NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. H. Dove Cormac, at Cheshire County Mental Hospital, Parkside, Macclesfield, on Friday, April 18, 1941.

During the forenoon members visited the Emergency Hospital, six new villas and extension to the Nurses' Home, nearing completion, and a new out-patient department and villas for voluntary patients, in course of construction, and were afterwards entertained to lunch.

The meeting opened at 2 p.m., Dr. Dove Cormac presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

The following candidates, after ballot, were elected to ordinary membership of the Association :

GEORGE HERBERT HARRY BENHAM, B.Sc., M.B.Manch., M.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Sutton.

JOHN LESLIE BERRY, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D., Pathologist, Hatton Mental Hospital, Warwick.
Proposed by Drs. Parfitt, Richards and O'Reilly.

WILLIAM EDWARD WILFRED BRIDGER, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Bexley Mental Hospital, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. Cook, Sands and Charlton.

NORAH WINIFRED BROWN, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., L.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Lancs. County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Warrington.
Proposed by Drs. Nicole, Howie and Finkleman.

ALEXANDER CHARLES DALZELL, M.D., B.S., D.T.M.&H., D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Caterham Hospital, L.C.C. ; The Firs, Coulsdon Road, Caterham-on-the-Hill, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. Lindsay, Petrie and Child.

DAVID STANLEY FAIRWEATHER, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester ; 26, Guest Road, Prestwich.
Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Macmillan.

HARRY FLEMING, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Lancs. County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Warrington.
Proposed by Drs. Nicole, Howie and Finkleman.

PHILIP EDWARD FRANCIS FROSSARD, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.M., L.R.A.M., Medical Superintendent, Peckham House, S.E. 15.
Proposed by Drs. Ferguson, Laing and Wilson.

ANGUS JAMES GALBRAITH, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Caterham Hospital, L.C.C.
Proposed by Drs. Lindsay, Nicol and Russell.

WALTER MEVILLE OWEN GEORGE, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Monmouthshire Mental Hospital, Abergavenny.
Proposed by Drs. Lornie, Phillips and Abse.

DENIS GEORGE KENNEDY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., B.A., Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist, Cambridgeshire Mental Hospital, Fulbourn, near Cambridge.
Proposed by Drs. Keane, Maxwell and Thomas.

WILLIAM MALCOLM MILLAR, M.D.Edin., D.Psych.Edin., Lieutenant, R.A.M.C. ; 41, General Hospital (Neuropathic) ; 37, Morningside Drive, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Col. G. W. Will, Major G. de M. Rudolf and Dr. Reid.

BRIDGET IMELDA O'CONNOR, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, L.C.C. ; Leytonstone House, High Road, Leytonstone, E. 11.
Proposed by Drs. Boome, Whitwell and Russell.

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JOHN FREDERICK PENSON, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Visiting Medical Officer, Borocourt Institution, Oxford; 226, Wokingham Road, Reading.

Proposed by Drs. Drury, Whitwell and Russell.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER PENTON, B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Oxford City and County Mental Hospital, The Dool House, Littlemore, Oxford.

Proposed by Drs. Armstrong, McInnes and Stewart.

CYRIL PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham, Canterbury; 23, Leigham Hall, Streatham High Road, S.W. 16.

Proposed by Drs. Shepherd, Cowan and Whitwell.

DOROTHY MARY PRITCHARD, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Rubery Hill Mental Hospital, Birmingham.

Proposed by Drs. Graves, Sykes and Cox.

WILLIAM ALBERT MERCER ROBINSON, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Lancs. County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Warrington.

Proposed by Drs. Nicole, Howie and Finkleman.

DAVID YELLOWLEES, jun., M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Lieutenant, R.A.M.C., 41, General Hospital (Neuropathic); 17, Lynedock Crescent, Glasgow, C. 3.

Proposed by Col. G. W. Will, Major G. de M. Rudolf and Dr. Reid.

The following officers were duly elected:

Divisional Chairman: Dr. H. Dove Cormac.

Representative Members of Council: Drs. H. Dove Cormac, M. A. Collins, D. Macmillan, J. H. Malloy.

Divisional Secretary: Dr. J. Ivison Russell.

Dr. H. Dove Cormac was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The following papers were read:

"The Physical Basis of Antisocial Behaviour with Special Reference to Epidemic Encephalitis," by Dr. J. H. Mallow.

"Head Injuries: Their Psychiatric Sequelae," by Major H. A. Palmer, R.A.M.C. (see July number, p. 370).

CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION ON MAJOR PALMER'S PAPER BY THE PRESIDENT, T. C. GRAVES, M.D.

Seventy cases of recent head injury admitted to an Emergency Hospital have been reviewed. They include service as well as civilian cases. Fifty-seven had fractures, verified radiologically, 53 involved the cranial bones, 2 the orbital, and 2 the facial, whilst the rest had suffered severe head injuries without evidence of bone damage.

The majority of cranial fractures were serious. They included 22 involving the base of the skull, as well as circumjacent bones up to the vertex, 11 the parietal with others, 11 the frontal, sometimes including the sinuses, with others, the occipital with others in 7 cases and similarly the temporal in 2 cases.

In a number of these cases other bony injuries were associated, such as fractures of the pelvis, vertebrae and limbs, as well as damage to soft structures.

In six cases at least evidence was available of brain damage, all were concussed, and neurological signs and symptoms, apart from headache, were shown by several; headache was common.

Of these 70 patients 19 were able to return to their unit or depot, only 3 being recommended for regrading, 10 were sent to convalescent camp prior to return to unit, 26 civilians were able to proceed to their homes, and 8 are still in hospital, 3 were transferred to other hospitals (one for home reasons, one to facial reconstruction centre, and one to a surgical neurological hospital), one was boarded out of the service, one was transferred to a neurosis centre, two died—one from gross

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