

brought before the Association ; so long as it was merely deferred, not shelved, he had no objection to that course.

A diversity of views had been heard in this discussion. His own strong feeling was in favour of a complete autonomous government, co-ordinating with the medical officer of health. He felt the recommendation that the mental health committee should be independent of the other committees of the local authorities was sound, but personally he would like to see the words " but linked to the public health services " added to the above recommendation.

The second speaker in the discussion presented the case in favour of remaining separate. The case in that respect was put ages ago by one Æsop, who had a parable about a number of sticks. When they were joined together, no man could break them, but when they were separate they could easily be broken individually. If those working in this specialty were to remain separate, and would not condescend to allow their individualism to be merged into the leaven of their common mental work, he feared they would be broken and absorbed separately, and that process, he thought, would not be pleasant.

In answer to Dr. Macdonald, he would say that the Committee derived great benefit from the Scottish Memorandum, though there were some things which their Scottish friends were then considering, and on which their views showed a boldness greater than the Committee felt inclined to advocate.

All sorts of minor matters of detail arose, but in preparing this Memorandum main principles were kept in mind, and now he hoped the Board of Control would be approached to hear what they had to say. After that, the Committee could come back to another general meeting, and then he hoped they would link up with the British Medical Association. If in the present mood for co-operation that Association's help could be obtained, it might help medico-psychologists to control the policy of that body from within, so that, possibly, in the future there would not occur such differences of opinion as had occurred in the past. He thoroughly agreed with Dr. Worth that the wise course was first to get the valuable help and counsel of the Board of Control.

The PRESIDENT said he thought the sub-committee personnel should be chosen now, so as to avoid delay.

The following gentlemen were chosen : Dr. Worth (President-elect), Dr. Petrie, Dr. Douglas Turner, Dr. Masefield.

Dr. SKOTTOWE said he would like to see Dr. McCowan included, as his combined medical and legal training might be of great use. This was agreed to.

Dr. MACDONALD thought a member from Scotland and one from Ireland ought to be on the Committee, so that both countries might be kept in touch with what was happening.

Dr. SKOTTOWE pointed out that it was only England and Wales which was concerned in this.

The PRESIDENT said representatives from those countries would only be listeners.

Dr. MACDONALD said he quite realized the position ; his remark was only in case inquiries were made. But if the Committee would have the information conveyed to the Divisions before final discussion it would meet the case.

Dr. G. W. SMITH said the Secretaries of the Divisions could be written to.

This course was agreed to, and the meeting terminated.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the R.M.P.A. was held on May 22, 1935, at Littleton Hall, Brentwood, Essex, by the courtesy of Dr. H. G. L. Haynes.

The following were elected :

Divisional Secretary : Dr. R. M. Macfarlane.

Divisional Chairman : Dr. H. G. L. Haynes.

Representative Members of Council : Drs. Haynes, W. Brown, R. M. Stewart, T. Lindsay, J. N. Sergeant and A. C. Sinclair.

Dr. Haynes was in the Chair.

The following were elected Members of the Association :

LOUIS ROSE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Mental Hospital, Chartham, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. M. A. Collins, F. C. M. Taylor and Desmond Curran.

E. W. ANDERSON, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Director of Cassel Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. C. H. Shearer, Noel Sergeant and G. W. Smith.

MARGARET FRENCH, Medical Officer, Chiswick House, Pinner.

Proposed by Drs. D. Macaulay, Noel Sergeant and G. W. Smith.

FRANK H. HUNNARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Chiswick House, Pinner.

Proposed by Drs. D. Macaulay, Noel Sergeant and G. W. Smith.

EDWARD JAMES BOOME, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.T.D., Divisional Medical Officer, L.C.C., and Visiting Medical Officer, Farmfield Certified Institution, L.C.C. Address : Greystacks, Hill View Road, Woking, Surrey.

MARY LANGDON-DOWN, M.B., B.S.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Normansfield, Hampton Wick.

Proposed by Drs. R. Langdon-Down, Noel Sergeant and G. W. Smith.

Members were entertained to lunch by Dr. Haynes and to tea by Mrs. Haynes.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe, at Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday, April 25, 1935.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. E. Barton-White, Dr. J. S. F. Leech, Dr. J. R. Benson and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY referred to the loss the Division had sustained in the death of Dr. S. J. Gilfillan.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Dr. J. L. Jackson and Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe were elected Representative Members of Council.

With regard to the election of a Divisional Chairman, Dr. JACKSON pointed out that Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe, who had been nominated for the position, had since been appointed Medical Superintendent of Bucks County Mental Hospital, Stone, near Aylesbury, which was not in the South-Western Division. The Hon. Divisional Secretary had obtained the wishes of the Members of the Committee of Management and of Dr. Skottowe, and it was their unanimous wish that Dr. Jackson should continue to act as Chairman for another year. Dr. SKOTTOWE then proposed, and Dr. N. R. PHILLIPS seconded, that Dr. J. L. Jackson should be elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and this was carried unanimously.

The following were elected as Ordinary Members :

DAVID RHYD OWEN, M.D., B.Sc., Medical Superintendent, Glamorgan County Mental Hospital, Bridgend.

Proposed by Drs. N. Moulson, T. Lloyd Edwards and R. Worth.

GWILYM TREHARRE JAMES, M.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, Dorset Mental Hospital, Herrison, Dorchester.

Proposed by Drs. J. L. Faull, J. J. B. Martin and S. Edgar Martin.

ISAAC JOHN DAVIES, M.B., B.Ch.Wales, B.Sc.Wales, D.P.M.Eng., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Cardiff City Mental Hospital, Whitchurch, Glamorgan.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, M. L. M. McCowan and T. J. Hennelly.