

Dr. MOULD said the Commissioners did keep a register of attendants, and they stated that no one asked them for information on the subject.

Dr. MILLER, replying on the discussion, said he had not intended that this proposal should involve serious expense. So far as the cost was concerned he had presumed that, for the love of the thing, some member of the Association would undertake the work as they did the office of examining attendants, being simply recouped for out-of-pocket expenses. It was not his intention that the bureau should supply technical information on points of law. But there was a good deal of information that might be circulated on the subject of dietary and various other matters, and he still thought that the number of questions one was asked in a year on these points were not so great as to necessitate the keeping of an office and a staff. He thought it might be done easily by some member of the Association if the questions were restricted to *bond fide* matters of administration. So far as what Dr. Stewart had said was concerned, no doubt the same thing had happened to all of them. The safest way was to ask for a photograph when the application was made and send it to the nearest asylum to the town from whence the application came, and it was almost sure to be recognised. In conclusion, Dr. Miller said he would not mind undertaking the work of the bureau himself for twelve months to see whether the idea could be practically carried out.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting was held at the Worcester County and City Asylum, Powick, on 22nd April, 1901.

Present: Dr. Benham, Dr. Morrison, Dr. Paterson, Dr. Millar, Dr. Braine-Hartnell, Dr. Turner, Dr. Aveline, Dr. Bubb, Dr. Suffern, Dr. MacBryan, Dr. Wilkinson, Dr. Veitch, and Dr. MacDonald.

Dr. Benham was voted to the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association:—Joseph L. Baskin, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., A.M.O., Devon County Asylum. Proposers: A. N. Davis, R. Stephens, and P. W. MacDonald. William E. Peck, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., A.M.O., Devon County Asylum. Proposers: A. N. Davis, R. Stephens, and P. W. MacDonald. D. M. MacRae, M.B., C.M., A.M.O., Wilts County Asylum. Proposers: J. I. Bowes, J. L. Gordon, and P. W. MacDonald. R. B. Smyth, M.D., B.Ch., Senior A.M.O., Gloucester County Asylum. Proposers: F. H. Craddock, J. G. Soutar, and E. W. Henley. George Potts, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., A.M.O., Dorset County Asylum. Proposers: P. W. MacDonald, J. Davison, and A. Davidson. John M. Ahern, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ireland, A.M.O., Warneford Asylum, Oxford. Proposers: J. Neil, P. W. MacDonald, and A. Davidson.

OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Dr. BRAINE-HARTNELL proposed and Dr. BENHAM seconded that Dr. MacDonald be asked to continue his appreciated work as Hon. Sec. Carried.

Dr. MacBryan proposed and Dr. AVELINE seconded that the name of Dr. Rutherford be submitted for election to the Council. Carried.

Dr. MACBRYAN proposed and Dr. TURNER seconded that Dr. Braine-Hartnell and Dr. Aveline be elected to fill the vacancies on the Committee of Management.

Dr. AVELINE proposed and Dr. MACBRYAN seconded that the October Meeting be held at Bath.

ASYLUM DIETARY.

The discussion on Dr. Turner's paper was resumed.

DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

Dr. Braine-Hartnell read a paper on this subject, which was fully discussed.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Dr. Benham expressed the thanks of the members present to Dr. Braine-Hartnell for his courteous and hospitable reception of the division.