

## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1902, at Cotford Asylum, near Taunton, under the chairmanship of Dr. Aveline.

Present: Drs. Braine-Hartnell, H. T. S. Aveline, Laing, Sproat, Davis, MacBryan, Morton, Weatherley, Willis, Hungerford, Findlay, Beale-Brown, P. W. MacDonald (Hon. Sec.), and one visitor.

The Hon. Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

The following were elected ordinary members:—Thomas Richard Beale-Brown, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., A.M.O., Cotford Asylum, Taunton; Arthur Charles King-Turner, M.B., C.M.Edin., The Retreat, Fairford; and William Frederick Willis, M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.Lond., A.M.O., County Asylum, Exminster, Devon.

Dr. WEATHERLY said that he had very much pleasure, on behalf of the members of this Division, in asking Dr. MacDonald to carry on the secretarial duties again. They recognised his work and all he had done for the Association, and they would feel grateful if he would again accept the position. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. MACBRYAN seconded the proposition, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Dr. DAVIS, seconded by Dr. MACBRYAN, it was decided to submit the name of Dr. Braine-Hartnell for the consideration of the Council when nominating members to fill vacancies.

Dr. J. V. Blackford and Dr. Goodall were elected to the vacancies on the Committee of Management.

The CHAIRMAN said that the next business was the selection of the date and place of the next meeting. Dr. Davis had been kind enough to invite them to Exminster, and he proposed that the invitation be accepted, which was unanimously adopted.

Dr. MACDONALD read a letter from the Hon. Mrs. Wade, widow of the late Dr. Law Wade, of Wells, dated October 27th, 1901, in which she thanked the members for the vote of sympathy extended to her in her great loss.

Dr. WEATHERLY read a paper entitled "The Evolution of Delusions in some Cases of Melancholia" (see p. 495).

Dr. SPROAT read a paper entitled "The Care of Idiots and Imbeciles." The publication of this paper has been unavoidably postponed.

## VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The CHAIRMAN said that they all regretted that owing to illness Dr. Benham had been obliged to give up work. He had six months' leave granted him, and he (the Chairman) had seen him before he went away, and again about a month ago, and he was glad to inform them that he was very much better. They all expressed sympathy with him.

Dr. WEATHERLY endorsed the Chairman's remarks, and said that they all recognised the work Dr. Benham had done, and the Association generally trusted he would soon be with them again.

The CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow of the late Dr. Bonville Fox, of Brislington House, and said he remembered when he first joined the society what a lot of work Dr. Fox had done for it.

Dr. MACDONALD said that he had known Dr. Fox for a great many years, and he was sure they all felt that by his death they had lost a very able member of the profession. In days gone by he had taken a very active and important part in the work of that Association. He had heard Dr. Fox's voice on many memorable occasions, and he was sure it was the wish of the members that a most cordial vote of sympathy and condolence should be passed.

Mr. DAVIS proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Aveline for his hospitality, and said that the members had looked forward with interest to an inspection of the extensive and modern asylum at Cotford, and no doubt many of them had learnt a great deal from it.

Mr. BRAINE-HARTNELL seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The members afterwards dined together at the Station Hotel.