

The meeting next considered the circular received re the holding of clinical meetings, and the circular letter of the President, dated April 28, 1927, setting forth his proposals on this matter.

After a lengthy discussion, in which all the members took part, it was decided that the Hon. Secretary be authorized to address a circular to the medical superintendents in Ireland asking them to bring before their Committees the desirability of these clinical meetings in the interests of their patients, and for the encouragement of a more scientific spirit in the work of the assistant medical officers; and to ask the committees to defray the railway fares of the assistant medical officers attending the meetings. Much medical knowledge would be gained at such meetings, as many assistant medical officers have little opportunity of attending the quarterly meetings.

Dr. NOLAN considered the holding of these clinical meetings to be merely an enlargement of the present system of holding the Divisional Meetings. He considered that these clinical meetings should not be held too frequently.

Dr. KELLY considered that the Government would look with favour upon the establishment of these clinical meetings, which were of primary importance, and hoped that the Hospital Committees would co-operate in this effort to advance psychiatry in Ireland.

Dr. GRAHAM stressed the point that the Hospital Committees would not be in favour of paying the travelling expenses of the assistant medical officers attending these meetings unless they saw clearly the value of them to the patients and the medical work.

Dr. DUNNE spoke from the assistant medical officer's standpoint, and hoped all medical superintendents would facilitate the attendance of assistant medical officers at these clinical meetings.

The HON. SECRETARY said that he had thought the subject so important that he had made all possible efforts to have the present meeting of the Irish Division large and representative.

Dr. NOLAN and Dr. J. O'C. DONELAN stated that they very much appreciated the action of the Hon. Secretary, which had the approval of all present.

A resolution, proposed by Dr. GRAHAM and seconded by Dr. NOLAN, thanking Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan for the opportunity of visiting St. Dymphna's and for his kind hospitality, was passed by acclamation. This terminated the proceedings.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

National Hospital, Queen Square, Medical School.—A post-graduate course on Diseases of the Nervous System will be held at the above Hospital from October 3 to November 25, 1927. The general course will consist of clinical lectures and demonstrations; teaching in the out-patient department; and pathological lectures and demonstrations. The fees for this course will be £5 5s. A course of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System will be arranged if there are sufficient applicants. Fee, £2 2s. A course of clinical demonstrations chiefly on Methods of Examination of the Nervous System will be given. Fee £2 2s. Tickets entitling to attend the Out-Patient Clinic only (£2 2s. for 3 months) may be obtained from the Secretary.

A limited number of students can be enrolled as Ward Clerks or as clinical Assistants in the Out-Patient Department. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Medical School, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C. 1.

A course of Advanced Psychiatry will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, during the same period. Times of lectures and demonstrations will be so arranged that it will be possible for medical practitioners to attend both courses.

The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5.—A Post-graduate Course in Psychiatry (concurrent with course in Neurology at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C. 1) will be held October–November, 1927. The course will consist of (1) Four courses of clinical lectures illustrated by cases. (2) Demonstrations upon investigation of recently admitted cases. (3) Discussion of fully investigated cases.

Any of those attending the course who desire to obtain clinical experience by investigating cases themselves should apply to the Medical Superintendent.

The fee for the whole course is £5 5s. Those desiring to take any part separately should communicate with the Dean of the Medical School, National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C. 1.

The Tavistock Square Clinic for Functional Nervous Disorders, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A short course of lectures on Functional Nervous Disorders for Practitioners and Students will be given at the Clinic, beginning October 10, at 4.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m., by W. Langdon Brown, M.D., F.R.C.P.; H. Crichton-Miller, M.D.; John Freeman, M.D.; J. R. Rees, M.D.; George Riddoch, M.D., F.R.C.P.; James Young, M.D.

Fee for the course: Medical practitioners, £2 2s.; medical students (*i.e.*, unqualified), 10s. 6d. Tickets for a single lecture at 5s. will be issued in so far as accommodation permits. Tickets for the course to be obtained in advance from the Hon. Lecture Secretary at the Clinic.

Bethlem Royal Hospital.—A course of lectures and practical instruction for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine, granted by the various universities and the Conjoint Board, is held at Bethlem Royal Hospital twice annually, during the spring and autumn. The next session commences on January 8, 1928. The fee for the full course is 15 guineas, but Part A or Part B may be taken separately for a fee of 10 guineas per part. In addition, clinical instruction in Psychological Medicine is given to students and post-graduates every morning (except Wednesdays) at 11 a.m. The fee for students is 3 guineas for a period of three months, and for post-graduates 5 guineas for a similar period, but a reduction is made to those who attend the D.P.M. course.

The lectures are given by: Prof. F. G. Parsons, F.R.C.S. (Anatomy of the Nervous System, etc.). C. Worster-Drought, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P.; F. C. E. Danvers-Atkinson, M.B. (Physiology of the Nervous System, etc.). C. Lovell, M.D., B.S. (Pathology Serology, etc., of Mental Disorders). William Brown, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., M.R.C.P.; C. Stanford Read, M.D.; R. J. Bartlett, M.Sc., A.R.C.Sc. (Psychology, Psycho-pathology, etc.); E. D. Macnamara, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.; W. H. B. Stoddart, M.D., F.R.C.P.; Thomas Beaton, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P. (Mental Disorders, etc.). James Collier, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Clinical Neurology). J. G. Porter Phillips, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Medico-Legal Relationships of Insanity). M. Hamblin Smith, M.A., M.D. (Crime and Punishment). A. F. Tredgold, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Mental Deficiency).

House physicians are appointed at Bethlem Royal Hospital for a term of six months, which may be extended. These appointments are made on May 1 and November 1 each year, and the vacancies are advertised in the medical papers. Apartments, complete board, attendance and laundry are provided, and also a salary at the rate of £100 per annum. Clinical Assistants are also appointed from time to time for a period of three months or longer. These are non-salaried, non-resident posts, but partial board is provided.

The Physician Superintendent of Bethlem Royal Hospital will be pleased to answer any further inquiries.

SUMMARY OF MEMORANDUM BY THE LUNACY COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

(Throughout the Memorandum the references given are to the page of the Report of the Royal Commission.)

In many important respects the Report of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder is in harmony with the principles advocated by the Association in the evidence which it tendered to the Commission, and must therefore command the assent and support of the Association.

The Committee desires to draw the attention of the Association to two matters of prime importance, as in these respects the recommendations of the Royal Commission appear to be unsatisfactory from the point of view of the Association. They are:

(1) PROTECTION OF THE PRACTITIONER.

The Royal Commission expresses the opinion that the position revealed by recent cases "leaves little room for doubt that unless some relief is found for