Dr. S. E. MARTIN mentioned that he had not received any notice of meetings from the Nursing Advisory Committee. Some of the members considered that some action should be taken with regard to this, but it was finally decided on Dr. Fleming's suggestion to leave the matter in abeyance.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

JOSHUA JAMES MORRIS JACOBS, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Dipl.Psych.Edin., D.P.M.Lond., Lieut. R.A.M.C., c/o W. A. Dredge, Esq., 59, Hendon Lane, London, N. 3.

GLADYS ANYAN DANBY, L.M.S.S.A., Acting Medical Superintendent, Sandhill Park, Bishop's Lydeard; Sandhill Park House, Bishop's Lydeard.

DAVID WILFRED ABSE, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc.Wales, D.P.M.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Monmouthshire Mental Hospital, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.

The HON. SECRETARY reported that he had received a kind invitation from Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming to have the Autumn Meeting (October 31, 1940) at Barnwood House, Gloucester, and that at the request of several members of the Division Dr. Fleming was preparing a paper, and if possible would demonstrate cases, on "Electrically-produced Fits in the Treatment of Schizophrenia." It was unanimously decided to thank Dr. Fleming for his kind offer and to accept it.

During the day members had an opportunity of inspecting the Hospital and grounds. Lunch was kindly provided and afterwards members adjourned to the Park Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders, situated about ¼ mile from The Warneford. Later at the kind invitation of Dr. R. G. McInnes members were entertained to tea at his house, St. Gabriel's, Hill Top Road.

At The Warneford during the morning Dr. M. GWENDOLINE ERNST read a paper on "**A Psychotherapeutic Approach in Schizophrenia**" (see the Journal, p. 668), and in the subsequent discussion the following took part: Dr. HELEN BOYLE, Dr. R. G. MCINNES, E. CASSON and Lt.-Col. ARMSTRONG.

Dr. P. BERKENAU followed this with a paper on "**Vitamin C in Senile Psychoses**" (see p. 675), and Drs. FLEMING and MCINNES contributed to the discussion.

After lunch at the Park Hospital, Dr. R. G. MCINNES read a paper on "**The Treatment of Neurosis,**" and Lt.-Col. R. W. ARMSTRONG and others took part in the subsequent debate.

Dr. J. BEGGS followed with a paper on "**Male Hormone Therapy in Involutional States,**" and Drs. GRAVES, FLEMING and others took part in the subsequent discussion.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the readers of the papers.

Lt.-Col. R. W. ARMSTRONG moved a vote of thanks to the Committee of Management and Dr. R. G. McInnes for their kind hospitality, and expressed the appreciation of those present for what had been done to make the meeting such a pleasant and interesting one.

Sir ARTHUR NELSON, K.C.I.E., replied on behalf of The Warneford.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Stewart Institution, Palmerston, County Dublin, by the kind invitation of Dr. H. StGeorge Smith, R.M.S., on Thursday, April 4, 1940.

The following members were present:

Dr. Helen Boyle, President of the Association. In the Chair, Dr. R. Thompson (and later Dr. C. B. Molony); Drs. R. R. Leeper, T. A. Greene, J. Fitzgerald, May Fitzgerald, Dora Alman, Dorothy Gardner, H. StGeorge Smith, Evelyn O'Brien,

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J. Dunne, W. J. Coyne, R. Taylor, C. B. Molony, P. J. Aird, J. Delaney, J. Glass, F. Walshe, C. J. McCarthy, T. Foley, P. Cassin, Annie Dunleavy, Frances Mulligan, J. Moore, D. Hegarty, B. Blake, J. Meenan, W. N. Eustace, and P. Moran (*Hon. Sec.*).

Col. Evatt, Professor of Anatomy, R.C.S.I., and Dr. K. Reddin, members of the Committee of Management of the Institution, were also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. B. Honan, D. Lothian and P. Grace.

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

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the sympathy of the Division be tendered to the relatives of the late Dr. Kathleen Dillon.

He paid a high tribute to the late Dr. Dillon, who was for many years a prominent and active member of the Association.

The SECRETARY read a letter from Dr. C. J. McCarthy calling attention to the fact that the new County Managers would soon be taking over control of the public mental hospitals, and suggesting that it appeared that they would have power to draft rules and regulations.

The Secretary stated that he wrote to Dr. McCarthy and pointed out that, in his opinion, the new County Managers will only have the powers that Committees of Management have to-day.

