

THE WORK OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, a ladies' committee was formed to arrange for the comfort and entertainment of the members and the ladies attending the Annual Meeting.

The Committee consisted of: Lady Wallace, Lady Rose, Mrs. Macphail, Mrs. Sturrock, Mrs. Keay, Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Hamilton Marr, as convener, had several meetings. When the final programme was arranged they had the assistance of Dr. Buchanan, Secretary to the Scottish Division of the Association, in carrying it out. The realization of some of this programme we have already reported and it does not call for further mention.

Members had the opportunity of taking a part in all the social amenities provided for those attending the British Medical Association meeting, which included civic and university receptions, dancing at the Palais de Danse, dinners, excursions, etc.

A garden party on July 19 at Tipperlinn House, by kind invitation of the chairman and managers of the Royal Hospital and Prof. G. M. Robertson, was a most enjoyable function.

Another delightful day was spent at Larbert, Mrs. Campbell being the kind hostess. After luncheon at her house the party went on to inspect Linlithgow Palace under the guidance of Mr. Wilson Paterson, of the Board of Works. After the visit to Linlithgow Palace, Mr. and Mrs. Cadell entertained many members of the Association and their friends at the Grange to afternoon tea.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Owing to lack of time at Friday morning's joint session, the customary votes of thanks for hospitality had to be postponed until the next general meeting of the Association in November.

The general view taken was that the whole meeting, with its somewhat unique arrangements, had been an unqualified success.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held, by the kind invitation of Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan, at St. Dymphna's, North Circular Road, Dublin, on Thursday, July 7, 1927.

Prior to the meeting the members paid a visit to the adjacent Gardens of the Royal Zoological Society in Phoenix Park.

The following members were present: Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan (in the Chair), Drs. F. J. Deane, J. Dunne, P. Dwyer, H. Eustace, L. Gavin, S. J. Graham, T. A. Greene, G. H. Keene, D. L. Kelly (Inspector of Mental Hospitals, I.F.S.), R. R. Leeper (Hon. Sec.), J. Mills, C. B. Molony, P. Moran, M. J. Nolan, H. R. C. Rutherford, C. H. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

A lengthy communication was received from Dr. Owen F. McCarthy, with an apology for unavoidable absence.

Apologies for absence were also received from Lieut.-Col. Dawson and many others.

The meeting then proceeded to consider a letter from the General Secretary of the Association, *re* the proposal of the President for the appointment of Vice-Presidents who would act as Chairmen of Divisions, and also two documents embodying this proposal. The proposal was discussed fully.

It was proposed by Dr. M. J. NOLAN, and seconded by Dr. GRAHAM: "That the proposal *re* the appointment of Vice-Presidents who would act as Chairmen of Divisions to hold office for three years be approved."

The question of payment by the Association of railway fares of the Hon. Secretaries and the proposed Vice-Presidents was raised, as it not considered justifiable that Hon. Secretaries and Vice-Presidents should be put to this expense.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Vice-Presidents should be eligible for re-election one year after vacating office.

The meeting next considered the circular received re the holding of clinical meetings, and the circular letter of the President, dated April 28, 1927, setting forth his proposals on this matter.

After a lengthy discussion, in which all the members took part, it was decided that the Hon. Secretary be authorized to address a circular to the medical superintendents in Ireland asking them to bring before their Committees the desirability of these clinical meetings in the interests of their patients, and for the encouragement of a more scientific spirit in the work of the assistant medical officers; and to ask the committees to defray the railway fares of the assistant medical officers attending the meetings. Much medical knowledge would be gained at such meetings, as many assistant medical officers have little opportunity of attending the quarterly meetings.

Dr. NOLAN considered the holding of these clinical meetings to be merely an enlargement of the present system of holding the Divisional Meetings. He considered that these clinical meetings should not be held too frequently.

Dr. KELLY considered that the Government would look with favour upon the establishment of these clinical meetings, which were of primary importance, and hoped that the Hospital Committees would co-operate in this effort to advance psychiatry in Ireland.

Dr. GRAHAM stressed the point that the Hospital Committees would not be in favour of paying the travelling expenses of the assistant medical officers attending these meetings unless they saw clearly the value of them to the patients and the medical work.

Dr. DUNNE spoke from the assistant medical officer's standpoint, and hoped all medical superintendents would facilitate the attendance of assistant medical officers at these clinical meetings.

The HON. SECRETARY said that he had thought the subject so important that he had made all possible efforts to have the present meeting of the Irish Division large and representative.

Dr. NOLAN and Dr. J. O'C. DONELAN stated that they very much appreciated the action of the Hon. Secretary, which had the approval of all present.

A resolution, proposed by Dr. GRAHAM and seconded by Dr. NOLAN, thanking Dr. J. O'Conor Donelan for the opportunity of visiting St. Dymphna's and for his kind hospitality, was passed by acclamation. This terminated the proceedings.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

National Hospital, Queen Square, Medical School.—A post-graduate course on Diseases of the Nervous System will be held at the above Hospital from October 3 to November 25, 1927. The general course will consist of clinical lectures and demonstrations; teaching in the out-patient department; and pathological lectures and demonstrations. The fees for this course will be £5 5s. A course of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System will be arranged if there are sufficient applicants. Fee, £2 2s. A course of clinical demonstrations chiefly on Methods of Examination of the Nervous System will be given. Fee £2 2s. Tickets entitling to attend the Out-Patient Clinic only (£2 2s. for 3 months) may be obtained from the Secretary.

A limited number of students can be enrolled as Ward Clerks or as clinical Assistants in the Out-Patient Department. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Medical School, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C. 1.

A course of Advanced Psychiatry will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, during the same period. Times of lectures and demonstrations will be so arranged that it will be possible for medical practitioners to attend both courses.

The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E. 5.—A Post-graduate Course in Psychiatry (concurrent with course in Neurology at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C. 1) will be held October–November, 1927. The course will consist of (1) Four courses of clinical lectures illustrated by cases. (2) Demonstrations upon investigation of recently admitted cases. (3) Discussion of fully investigated cases.

Any of those attending the course who desire to obtain clinical experience by investigating cases themselves should apply to the Medical Superintendent.