURNBULL and others took part in the discussion which ensued.

The members then had the privilege of seeing the new hospital now in course of construction, and had explained to them the many noteworthy features that are being incorporated, after which they were entertained to tea by Dr. Rambaut.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. E. Barton White and the Committee of Visitors, at the Bristol City Mental Hospital, Fishponds, on Thursday, April 29, 1926.

There were present 22 members and 9 visitors, including the Chairman of the Committee and most of the Consulting Staff of the Hospital.

Dr. Barton White was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

The HON. SECRETARY reported that since the last meeting two members of the Division had died, namely, Dr. W. C. Sullivan, of Broadmoor, and Dr. Shera, of Wells. A vote of condolence with the relatives was passed in silence.

Dr. W. Starkey was re-elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. Eager and Soutar Representative Members of Council. Drs. F. Dudley and J. D. Thomas were elected to fill the vacancies on the Committee of Management occasioned by the death of Dr. Shera and the retirement in rotation of Dr. J. G. Smith.

A letter from the Treasurer was read announcing that the Association had been granted a Charter, and asking the opinion of the Division as to whether a grant of arms should be sought. The meeting agreed that this should be done.

It was proposed by Dr. MCGARVEY and seconded by Dr. S. E. MARTIN that the present fee of 5s. charged to nurses for the Final Nursing Certificate should be abolished, and this was passed unanimously.

The following candidate, after ballot, was unanimously elected an ordinary member:

ARTHUR DARLINGTON, B.A., M.B., Ch.B.Dubl., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Wells Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. McGarvey, W. Starkey, and H. B. Wilkinson.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was fixed for Thursday, October 28, 1926, at the Hereford Mental Hospital, on the kind invitation of Dr. J. G. Smith.

Dr. BARTON WHITE then read his paper on "A Case of Pellagra," and this was followed by an account of the pathology of the case by Dr. G. HADFIELD, illustrated by lantern-slides. The paper was discussed by Drs. W. F. NELIS, R. EAGER, J. MCGARVEY and W. STARKEY.

Dr. H. SMITH then read a paper on "Modifications of the Sachs-Georgi Test used to Determine the Incidence of Syphilis in those Admitted to a Mental Hospital."

Dr. G. HADFIELD exhibited, in the new Pathological Laboratory which has recently been added to the Hospital, pathological specimens and gave a demonstration of the Kafka reaction in cerebro-spinal fluid and of Anderson's neuroglia stain.

During the morning members had the opportunity of inspecting the institution, and were most hospitably entertained to lunch, at which the Chairman of the Visiting Committee, Councillor F. E. Metcalfe, presided. In a happy speech he welcomed the members, and expressed his appreciation of the work of the Association. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. NELIS, was accorded to Dr. Barton White and the Committee for their kind hospitality.

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