The letter gave rise to considerable discussion on the matter of rules and regulations for the public mental hospitals, and it was finally agreed to take no action in the matter until the hoped-for reform of the lunacy laws made changes in the existing rules desirable and essential.

The Secretary then read correspondence with the Medical Union on the matters he was directed to refer to at the November meeting of the Division. The Medical Union entirely agreed with the Irish Division that reform of the lunacy laws in Eire was long overdue and had made representations to the Government as requested.

The Secretary stated that at the request of the Council of the Union he had written a short article on the subject which was published in the Union's journal.

The Medical Union also supported the claim of the Division for representation on the General Nursing Council and had made representations to the Minister in the matter.

This matter—representation on the General Nursing Council—gave rise to a prolonged discussion, and the Secretary read all previous correspondence in the matter. Finally, it was proposed by Dr. R. R. LEEPER and seconded by Dr. T. FOLEY " that the Division refuse all co-operation with the General Nursing Council six months from now, if, by that date, we have not been given representation on the Council."

Dr. J. FITZGERALD proposed an amendment that they do nothing for six months to allow the new Inspector to use his influence in the matter. Dr. J. DUNNE seconded.

The CHAIRMAN put the amendment to the meeting and, on a show of hands, declared it carried.

It was decided to put this matter on the agenda for the November meeting.

It was proposed by Dr. DUNNE and seconded by Dr. FITZGERALD that the congratulations of the Division be extended to Dr. J. Kearney on his promotion to the post of Inspector of Mental Hospitals. The motion was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to convey the feelings of the meeting to Dr. Kearney.

The Secretary was directed to write a separate letter to Dr. Kearney calling his attention to the claim for representation on the General Nursing Council, and urging him to press for reform of the lunacy laws.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the year 1940–41 and the following were elected :

Divisional Secretary : Dr. P. Moran.

Representative Members of Council : Dr. C. B. Molony, Dr. S. Blake.

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It was proposed by Dr. THOMPSON and seconded by Dr. LEEPER that Dr. C. B. Molony be elected Chairman for the coming year. This was carried unanimously.

Dr. MOLONY then took the Chair and thanked the members for the honour conferred on him.

Mental Nursing Advisory Committees to the General Nursing Council were re-elected as follows:

For *Southern Ireland:* Drs. Blake, J. O'C. Donelan, R. R. Leeper, C. J. McCarthy and P. Grace.

For *Northern Ireland:* Drs. F. J. Deane, D. Gardner, W. B. Graham, M. J. Nolan and J. Watson.

Drs. J. O'C. Donelan and M. J. Nolan were again nominated as Examiners for the Association's certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The SECRETARY read the regulations for appointment of examiners for the Nursing Certificate, and it was decided not to alter existing panels.

Dr. GREENE extended an invitation to the Division to hold the Summer Meeting at his residence in County Down. He suggested that it would be a useful break in tradition to hold a meeting away from a hospital or a college. The CHAIRMAN agreed that it was an excellent and original idea and the invitation was accepted with acclamation.

Dr. J. DUNNE raised the question of Out-patient Clinics for early mental cases and asked members to give their experience and views of such clinics.

Dr. GARDNER described the practice followed in Belfast, and Dr. MOLONY gave details of the clinic which he runs in Wexford town. Dr. HELEN BOYLE told the meeting of her experience of this work in England, and of the opinions of many of her colleagues over there. She stressed the importance of co-operation with trained social workers in order to get the full benefit from out-patient clinics for these early cases.

Dr. DUNNE thanked the speakers for all the information given, complimented Dr. Molony on his energy and initiative in starting an out-patient clinic in a provincial centre, and hoped that this aspect of our work would engage the attention of the Division to an increasing extent.

Dr. J. FITZGERALD proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman and complimented him on the able and tactful manner in which he had conducted the meetings of the Division. Dr. CASSIN seconded, and the motion was passed with acclamation.

Dr. THOMPSON suitably replied.

CLINICAL MEETING.

Dr. H. STGEORGE SMITH read a paper entitled "**Some Aspects of Judgment.**"

The CHAIRMAN complimented Dr. Smith on his able and learned paper and welcomed what he described as a return to Psychology. Many of the members present spoke on the paper and Dr. SMITH replied to queries and criticisms.

Dr. MOLONY proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Smith for the hospitality and facilities provided. This was seconded by Dr. CASSIN, and carried with acclamation.

Subsequently the members and guests were entertained to tea by Mrs. Smith.

NOTICES BY THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

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The Hon. Librarian will endeavour to obtain, as far as possible, any books on psychiatry and allied subjects required by members.

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