After the Loyal Toast Dr. R. PERCY SMITH proposed "The health of Our Hosts". Dr. R. J. STILWELL replied.

The meeting took place at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of the Divisional Chairman, Dr. R. M. Stewart, Dr. Brooks Keith took the Chair. The following members were present:

Drs. Bernard Armitage, W. R. Ashby, C. N. Atlee, F. G. L. Barnes, Cedric W. Bower, A. Helen Boyle, B. W. Brown, Noel H. M. Burke, W. A. Caldwell, Bernard Cates, A. Tandy Cannon, J. T. D. Clark, Stanley M. Coleman, E. C. Dax, J. Denyssen, K. K. Drury, C. J. C. Earl, E. Edel, L. A. Finiefs, Gwenvron M. Griffiths, Hunter Gillies, J. G. Hamilton, E. J. C. Hewitt, S. W. Hardwick, G. W. B. James, W. Brooks Keith, S. L. Last, E. Laval, G. A. Lilly, Thomas Lindsay, J. B. S. Lewis, J. S. Lloyd, M. R. Lockwood, W. McCartan, D. I. O. Macaulay, R. M. Macfarlane, Joyce McConnell, Anne Maddox, J. R. Murray, W. D. Nicol, D. J. O'Connell, Ethel Orchard, K. Paddle, T. Paton, O. P. Napier Pearn, A. A. W. Petrie, Norman R. Phillips, Anne B. Price, C. Stanford Read, T. P. Rees, B. Reid, D. Robertson, W. Robinson, E. E. Rollins, Marjorie Sanders, D. E. Sands, A. G. Shera, Ian Skottowe, G. W. Smith, R. Percy Smith, R. J. Stilwell, J. A. Small, H. Pullar Strecker, C. J. Thomas, J. Sawle Thomas, F. Douglas Turner, A. Walk, D. Whittaker and R. Worth.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Dr. R. M. Stewart, Prof. Mapother and Dr. Rambaut.

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

The following were unanimously elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

CLARK, JAMES THOMSON DORAN, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Medical Officer, Wyke House, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Proposed by Drs. G. W. Smith, Noel Harris and R. M. Macfarlane.

CHRISTIE, THOMAS, M.D., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Wormwood Scrubs, W. 12.

Proposed by Drs. W. Norwood East, H. P. Young and F. Norris.

LEWIS, ARTHUR PICTON ROSSITER, B.Sc.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer to H.M. Prison Service; 162, Du Cane Road, London, W. 12.

Proposed by Drs. W. Norwood East, H. P. Young and F. Norris.

The names of Drs. Alfred Meyer and R. Freudenberg appeared on the Agenda as candidates for Ordinary Membership. It was agreed that the question of their eligibility should be referred to the Council under Bye-law 2.

It was agreed that the fixing of the date and place of the Spring Meeting be left to the Divisional Secretary.

Dr. G. W. B. JAMES then gave a lecture and cinematograph demonstration entitled "**Experiences of Insulin Therapy in Schizophrenia**". A lively discussion followed, in which Drs. WORTH, SKOTTOWE, HAMILTON, ASHBY, GILLIES, LARKIN, PULLAR STRECKER and others took part.

Dr. PETRIE proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. James, which was seconded by Dr. LINDSAY.

Members and their guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held at the County and City Mental Hospital, Littlemore, Oxford, by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. R. W. Armstrong, on Thursday, October 28, 1937.

The following members were present: Drs. R. W. Armstrong, R. Eager, G. W. T. H. Fleming, T. E. Burrows, B. M. Mules, J. W. Leech, I. Atkin, J. G. Smith, J. R. Benson, David Perk, A. W. Neill, A. C. King-Turner, F. M. Stewart, and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

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The following attended as Visitors : Dr. F. J. Napier and Mr. J. Morrell, Chairman of the Committee of Visitors.

Dr. J. R. Benson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. A. Guirdham, N. Moulson, H. C. MacBryan, F. Dudley and others.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that the Committee of Management had decided to nominate Dr. R. W. Armstrong as Chairman for the ensuing year, and Dr. R. Eager to serve with Dr. Armstrong as Representative Members of Council. Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members :

JOHN STUART KNOX, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Junior Deputy Medical Superintendent, Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Crowthorne, Berks.

Proposed by Drs. W. Norwood East, Hugh A. Grierson and H. T. P. Young.

FRANCIS JOHN NAPIER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Littlemore Hospital, Oxford ; Assistant Physician, Department of Nervous Disorders, Radcliffe Infirmary.

Proposed by Drs. R. W. Armstrong, S. Edgar Martin and F. M. Stewart.

With regard to the Spring meeting to be held on April 28, 1938, the Hon. Divisional Secretary reported that he had not yet received any invitations for the place of meeting. Dr. Neill, of the Warneford, Oxford, kindly offered to have the Division at a later meeting, but regretted that it was not possible to invite them for April, 1938. The matter was left in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY read a letter from Mrs. Jackson thanking the members of the Division for their sympathetic references to her late husband, Dr. J. L. Jackson, also for the floral tributes.

Dr. DAVID PERK, of Bournemouth, then read an interesting paper on **" The Changing Complexion of General Paralysis "**. He maintained that general paralysis was changing to a confused-depressed-demented type, this being now twice as common as the manic exalted type. Possible explanations for the change were—

(*a*) The diagnostic aid of serological investigation, or—

(*b*) The failure in the past to diagnose the confused-depressed demented types, or—

(*c*) The intervention of the World War, the declining consumption of alcohol or the growing intensity of modern life.

He stated there was little correlation between the incidence of syphilis and general paralysis, but that the explanation probably resided in the nature of the spirochætal attack on the central nervous system. Dr. Perk then spoke on the problem of the spirochætal attack on the central nervous system, and as to why syphilis invades the central nervous system of only a small percentage of syphilitics, giving three possible explanations of this. He also dealt with the question as to why syphilis affects the parenchyma in some cases and the mesoblastic tissues in others. He went on to the problems of diagnosis and of the therapeutic affect of malaria.

The following took part in the subsequent discussion : Drs. G. W. T. H. FLEMING, R. EAGER and the CHAIRMAN. Dr. PERK replied.

Members and visitors were afforded the opportunity of going round the hospital and grounds, and were kindly entertained to lunch and tea, Mr. J. MORRELL, the Chairman of the Committee, welcoming them to the hospital.

Dr. J. R. BENSON proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee and to Dr. R. W. Armstrong for their kind hospitality, and this was carried unanimously.

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