SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING was held, by the kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. N. R. Phillips, at the Monmouthshire Asylum, Abergavenny, on Thursday, April 24, 1924.

Dr. Nelis was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

On the motion of the Chairman a vote of condolence with Mrs. Glendinning on the death of her husband, Dr. James Glendinning, was passed, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary was instructed to convey the same to her.

Dr. Starkey was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and J. Soutar as Representative Members of Council.

Drs. J. M. Rutherford and N. R. Phillips were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management.

The following were elected members of the Medico-Psychological Association:

THOMAS LLOYD EDWARDS, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., D.P.M.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
Proposed by Drs. J. McGregor, H. B. Wilkinson, and W. Starkey.

PETER LORNIE, M.D.Edin., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Monmouth Mental Hospital, Abergavenny.
Proposed by Drs. N. R. Phillips, J. Glendinning, and W. Starkey.

JOHN CHARLES GROSCORT REED, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Surgeon-Captain R.N. (retired), Assistant Medical Officer, The Old Manor, Salisbury.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Westrup, S. E. Martin, and W. Starkey.

JAMES REID, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, Hereford Mental Hospital, Hereford.
Proposed by Drs. J. G. Smith, D. M. Cox, and W. Starkey.

A letter from Dr. H. Rayner *re* establishment of a branch of the Mental After-Care Association in the South-Western Division was read and discussed. It was resolved that the Division approved of the proposal and would be pleased to co-operate with the After-Care Association in the matter.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for Thursday, October 23, 1924, the Secretary to arrange place of meeting.

Dr. S. GROSSMAN then read two short papers: (i) "A Case of Actinomycosis in the Cardiff City Mental Hospital," and (ii) "The Luminal Treatment of Epilepsy."

Both papers gave rise to interesting discussion, and several members spoke of the good results obtained from treatment of idiopathic epilepsy by luminal and luminal-sodium.

Dr. N. LAVERS then opened a discussion on "Some issues arising from the recent case of Harnett *v.* Bond and Adam." An animated discussion followed, in which most of the members took part.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. N. R. Phillips for his hospitality closed the proceedings.

During the morning the members had the opportunity of inspecting the Institution, and cases of clinical interest were demonstrated by Dr. Phillips and his staff. They were most hospitably entertained to lunch, and at the conclusion of the meeting tea was served.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the kind invitation of Dr. David Orr, Medical Superintendent, at the County Mental Hospital at Prestwich, Manchester, on Thursday, April 24, 1924.

Twenty-two members were present.

The members were shown over the buildings and laboratories by Dr. Orr in the forenoon, who later entertained them to lunch.

Dr. Orr occupied the Chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Dr. J. R. Gilmour was re-elected Secretary to the Division, and Drs. W. H. Coupland, E. S. Simpson and J. V. G. B. Tighe were re-elected Representative Members of Council.

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Dr. ALEX. CORSAR STURROCK was duly balloted for and elected an ordinary member of the Association.

A letter was read from Dr. Henry Rayner, Chairman of Council of the Mental After-Care Association, stating that their Association was desirous of establishing branches in the Northern Division, and asking for the support of members. The letter was sympathetically received, but in the absence of any definite scheme no action was suggested.

A letter was read from Dr. Tighe about the representation of the Division on the Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council. After discussion the following resolution was unanimously carried and ordered to be sent to the Council:

> "That this Division be represented on the Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council appointed by the Medico-Psychological Association."

Dr. A. CORSAR STURROCK then gave a most interesting dissertation on "A Recent Epidemic of Encephalitis Lethargica in Manchester." After concisely reviewing the literature of the subject, he gave an account of the symptoms, course, treatment and after-effects of the condition. Dr. Sturrock related the history of many of his own cases to illustrate the varying conditions found. The paper was felt to be a most valuable one in view of the present epidemics. After he had replied to several questions Dr. Sturrock was most cordially thanked for his lecture.

Drs. K. K. DRURY and C. FARRAN-RIDGE then read a paper on "Some Observations on the Types of Blood-Sugar Curve found in Different Forms of Insanity." This embodied a long series of observations, and was illustrated by charts of the various states. Drs. Orr and Shaw spoke to the paper and the authors replied.

Dr. C. W. EWING then reported "A Case of Cysticerci of *Tænia solium* in the Brain causing Insanity." He gave the clinical history of the case and exhibited the brain, showing hundreds of cysts throughout the brain-substance.

Dr. R. G. ROWS then gave a short lecture "On the Treatment of Cases of Incipient Insanity during the War." He approached the subject from the point of view of finding the relation of cause and effect in mental illnesses, of examining the cases individually from the biological instead of from the conventional aspect. He pointed out the little value of studying behaviour, because it indicated only a superficial reaction, and did not explain the symptoms. The true illness lies deeper, and can be discovered if suitable investigation is carried out. Dr. Rows gave short accounts of several cases to illustrate his standpoint.

The dates and places for the Autumn Meeting, 1924, and the Spring Meeting, 1925, were not fixed.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital on Friday, May 2, 1924.

Prof. Geo. M. Robertson occupied the Chair.

The minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read and approved, and the Chairman was authorized to sign them.

The SECRETARY submitted a letter of acknowledgment from Mrs. Miller thanking the members of the Division for their kind letter of sympathy.

Dr. W. D. Chambers and Dr. C. J. Shaw were unanimously elected representative members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan was unanimously elected Divisional Secretary.

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

> MARTHA D. DEVON, L.R.C.P.&S.Edin., L.R.F.P.&S.Glas., Clinical Assistant, Bangour Village, West Lothian.
>
> *Proposed by* Drs. Neil T. Kerr, C. A. Crichlow and W. M. Buchanan.

The CHAIRMAN reported the proceedings at the conference between representatives of the Scottish Division and of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, which had taken place in Edinburgh on March 6, 1924.

The SECRETARY then read a letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, dated April 1, 1924, of which the following is a copy:

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