

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A meeting of the Scottish Division was held in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, December 5th, 1902. The following members of the Association were present:—Drs. Clouston, Yellowlees, W. W. Ireland, John G. Havelock, J. Carlyle Johnstone, George M. Robertson, A. R. Turnbull, John Keay, R. B. Mitchell, E. R. Wilson, J. M. Rutherford, C. C. Easterbrook, R. D. Hotchkis, J. H. Macdonald, J. Carswell, W. Ford Robertson, and Lewis C. Bruce (Secretary).

A letter of apology was received from Dr. Watson.

Dr. Clouston was called to the chair.

Dr. YELLOWLEES.—In proposing Dr. Clouston for the chair I have the very pleasant duty of congratulating Dr. Clouston upon his appointment to the Presidentship of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. I also take this opportunity of thanking the College through their President for their kindness in placing the Library of the College at the disposal of the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association for the usual Autumn Divisional Meeting. (Applause.)

Dr. CLOUSTON.—I beg to thank you, gentlemen, for your congratulations, and, as President of the Royal College of Physicians, I can say that we have always been pleased to have the Scottish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association as our guests whenever they desired to hold a meeting in Edinburgh.

The SECRETARY read the minute of the last meeting, which was approved of.

The CHAIRMAN.—The next business is to consider the amended and revised rules of the Association as submitted to the Annual Meeting at Liverpool and by resolution referred to the Divisions.

The following resolutions were carried :

1. Rule 28.—Each Division shall nominate annually to the Council, after taking the vote of the Division, a member to act as Secretary to the Division, and also one member as their representative on the Council, who shall remain on the Council for three years; such nomination to be received by the Council and presented to the Annual Meeting.

2. Rule 34.—To delete the words "and two Auditors."

3. Rule 46.—To delete the words "by the Auditor," and to substitute the words "by two Auditors appointed by the Council."

4. Rule 35.—After "the Educational Committee" insert "and the Divisional Secretaries."

5. Rule 51.—Between C and D add, as a fresh paragraph, "the names of the Secretary and the Member of Division nominated for the Council."

6. Rule 67.—To insert between the word "year" and the word "and," the following:—"Unless he can satisfy the Council that his absence has been unavoidable."

7. Rule 77.—That it should read thus:—"Except in the case of a Divisional Representative, in which case the Council may elect a member on the nomination of his Division."

8. That in the opinion of this Division a Nomination Committee ought to be appointed, consisting of the President, Treasurer, one of the Editors, the General Secretary, and all the Divisional Secretaries, to whom it shall be remitted to nominate persons for all the offices in the Association, except where the nominations are made by the Divisions.

9. That the Ordinances of the Association should be divided into Articles and Bye-laws.

10. That all the rules passed since the last revision should be submitted to the next Annual Meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Carlyle Johnstone for his valuable assistance in the discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. BRUCE read a paper entitled "Bacteriology and Clinical Investigations in some Acute Cases of Mental Disease" (see page 219).

At the conclusion of this paper Dr. Ireland took the chair.
 Dr. URQUHART read a paper on "Nomenclature of Diseases" (see page 236).
 On the motion of Dr. TURNBULL, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Ireland for presiding during the latter part of the meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

A meeting was held, by the courtesy of the President and Fellows, at the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Dublin, on January 28th, 1903. Present:—Dr. Oscar Woods in the chair, also Drs. Drapes, Norman, Hetherington, Nolan, O'Neill, Eustace, Leeper, Finegan, and Dawson (Hon. Sec.). Intimations of regret at being unable to attend were notified from Drs. W. Graham, Oakshott, Maloney, and Cooke.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

Dr. CONOLLY NORMAN asked permission to bring forward the following resolution, not on the agenda paper, which he proposed in suitable terms:—"The Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association assembled at their stated meeting this day desire to convey to their esteemed colleague, Dr. Seward, of the Colney Hatch Asylum, the expression of their warmest sympathy in the trouble that has befallen him through the calamitous fire in his institution yesterday. Such a calamity must touch every heart, but knowing how much distress it must particularly cause to Dr. Seward, we desire to assure him of our sincere sympathy."

The CHAIRMAN, in seconding the motion, remarked that if this dreadful occurrence were the means of stopping the erection of such dangerous structures as that which had been destroyed—structures to which he believed all superintendents were opposed—it would not be an unmixed evil. The resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to Dr. Seward forthwith.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided not at present to fix the time or place of the next meeting of the Division.

DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

It was unanimously decided that the following names should be recommended to the Council as Divisional Officers for the ensuing year, viz., Dr. W. R. Dawson as Divisional Secretary, and Dr. T. Drapes as Junior Examiner; also that Dr. M. J. Nolan should be recommended for a seat on the Council.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBER.

The following was unanimously elected by ballot:—Henry T. Bewley, M.D. (Dublin), F.R.C.P.I., etc., Visiting Physician, Bloomfield Asylum; Physician to the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, etc. (proposed by Drs. W. R. Dawson, C. Norman, and H. M. Eustace).

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Dr. Nolan, and carried unanimously, "That the best thanks of the Division be conveyed to the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians for kindly placing a room in the College at their disposal for the meeting."

HOOR OF MEETING.

The Secretary reported that only a few replies had been received to the inquiries which, as directed, he had made of the members regarding the most convenient hour for the Divisional Meetings. He was directed to write to the members again on the matter, enclosing a reply postcard.