

The following eight members were present : Drs. A. J. Eades, R. W. Dale Hewson, C. L. Hopkins, A. McDougall, J. Moir Mathieson, Major R.A.M.C., G. E. Mould, W. Vincent, Lieut.-Col. R.A.M.C., and T. S. Adair, and two visitors, Drs. E. Falkner Hill and A. Ramsbottom.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the President, Lt.-Col. Keay, the President-elect, Dr. Bedford Pierce, and a number of others.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. T. Stewart Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division.

Dr. J. Geddes and Dr. R. Kirwan were elected Representative Members of Council for 1919-1920.

The kind invitation of Dr. Eades to hold the Autumn Meeting, 1919, at the North Riding Asylum, York, and of Dr. Geddes to hold the Spring Meeting, 1920, at the Mental Hospital, Middlesborough, were cordially accepted.

Dr. McDougall then read a paper entitled "A Group of Fits." (See p. 202.)

Col. Vincent, Major Mathieson and others gave their experiences, especially with regard to epilepsy caused by the war.

A paper, by Dr. Pierce, on some present-day problems connected with the administration of asylums, was read by the Secretary. (See p. 198.)

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. McDougall for his kind hospitality and for so pleasant a meeting.

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#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Western Division was held by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. F. Hurst at Seale Hayne Military Hospital, Newton Abbot, on Friday, April 25th, 1919.

The following members were present : Drs. Bainbridge, Davis, Eager, Aveline, Lavers, Mary Martin, Mules, Nelis, Prentice, Soutar, Starkey, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Miles, Major Phillips, and the Hon. Divisional Secretary (Dr. Bartlett).

The visitors included Drs. Head, Waddell, Williamson, Rivers, and many Service guests at Seale Hayne.

Dr. Soutar was voted to the Chair.

Letters of regret were received from Lieut.-Cols. Goodall, Lord, and McKeay, Major Worth, and Drs. McDonald, Rutherford, and Outterson Wood.

Dr. Bartlett was elected as Secretary.

Drs. Aveline and MacBryan were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Drs. Eager and Soutar were elected as Members of the Committee of Management.

The date of the Autumn Meeting was fixed for October 24th, 1919, of the Spring Meeting for April 24th, 1920; the place of the former meeting was left in the hands of the Secretary.

*New Member* : Annie Shortridge Mules, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant House-Surgeon, Devon and Exeter Hospital, proposed by Drs. Eager, MacBryan, and Bartlett, was elected a member of the Association.

A most interesting day was arranged by Lieut.-Col. Hurst. During the morning hysterical cases under treatment and cases of war neurosis were demonstrated by Lieut.-Col. Hurst, Major Venables, Capts. Gordon, Gill, Robin, and Wilkinson. This was followed by a cinematograph portrayal of cases before, during, and after treatment. After lunch and the Committee Meeting, Capt. Gordon ably debated the causes of psychasthenia, and was followed by Lieut.-Col. Hurst, who gave us much food for thought on the subject of the close alliance between hysteria and epilepsy; Drs. Head, Lavers, Eager, and Soutar took part in the ensuing discussion. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lieut.-Col. Hurst and his officers for their kind hospitality and unsparing efforts in the provision of a most instructive and interesting programme, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

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