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The following officers were elected:

Divisional Chairman: Dr. E. F. Reeve.

Divisional Secretary: Lt.-Col. J. I. Russell.

Representative Members of Council: Dr. E. F. Reeve, Dr. H. Dove Cormac, Dr. D. Macmillan and Dr. B. Finkleman.

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

Dr. T. W. Davidson was nominated for appointment of Examiner for the Final Examination of Nursing Certificate, and Miss J. White, Matron, Cheddleton Mental Hospital, as Nurse Examiner.

The following papers were read:

(1) **"The Causation of Irreversible Coma in Insulin Shock Therapy,"** by B. FINKLEMAN, M.B., D.P.M., M.Sc.

(2) **"Emotional and Ideational Factors of Psychosis in the Light of New Observations following Treatment by Shock and Sodium Amytal,"** by S. LOWY, M.D.Prague.

(3) **"A Problematical Case of Schizophrenia in an Adolescent Boy,"** by W. MARY BURBURY, M.A., M.B., B.Sc., D.P.M., etc.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1943, MEETING of the S.-W. Division was held, by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. H. Smith, at the Bristol City Mental Hospital, Fishponds, Bristol, on Thursday, April 22, 1943, at 2 p.m.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. C. Lovell, Brownlees, T. J. Hennelly, C. Davies-Jones, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Dr. J. T. Horsley, Dr. MacDonald and others.

Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming was in the Chair.

The following were present: Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, A. L. Taylor, R. E. Hemphill, E. F. Hutton, Elizabeth Casson, E. C. Barton White, J. Johnston Mason, G. H. Danby, P. F. Grant, A. B. Price, Thos. J. Rose, N. A. Martin, J. F. Lyons, Herbert Smith, A. J. P. Alexander, C. Sylvia Davies, R. Sessions Hodge and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

The following attended as Visitors: Dr. Albert Weeks, Dr. H. H. Carleton, Squadron-Leader A. M. Stewart-Wallace, Drs. T. S. Hutton, D. Satta, J. Wilfred Willway, J. J. S. Lucas, R. P. Lucas, Geoffrey Tooth, Major Francis Baylen, *M.C.*, Major M. M. Frohbir, M.C.U.S.A., R. J. Ling-Bell, E. Carey, A. H. M. Davies, J. R. R. Trist, Charles H. Willis, E. L. Trussell, P. P. Scott, M. C. Hood, Surg.-Commander R. Allison, R.N.V.R., Prof. T. H. Hewer, F. A. Hampton, F. G. B. Niven, Col. O. F. Kuksey, *M.C.*, U.S.Army.

The Report of the Divisional Committee was received.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Secretary; Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, R. W. Armstrong and R. E. Hemphill as Representative Members of Council; and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming as Chairman. Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The following was elected as an Ordinary Member:

ARTHUR MORGAN SPENCER, M.B.Bristol, D.P.M.(R.C.P.&S.), Deputy Medical Superintendent, Joint Counties Mental Hospital, Carmarthen.

Proposed by Drs. Sidney Davies, T. J. Hennelly and W. Clifford M. Scott.

The place of the Autumn Meeting was left in the hands of the Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

Dr. R. E. HEMPHILL read a very interesting paper on **"Pathological Changes in the Testis in Schizophrenia, Clinical and Histological Investigations,"** and Drs. A. L. Taylor and Max Reiss demonstrated the pathological findings by the aid of lantern-slides. The following took part in the discussion: Dr. FLEMING, Prof. HEWER and Dr. SESSIONS HODGE.

There was also a very interesting demonstration of pathological specimens by Dr. A. L. TAYLOR and the members were able to view a number of uncommon specimens.

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Dr. R. E. HEMPHILL exhibited a short film on "**Some Attitudes and Activities in Mental Patients,**" and also spoke on the subject.

Dr. ELIZABETH CASSON read a short paper on "**Rehabilitation from the Psychological Viewpoint.**"

Dr. ELIZBAETH CASSON proposed a vote of thanks to Alderman Wise for his Committee's kind hospitality, and for attending the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

AUTUMN, 1942, MEETING.

The AUTUMN QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on Thursday, November 5, 1942.

The following members were present: In the Chair, Dr. J. Dunne; Drs. C. B. Moloney, W. J. Coyne, J. F. Fitzgerald, R. Taylor, P. J. Cassin, F. W. H. Weir, E. O'Sullivan, W. R. Wright, P. Moran (Hon. Sec.), C. J. McCarthy, B. Blake, T. J. Conlon, R. Clifford, Evelyn O'Brien, H. Eustace, P. J. Aird, J. Kearney.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Secretary reported that owing to paper shortage and printing difficulties he had not sent out Preliminary Notices. Nominations for membership had come in too late to appear on the Agenda.

The CHAIRMAN said that the rules prevented the Division from proceeding to elect new members whose names had not appeared on the Agenda, and it was decided that election would have to be postponed to next meeting.

The Secretary reported that transport difficulties during the summer months were so great that after consultation with as many members as he could get in touch with he decided not to call a Summer Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said that travelling facilities were now better and they should try to hold their regular meetings even if very many members cannot manage to attend.

Apologies for inability to attend were sent by Drs. B. Honan, D. Lothian and S. Blake.

Nominations for officers of the Division for election at the Spring Meeting were handed in.

The reconstitution of a Research Sub-Committee was discussed.

The Secretary read the names of members of a previous Research Sub-Committee and a report of the last meeting held.

It was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee as follows: Drs. J. Dunne, H. Eustace, Evelyn O'Brien, C. B. Moloney, John Fitzgerald, C. J. McCarthy, D. Geraghty, H. Thompson, W. J. Coyne. The Chairman and Secretary for the time being to be *ex officio* members.

The Chairman undertook to call the Committe together as soon as feasible, and it was agreed that they should elect their own Secretary.

A long discussion ensued on the aims and objects of this Sub-Committee, and it was agreed that it should direct, control and co-ordinate all the special work done in the various mental hospitals and clinics and allocate special zones for special research on particular subjects.

The recent Departmental circular from the L.G.D., Dublin, *re* Conditions of Employment and Service of Mental Nurses was discussed. There was a considerable difference of opinion on the age limits and physical standards laid down, but there was general agreement on the other items in the regulations.

The Spring Meeting was fixed for Thursday, April 5, 1943. Dr. J. Dunne, Chairman of the Division, very kindly invited the Members to hold their Meeting at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, and to be his guests at luncheon on that date.

Dr. L. CLIFFORD read a paper on "**Mental Deficiency in Eire.**" The paper described the results of his investigation into the incidence of mental deficiency among school-children in this country. He explained in detail the aims of the survey, the methods employed, the analysis of the results to date and the tentative conclusions to be drawn from them.

The CHAIRMAN, in declaring the paper open for discussion, thanked Dr. Clifford and complimented him on the thorough wholehearted way in which he approached the subject.

The paper excited great interest and gave rise to a long discussion in which many members took part and Dr. Clifford later replied to queries raised and comments made.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Dunne) then read notes on a medico-legal case, in which he was recently called to give evidence, and opened a discussion on "**Sexual Delinquencies in Pre-Senile Cases.**" He said that it was his experience that more than 70 per cent. of cases charged in the criminal courts with these offences later developed psychotic symptoms, and that this fact should be taken into consideration when members were called to give evidence in such cases.

A long discussion on this and other relevant Court problems ensued and it was the general feeling that there should be a State Psychiatrist—just as there was State Pathologist—to give unbiassed evidence in such cases.

The meeting then concluded.

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