

The following was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association :

HARRIETTE CREERTLE BOGLE, M.D., Ch.B.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. H. Devine, C. Rutherford and J. G. Hamilton.

The following were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management : Drs. Haynes, McDowall, B. W. Brown, Stewart, Lindsay, Macfarlane and Sinclair.

Dr. J. Noel Sergeant was elected Secretary of the Division.

Dr. H. G. L. Haynes was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division.

The following were elected Representative Members of the Council : Drs. Bower, B. W. Brown, Haynes, Jarrett, Lindsay, Stewart.

The following examiners were elected : Junior—Dr. A. C. Sinclair ; Senior—Dr. W. G. Masefield ; Mental Deficiency—Dr. T. Lindsay.

The fixing of the date and place of the Autumn Meeting, 1934, and of the Spring Meeting, 1935, was left in the hands of the Divisional Secretary.

Dr. McDOWALL then read a paper entitled "**The Unexpected in Mental Practice**".

A discussion followed in which Drs. RAMBAUT, PADDLE, WALK, LINDSAY and SMITH took part. Members were then entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Thomas Beaton, O.B.E., and the Committee of Visitors, at the Portsmouth City Mental Hospital, on Thursday, April 26, 1934.

The following members were present : Drs. A. S. Mules, Bertha M. Mules, P. Carruthers, Ian Skottowe, C. Davies-Jones, G. W. Mackay, J. G. Smith, A. Wilson, W. Wyatt, J. L. Jackson, T. Beaton and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary). The undermentioned attended as visitors : Drs. A. H. H. Vizard, T. C. McElwee, H. H. Warren and T. E. Roberts.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Dr. W. R. Dawson, Dr. Elizabeth Casson and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Dr. J. L. JACKSON, seconded by Dr. T. BEATON, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. T. BEATON proposed and Dr. MULES seconded that Dr. J. L. Jackson and Dr. E. Barton White should be elected as Representative Members of Council.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was re-elected Divisional Chairman on the proposition of Dr. T. BEATON, seconded by Dr. C. DAVIES-JONES.

The following were elected as ordinary members of the Association :

JAMES CHARLES ROHAN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.N.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Berks Mental Hospital, Wallingford, Berkshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. Woolfe Read, R. Worth and G. Warwick Smith.

ALEXANDER WOOD, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Deputy Medical Superintendent, County Mental Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Proposed by Drs. C. Davies-Jones, J. R. Benson and S. Edgar Martin.

The HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that Dr. J. L. Jackson had kindly invited the members to hold the Autumn Meeting for 1934 at Knowle Mental Hospital, but Dr. Jackson had just intimated to him that some additional accommodation, which he specially wished the members to see when they visited Knowle, might not be completed by the date of that meeting. It was therefore decided to leave the matter of the place of the Autumn Meeting in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following nominations for posts of Examiners were made : Preliminary Nursing Examination, Dr. J. F. Leech ; Final Nursing Examination, Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe (*vice* Dr. J. McGarvey) ; Nurse Examiner, Miss Guyatt.

Dr. C. DAVIES-JONES read a modified version of Æsop's fable, "The Fox and the Grapes", at the same time mentioning that possibly many of the members knew the characters to whom reference was made.

On the proposition of Dr. J. S. I. SKOTTOWE, seconded by Dr. J. L. JACKSON, it was decided to send the following resolution to the Council of the R.M.P.A. :

"That having regard to the lack of uniformity in the local methods of administration of the Mental Health Services, and to the great desirability in the interests of psychiatry of such services being uniformly subject to the direction of psychiatrists, the Council of the R.M.P.A. should set up a Special Committee to report upon the organization of Local Mental Health Services, and suggest such representations upon the subject as might properly be made to the appropriate Central Authority."

Dr. THOMAS BEATON read an interesting paper on the "**Organization of Mental Treatment**", and the following members took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. JACKSON, SKOTTOWE, DAVIES-JONES, ROBERTS, WARREN and MACKAY.

Members were given the opportunity of inspecting the hospital, including two recently completed modern villas for the reception of new patients, and also a new post-mortem room incorporating the latest improvements.

Dr. J. L. JACKSON proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Beaton and the Committee of Visitors for their kind hospitality, which was passed with acclamation.

Dr. BEATON suitably replied.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. David Blair, at the Lancashire County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, on Friday, May 11, 1934.

There were present: Drs. Archdale, Bamford, Blair, Booth, Calder, Dove Cormac, Edgerley, Eurich, Fox, Handley, Henderson, Hopkins, Howie, McGlashan, Menzies, Mould, O'Reilly, Pool, Potts, Quine, D. Russell, J. Russell, J. I. Russell, Starkey, Stephens, Talbot, Tattersall, Thomas, Thorpe, Wilkins and Walker.

During the forenoon members visited the wards and laboratories, and Dr. Tattersall demonstrated an improved method of specimen mounting. Members were then kindly entertained to lunch.

In the absence of the Divisional Chairman Dr. Blair presided, taking the chair at 2 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were communicated.

Reports of the Divisional Committee and Representative Members of Council were received.

The following candidates, after ballot, were duly elected members of the Association:

ARTHUR POOL, M.B., Ch.B. (Hons.) Liverp., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, South Yorkshire Mental Hospital, Sheffield; Lecturer in Mental Diseases, Sheffield University.

Proposed by Drs. Mathieson, Thorpe and Clegg.

MARION GREAVES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, The Lawn, Lincoln.

Proposed by Drs. Rees, Mackenzie and Russell.

CHARLES BARRY BAMFORD, M.D., Ch.B. Liverpl., D.P.M. Dub., Assistant Medical Officer County Mental Hospital, Rainhill; St. Fillans, Eltonhead Road, St. Helens, Lancs.

Proposed by Drs. Reeve, Walk and Rodgers.

JAMES ERSKINE HOWIE, M.D., Ch.B. Liverp., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

EDITH MARION BOOTH, M.B., Ch.B. Manch. (Hons.), Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

ALICE MCGLASHAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

Dr. Russell was re-elected Secretary, Drs. Archdale, Dove Cormac and Edgerley were elected Representative Members of Council. Dr. Edgerley was elected Divisional Chairman.

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

It was resolved that the following nominations be submitted for the offices of Examiners: Professional Examination, Drs. Menzies and Potts; Preliminary Examination, Dr. McGrath; Final Examination, Dr. Brunton; Mental Deficiency Examination, Dr. Freize Stephens; Nurse Examiner, Miss Moore.

It was resolved that it be left to the Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Autumn Meeting.

The following papers were read:

"The Barbiturates in Epilepsy," by Richard Hanley, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.

"Observations on the Use of Pyrifur," by James Erskine Howie, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.M.

"Dramatization in the Insane," by Geoffrey Talbot, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.

Many of the members present contributed to an interesting discussion which followed the reading of each paper.

The meeting was closed at 5 p.m.