

NURSING IN IRISH WORKHOUSES.

The following resolution of the Council was next considered:—"That the question as to the advisability of the Association representing to the Local Government Board, that in a union workhouse in which insane persons are detained, a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed, be considered at the divisional meetings in England and Scotland, and a report to be made to the Council." It was proposed by Dr. Beach, and seconded by Dr. Percy Smith, that the Division considered it advisable that properly qualified and trained mental nurses should be employed in union workhouses in which insane persons are detained; this was carried unanimously.

Next meeting.—On the invitation of Dr. White, it was decided that the Spring Meeting of 1900 be held at the City of London Asylum, near Dartford.

Dr. Hyslop then read his paper on "Some Rare Forms of Skin Affections in the Insane." A lengthy discussion followed (see page 60).

A vote of thanks to Dr. Hyslop brought the meeting to a close. In the evening the members dined together at the Café Monico.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th October, at Digby's Asylum, Exeter. Dr. Spence, President of the Association, was in the chair, and there were also present Drs. Rutherford, Deas, Sheldon, Turner, Aveline, Davis, Blachford, Forsyth, Pearce, Benham, Liston, MacDonald (Hon. Sec.), Hungerford, Aldridge, Stevens, Wood, and Drs. Davy and Brash as visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following were elected as new members:—James Leslie Gordon, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Wilts County Asylum; George Heneage Pearce, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Assistant Medical Officer, Brislington House, Bristol; Charles E. P. Forsyth, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Dorchester Asylum; Walter Hood Ligertwood, L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Wells Asylum.

Next meeting.—An invitation having been received to hold the Spring Meeting at Bailbrook House, Bath, it was unanimously accepted, and 24th April, 1900, was fixed as the date of meeting.

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The Secretary explained that the resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Association held in London in July, 1899, was as follows:—"That the question of the advisability of the Association representing to the Local Government Board, that in a union workhouse in which insane persons are detained a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed, be considered by the divisional meetings in England and Scotland, and that a report be made to the Council."

After a prolonged discussion, taken part in by the President, Dr. Deas, Dr. Turner, Dr. Benham, Dr. Rutherford, the Hon. Sec., and others, the following resolution, moved by Dr. DEAS and seconded by Dr. TURNER, was adopted:—"That this meeting considers that it should be represented to the Local Government Board that in union workhouses in which insane persons are detained, a nurse properly qualified and trained in mental nursing should be employed in the insane wards."

Dr. Hungerford read a paper entitled "A Few Remarks on Hysteria and its Relation to Insanity" (see page 83).

THE TRUSTESHIP OF THE LUNATIC.

The CHAIRMAN announced with regret that Dr. Briscoe was too unwell to attend. He hoped, however, it would be merely a pleasure deferred.

On the motion of Dr. MACDONALD, seconded by Dr. ALDRIDGE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Rutherford for his kindness and hospitality.

The members and visitors afterwards dined together at the London Hotel.