

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at St. Francis' Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex, on 15 April, 1954, by kind invitation of Dr. W. McCartan, Physician-Superintendent, and of the Hospital Management Committee.

The party visited Hurstwood Park Hospital (in the grounds of St. Francis' Hospital) in the morning and saw the extended and enlarged Theatre and X-ray Departments with their special emphasis on neuro-surgery and neuroradiology. Visits were also made to the Pathological and Biochemical Laboratories and the EEG Department and Biophysics Laboratory.

Dr. C. F. Macguire, the Visiting Radiologist, demonstrated arteriograms and air studies and Dr. J. Hoenig discussed a number of EEG tracings of special interest. Mr. R. F. Nunn (Biochemist) discussed some research work on convulsion thresholds and Mr. G. Johnson demonstrated apparatus in the Biophysics Laboratory.

A plan of the new Psychiatric Unit to be built adjoining Hurstwood Park Hospital was on view showing how the facilities at Hurstwood Park Hospital would be available for this Unit so placed as to benefit by these and yet so sited as not to be an inconvenience to the patients at Hurstwood Park Hospital.

Lunch was held for a party of about 70 in the Staff Smoke Room at Beechmont House. Dr. L. R. Janes (Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee) apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mr. L. V. Donne (Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee) and on behalf of the Hospital Management Committee welcomed the members of the Association.

Dr. McCartan gave a brief account of the development of Beechmont House from its original use as a Private Villa for Women to that of staff quarters, cafeteria, lecture room and recreation room.

The Meeting in the afternoon was held in one of the lecture rooms at Beechmont House.

Dr. J. G. Hamilton was elected Chairman of the Division and duly installed in office by the retiring Chairman, Dr. W. McCartan. Dr. George Somerville was elected Hon. Secretary and Dr. S. W. Hardwich Assistant Hon. Secretary.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

BETHELL, MARTIN FRANK, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Ipswich Area.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. B. Hamilton, W. P. Gurassa and J. P. Dewsbury.

DOHERTY, RAYMOND, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Junior Medical Officer, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.

*Proposed by* Drs. Joshua Carse, John D. Morrissey and John Towers.

HOBSON, ROBERT FREDERICK, B.A., M.D.(Camb.), D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Middlesex Hospital, W.1.

*Proposed by* Drs. E. J. Rich, P. D. Scott, and W. P. Gurassa.

RODGER, WILLIAM, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.(Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Squadron Leader, R.A.F. Neuropsychiatric Centre, Halton, Bucks.

*Proposed by* Drs. M. A. Rahill, John Evans and D. C. Watt.

STEVENSON, JOYCE LILIAN, M.B., B.S., House Physician, Three Counties Hospital, 58 Stonycroft, Stevenage, Herts.

*Proposed by* Drs. N. McDiarmid, L. G. M. Page and R. J. Russell.

SWIFT, JOSEPH LOUIS, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.

*Proposed by* Drs. D. Anton-Stephens, Sir Geoffrey Nightingale and Dr. Neville Copeland.

Papers were read by Dr. W. McCartan, Mr. E. J. Radley-Smith (Consultant Neurosurgeon) and Dr. D. S. G. M. Bailey.

Dr. McCartan discussed the need for closer neurological and psychiatric collaboration and the benefits which would accrue from the closer association of these specialities. He expressed the view that progress in psychiatry was dependent in no small measure on a closer integration than there had been in the past and deprecated any approach either exclusively materialistic or philosophical, the point of his thesis being that the ideal arrangement would be a balanced synthesis of both.

Mr. E. J. Radley-Smith described a number of cases showing psychiatric symptoms which were in fact basically neurological. He pointed out the pitfalls in the diagnosis of subdural haemotoma, abscess and tumour, and illustrated his remarks with arteriograms and air studies.

Dr. Bailey described an interesting case of parathyroid deficiency following thyroidectomy, which was unsuspected until the patient had been admitted in a paranoid state to St. Francis' Hospital. Dr. Bailey showed an interesting graph of the improvement in the patient's mental state through control of this deficiency.

Dr. A. M. Stewart-Wallace, Visiting Neurologist, gave a description of the basilar syndrome and the psychiatric manifestations of this.

Dr. A. A. W. Petrie (Past President of the Association) proposed the vote of thanks to Dr. McCartan and the Management Committee for their hospitality.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Tone Vale Hospital, near Taunton, Somerset, on Thursday, the 8 October, 1953, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. K. C. Bailey, Medical Superintendent, and was attended by 23 members and 11 guests.

The Divisional Committee of Management nominated Dr. I. Atkin, Dr. W. E. W. Bridger, Colonel J. T. Robinson, Dr. J. Russell and Dr. J. M. C. Speer for re-election, and Dr. K. C. Bailey, Dr. S. M. Allan and Dr. A. J. Rowe for election to the Committee. No other nominations for election to the Committee of Management had been received and the nominations of the Committee of Management were therefore accepted and the members nominated elected unanimously.

The arrangements for the Spring Meeting were left to the Chairman and the Divisional Secretary.

#### ELECTION OF JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON COUNCIL

Dr. A. J. E. Rowe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar at Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, was unanimously elected to the office of Junior Representative on Council.

#### ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The following candidates were elected by ballot to Ordinary Membership:

CRAWFORD, JAMES ALEXANDER, L.R.C.P. & S.(Ed.), L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M., Medical Director, Cheltenham, Gloucester and County Child Guidance Clinics; Honorary Psychiatrist, Gloucester Mental Hospitals.

*Proposed by* Drs. E. Whatley, D. P. Finn and P. Holman.

ROBERTS, JULIAN MERVYN, M.B., Ch.B.(Edin.), D.P.M.(Leeds), Senior Registrar, St. James's Hospital, Portsmouth, Hants.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. Liddell Milligan, J. D. Murphy and J. McGhie.

WYLIE, JOHN ANTHONY HAMILTON, M.A.(Oxon), M.D.(London), D.Phil. (Oxon), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., University Demonstrator in Pathology, Oxford University (on leave of absence to Medical Research Council).

*Proposed by* Drs. A. Shapiro, E. D. Taylor and R. M. Bates.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Shepherd, from the Chair, raised the question of the possible re-starting of the R.M.P.A. examinations for nurses. In doing so, he said that he welcomed very much