

It was decided that the election of the representative on a proposed "Nursing Advisory Committee to the Education Committee" would take place at the Autumn Meeting, and that the procedure adopted would be similar to that for the election of Representative Member of Council.

Dr. J. FRANCIS DIXON proposed and Dr. H. G. DRAKE-BROCKMAN seconded that the following resolution be submitted to the May meeting of the Council:

"It is recommended that the Male Staff of Mental Hospitals be represented on the 'Nursing Advisory Committee.'"

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Dr. W. REES THOMAS read a paper on "Dementia Præcox and Vitamins," (*vide* p. 460).

Several members took part in the discussion which followed. Dr. THOMAS, in replying to Dr. DOVE CORMAC, stated that the application of artificial sunlight without small doses of ergostural did not prove satisfactory.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Dr. Rees Thomas for his interesting paper, and the meeting terminated.

Members were afterwards very kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Macarthur.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Station Hotel, Dumfries, on Thursday, May 24, and at the Crichton Royal Institution on Friday, May 25, 1928.

There were present eighteen members.

Dr. R. D. Hotchkis, Divisional Chairman, occupied the Chair.

Before taking up the ordinary business of the meeting, the CHAIRMAN feelingly referred to the death of Dr. Landel R. Oswald, who had joined the Association in 1890, and who first, as Medical Superintendent of the Glasgow District Mental Hospital at Gartloch, and later as Physician Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital, Gartnavel, had rendered valuable services in the care and treatment of the insane. He also spoke of Dr. Oswald's fine personal qualities, and of the deep interest he always took in the affairs of the Scottish Division.

Dr. C. J. SHAW also paid tribute to Dr. Oswald's memory.

It was unanimously resolved that it be recorded in the minutes that the members of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association desire to express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Landel R. Oswald, and their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement. The Secretary was instructed to send an excerpt of the minute to the relatives.

The minutes of last Divisional Meeting were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for absence were intimated from the President, Drs. H. de M. Alexander, J. S. Annandale, R. Mary Barclay, William Boyd, L. C. Bruce, R. B. Campbell, Henry Carre, Alexander Dick, James Gray, John Keay, T. C. Mackenzie, Angus McNiven, S. R. Macphail, J. H. C. Orr, F. E. Reynolds, G. Dunlop Robertson, Patrick Steele, F. Sutherland, I. D. Suttie, D. Yellowlees, Prof. G. M. Robertson and Edwin Bramwell, Rev. Claude O'Flaherty and Sir Arthur Rose.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. W. D. CHAMBERS, Dr. C. C. Easterbrook was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division for the ensuing year.

Drs. R. B. Campbell and Neil T. Kerr were unanimously elected Representative Members of the Council for the year 1928-29, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan was unanimously re-elected Divisional Secretary.

The following candidates after ballot were unanimously admitted as ordinary members of the Association:

JOHN McDUGALL, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Senior Assistant Physician, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

*Proposed by* Drs. C. C. Easterbrook, C. J. Shaw and Prof. G. M. Robertson, WILLIAM JOHN RAITT, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Assistant Physician, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

*Proposed by* Drs. C. C. Easterbrook, R. Dods Brown and G. H. R. Gibson.

JAMES McLAUGHLAN JOHNSTON, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Mental Hospital, Westgreen, Dundee.

*Proposed by Drs. W. Tuach Mackenzie, N. T. Kerr and W. M. Buchanan.*

JAMES GRAY, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Junior Assistant Medical Officer, District Asylum, Inverness.

*Proposed by Drs. T. C. Mackenzie, W. McWilliam and W. M. Buchanan.*

The SECRETARY reported that the Business Committee had met on March 30, 1928, and considered the reference with regard to Divisional Clinical Meetings, and made the followings unanimous recommendations :

1. That Scotland be one area for Divisional Clinical Meetings.
2. That Divisional meetings in future be held quarterly at hospitals, instead of biannually as at present, so that the additional two meetings might be almost entirely clinical in character.
3. That Medical Superintendents be asked to present clinical material at meetings.
4. That Medical Superintendents be asked to encourage their assistant medical officers to attend these meetings and give them facilities for so doing.

The meeting, having considered the recommendations of the Business Committee, unanimously agreed to adopt them, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange accordingly.

The SECRETARY reported generally upon the steps which were being taken to have the Association's Nursing Certificate recognized by the General Nursing Councils as qualifying for registration in the Section for Mental Nurses of their Registers.

The SECRETARY reported that the Secretary of the Nominations Committee had requested that an additional member of the Division be nominated to serve on the Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and that he had put forward the name of Dr. Douglas McRae, who had been originally nominated by the Division, but had not been called upon to serve. The meeting approved of the action of the Secretary in the matter and unanimously confirmed the nomination of Dr. McRae, the other members being Prof. G. M. Robertson, Dr. J. Keay, T. C. Mackenzie and W. M. Buchanan.

Prior to the Business Meeting the members dined together at the Station Hotel.

This concluded the business of the first day's session.

On the meeting reassembling on the morning of May 25, members were conveyed to the Crichton Royal, and on the way Dr. Easterbrook pointed out many of the places with historical and literary associations, with which Dumfries abounds.

The forenoon was spent in a visit to the hospitals, villas, etc., including "The Hospice"—the new Reception Hospital and Infirmary for the Crichton Hall Department—which was much admired by all. In the course of the visit two cases of Huntingdon's chorea, a case of advanced disseminated sclerosis and a case of aphasia following a depressed fracture of the skull with coal-gas poisoning were demonstrated by Dr. Raitt.

Members were kindly entertained to lunch at Crichton Hall, after which Dr. Hotchkis expressed the cordial thanks of the Division to the Board of Directors of the Crichton Royal and to Dr. Easterbrook for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting and for their kind hospitality.

During the afternoon members were conducted over the garden, including the extensive rock garden, the farm and policies, and thereafter were kindly entertained to tea at Crichton House by Dr. and Mrs. Easterbrook.

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#### IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Thursday, April 12, 1928, at St. Edmondsbury, Lucan.

There were twelve members present, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Dawson, O.B.E., M.D., in the Chair.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman made a condolatory reference to the recent death of Dr. H. M. Eustace, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward to Mrs. Eustace a letter expressing the sympathy of the Division with her in her bereavement.