

Dr. THOMAS BEATON read an interesting paper on the "**Organization of Mental Treatment**", and the following members took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. JACKSON, SKOTTOWE, DAVIES-JONES, ROBERTS, WARREN and MACKAY.

Members were given the opportunity of inspecting the hospital, including two recently completed modern villas for the reception of new patients, and also a new post-mortem room incorporating the latest improvements.

Dr. J. L. JACKSON proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Beaton and the Committee of Visitors for their kind hospitality, which was passed with acclamation.

Dr. BEATON suitably replied.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. David Blair, at the Lancashire County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, on Friday, May 11, 1934.

There were present: Drs. Archdale, Bamford, Blair, Booth, Calder, Dove Cormac, Edgerley, Eurich, Fox, Handley, Henderson, Hopkins, Howie, McGlashan, Menzies, Mould, O'Reilly, Pool, Potts, Quine, D. Russell, J. Russell, J. I. Russell, Starkey, Stephens, Talbot, Tattersall, Thomas, Thorpe, Wilkins and Walker.

During the forenoon members visited the wards and laboratories, and Dr. Tattersall demonstrated an improved method of specimen mounting. Members were then kindly entertained to lunch.

In the absence of the Divisional Chairman Dr. Blair presided, taking the chair at 2 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were communicated.

Reports of the Divisional Committee and Representative Members of Council were received.

The following candidates, after ballot, were duly elected members of the Association:

ARTHUR POOL, M.B., Ch.B. (Hons.) Liverp., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, South Yorkshire Mental Hospital, Sheffield; Lecturer in Mental Diseases, Sheffield University.

Proposed by Drs. Mathieson, Thorpe and Clegg.

MARION GREAVES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, The Lawn, Lincoln.

Proposed by Drs. Rees, Mackenzie and Russell.

CHARLES BARRY BAMFORD, M.D., Ch.B. Liverpl., D.P.M. Dub., Assistant Medical Officer County Mental Hospital, Rainhill; St. Fillans, Eltonhead Road, St. Helens, Lancs.

Proposed by Drs. Reeve, Walk and Rodgers.

JAMES ERSKINE HOWIE, M.D., Ch.B. Liverp., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

EDITH MARION BOOTH, M.B., Ch.B. Manch. (Hons.), Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

ALICE MCGLASHAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Blair, Tattersall and Talbot.

Dr. Russell was re-elected Secretary, Drs. Archdale, Dove Cormac and Edgerley were elected Representative Members of Council. Dr. Edgerley was elected Divisional Chairman.

Dr. Dove Cormac was nominated to serve on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee.

It was resolved that the following nominations be submitted for the offices of Examiners: Professional Examination, Drs. Menzies and Potts; Preliminary Examination, Dr. McGrath; Final Examination, Dr. Brunton; Mental Deficiency Examination, Dr. Freize Stephens; Nurse Examiner, Miss Moore.

It was resolved that it be left to the Secretary to arrange the date and place of the Autumn Meeting.

The following papers were read:

"The Barbiturates in Epilepsy," by Richard Hanley, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.

"Observations on the Use of Pyrifur," by James Erskine Howie, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.M.

"Dramatization in the Insane," by Geoffrey Talbot, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.

Many of the members present contributed to an interesting discussion which followed the reading of each paper.

The meeting was closed at 5 p.m.