Drs. Bertha Mules and J. L. Jackson were elected members of the Committee of Management, in place of Drs. Dudley and Thomas, who retire in rotation.

The following was elected an ordinary member of the Association:

GEORGE WISHART WILL, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), M.P.C., Major R.A.M.C., "D" Block, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley Abbey, Hants.

Proposed by Major H. Gall, R.A.M.C., and Drs. J. L. Jackson and C. E. A. Shepherd.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was fixed for Thursday, October 24, 1929, the place to be arranged by the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. RICHARD EAGER, *O.B.E.*, then introduced a discussion on "The Out-patient Treatment of Mental Cases," basing his remarks on the experience of the Exeter Clinic. He stressed the importance of staffing such clinics with experienced psychiatrists, and urged that they should form a department of a general hospital, with in-patient accommodation provided if possible for observation cases.

Dr. MARY BARKAS followed, and in a most interesting speech discussed the functions of such clinics, dealing in particular with their value as sorting stations, and pointing out the importance of having an almoner's department associated.

Drs. MCKINLEY REID, H. W. EDDISON, W. F. NELIS and W. STARKEY also took part in the discussion, and the Divisional Chairman (Dr. J. G. SOUTAR) summed up in a most interesting and able speech.

During the morning, and after the meeting, the members and visitors were conducted round the House and its beautiful gardens, with their superb views of sea and coast. They were entertained to lunch and tea, and spent a most enjoyable day under ideal conditions.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Drs. B. and A. Mules for their generous hospitality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held by the kind invitation of Dr. G. Hamilton Grills, at the County Mental Hospital, Chester, on Thursday, April 25, 1929.

There were present twenty-four members and seven guests.

During the forenoon the members were shown over the hospital by Dr. Grills, who subsequently entertained them to lunch. Dr. W. F. MENZIES proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Grills for his kindness and hospitality, and this was carried by acclamation.

On the proposal of Dr. H. DOVE CORMAC, seconded by Dr. MENZIES, Dr. Grills was elected Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the Autumn Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The report of the Divisional Committee was read. The names of the following members were then added to this Committee: Dr. H. J. Drake-Brockman, Dr. W. F. Menzies and Dr. B. H. Shaw.

Dr. J. Ivison Russell was appointed Secretary to the Division, and Drs. Archdale, H. Dove Cormac and J. R. Gilmour were elected Representative Members of the Council for 1929–30.

Dr. J. R. Gilmour was elected Chairman of the Division for 1929–30.

The three following candidates for ordinary membership were duly balloted for and unanimously elected:

DAVID HENDERSON, M.D., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist, Cheddleton Mental Hospital, Staffs.

Proposed by Drs. W. F. Menzies, W. D. Wilkins and E. A. Chennell.

DAVID RUSSELL, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, City Mental Hospital, Mapperley Hill, Nottingham.

Proposed by Drs. A. M. Dryden, G. L. Brunton and G. W. J. Mackay.

ROLF STRÖM-OLSEN, B.Sc., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Medical Officer, Mental Hospital, Rowditch, Derby.

Proposed by Drs. J. Bain, G. L. Brunton and G. N. Bartlett.

Dr. A. W. H. SMITH then read a paper, "Dermographia in the Insane," which was followed by a short discussion (*vide* p. 458).

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Dr. I. A. GILLESPIE briefly described two cases: (*a*) A young woman with early disseminated sclerosis. The patient was shown and the various symptoms demonstrated. (*b*) A case of general paralysis who showed marked improvement after hyperpyrexia.

Dr. F. H. HEALEY showed two pathological specimens: (*a*) A brain with marked cortical atrophy. (*b*) A brain from a case of encephalitis.

Dr. J. B. PANTON showed a specimen of cerebral tumour from a patient who had recently died shortly after his admission.

All the cases and specimens were followed by short discussions.

It was left to the Secretary to fix the time and place of the Autumn Meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman ended the meeting.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division will be held at Warwick County Mental Hospital, Hatton, on the invitation of Dr. Forrester.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE Quarterly and Clinical Meeting of the Irish Division was held at Purdysburn Villa Colony, by the kind invitation of the Committee of Management and Dr. S. J. Graham, Medical Superintendent, on April 11, 1929.

Twenty members were present. Dr. S. J. Graham was in the Chair.

A number of consulting physicians from Belfast were guests at the luncheon and meeting.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Dr. T. A. Greene, of Carlow, Dr. L. Gavin, of Mullingar, and Dr. Owen Felix McCarthy, of Cork.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Letters were read from the Departments of Local Government and Public Health of the Irish Free State, regretting that they were unable to appoint a representative of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to the General Nursing Council. The matter was fully discussed and much regret was felt at this decision.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting them, in the event of a vacancy occurring on the General Nursing Council during the next five years (for which period the G.N.C. has been re-elected) to nominate to the Council a representative of those who train mental nurses in the Irish Free State.

Dr. Robert Thompson, of St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin, having been duly nominated by six members, was unanimously elected to the position of Divisional Secretary of the Irish Division for the ensuing year.

Dr. S. J. Graham and Dr. R. R. Leeper, having been nominated by six members, were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council for 1929–30.

Dr. R. R. Leeper, having been proposed by a large number of the members, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division for 1929–30.

Following Dr. Leeper's election as Chairman of the Division, Dr. Graham, from the Chair, and several of the members present paid striking tribute to his work as Honorary Secretary. All emphasized his untiring devotion to the interests of the Division since his appointment in 1911, and several stated that, but for his efforts and personality, the Division would exist in name only. Many of the members pointed out that, despite the critical period through which their country had passed, Dr. Leeper had not been absent from a single meeting since his appointment.

They felt also that his period in the Chair would be a worthy example to those who would follow him, and the Chairman and members directed that this expression of appreciation be formally entered in the minutes.

Dr. Leeper returned sincere thanks to the Chairman and members for the many kind words they had said about him. He only wished his abilities had enabled him to serve them better. He thought that the Irish Division had never been more progressive than at present, and that the establishment of the Clinical Meetings had awakened a wider interest among the younger members and a progressive spirit which could be productive of nothing but good to the advancement of psychiatry in Ireland.

In endeavouring to fix dates of meetings for the ensuing year, it was recognized that, owing to the establishment of the Clinical Meetings, approximate dates only were possible.

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