

The minutes of the last meeting, having appeared in the Journal, were taken as read. They were confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Dr. Noel Sergeant was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. H. J. Norman, J. R. Whitwell, N. R. Phillips, E. Casson and H. G. L. Haynes were elected, Representative Members of the Council.

Drs. H. G. L. Haynes, R. M. Macfarlane and P. K. McCowan were elected to fill vacancies on the Divisional Committee of Management.

The following candidate for ordinary membership was, after a ballot, declared unanimously elected:

S. W. DAVIES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

*Proposed by* Drs. H. Wolseley-Lewis, W. E. Collier, and T. Ronald Forsythe.

Dr. D. F. Rambaut was nominated to represent the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council for England.

It was left to the Secretary to fix the date and place of the Autumn Meeting.

There was some discussion on the arrangements in progress of being made for Clinical Meetings in the Division.

Dr. F. DOUGLAS TURNER then read a paper on the "Aims and Objects of a Mental Deficiency Institution."

Some discussion followed, and the Chairman voiced the thanks of the meeting for this very interesting and informative paper.

Members were then given a most interesting display of Dalcroze eurythmics and dancing in costume by female patients, which was followed by an inspection of the training shops and an exhibition of the articles produced. Members were impressed by the fine work done, much of it being very artistic. It demonstrated what can be done in this direction by excellent organization and effective training and teaching in an institution devoted to the care and treatment of mental defectives, and the marked advance made in recent years in this branch of psychiatry.

Dr. and Mrs. Turner entertained the members to tea.

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#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Western Division was held, by kind invitation of the Warden and Managers, at Stoke Park Colony for Mental Defectives, Stapleton, Bristol, on Thursday, April 26, 1928.

Twenty-two members and two visitors were present. Dr. J. G. Soutar was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received from Col. J. R. Lord, Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, J. D. Thomas, R. Eager and others.

Dr. W. Starkey was re-elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and J. G. Soutar representative members of Council for 1928-29.

Drs. S. E. Martin and J. P. Phillips were elected members of the Committee of Management.

It was resolved to submit the name of Dr. E. C. Barton-White to the Nominations Committee as the representative of the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Councils.

It was proposed that the Autumn Meeting of the Division be held on Friday, October 26, 1928, the place to be arranged by the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

A letter from the General Secretary was read, in which the Division was invited by the Council to elect a matron, assistant matron or sister tutor to represent the Division on a proposed "Nursing Advisory Committee to the Education Committee." This proposal was discussed at some length by Drs. S. V. Blachford and J. G. Soutar, and there was a strong feeling that it was an ill-advised and dangerous experiment which might have far-reaching results. If, however, the Annual Meeting, to which the proposal will be submitted, decided that such a Committee should be formed, then this Division would be prepared to nominate a member.

THE HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that as regards the question of Clinical Meetings, areas had been formed with centres at Oxford, Bristol, Exeter,

Dorchester, and Monmouth and that the following gentlemen had kindly agreed to act as Area Secretaries: Drs. Davies Jones (Oxford), Barton White (Bristol), Eager (Exeter), Fleming (Dorchester) and N. R. Phillips (Monmouth). Clinical Meetings had been arranged in each area, and it was hoped that the members would loyally support the scheme.

Drs. R. W. BRANTHWAITE and W. BROWN then gave a short account of the Colony and demonstrated a most interesting series of cases, illustrating almost every type of mental defective.

During the forenoon the members were afforded an opportunity of inspecting this fine institution, and visited the various wards and workrooms, schoolrooms, weaving sheds, etc., and witnessed an exhibition of dancing by some of the children.

The members were very kindly entertained to lunch and tea by Mrs. Burden, wife of the Warden, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for giving the Division the opportunity of meeting at Stoke Park, and entertaining members so hospitably.

#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held, by courtesy of Dr. J. Macarthur and the Committee of Visitors, at the Lincoln County Mental Hospital, Bracebridge Heath, on Thursday, April 26, 1928.

Twenty-two members and three visitors were present.

Members were shown over the hospital and afterwards entertained to lunch by Dr. Macarthur.

Dr. R. C. STEWART moved a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Macarthur for his kindness in inviting the Division to meet at Bracebridge, and for the traditional hospitality they had received. This was carried unanimously.

Dr. Macarthur was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the Autumn meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend and sending good wishes for a successful meeting were received from Col. J. R. Lord, Drs. J. R. Gilmour, Donald Ross, W. J. Vincent and Henry Yellowlees.

The Divisional Committee reported that up to date Clinical Meetings had been held at the following hospitals: Nottingham City, Prestwich, Rubery Hill, Leicester City, Chester County, Sunderland and Newcastle City, and that dates were arranged for meetings at Rainhill, Burntwood, Wadsley, Middleton Hall and Northumberland County.

The membership of the Division was 159.

Dr. J. B. Tighe was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Division, and Drs. M. A. Archdale, G. L. Brunton and J. R. Gilmour Representative Members of Council for 1928-29. The invitation of Dr. H. G. Drake-Brockman to hold the Autumn Meeting at St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough, on Thursday, October 25, 1928, was accepted.

The following candidates were unanimously elected by ballot ordinary members of the Association:

ELIZABETH SARAH MARPLES SYKES, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, South Yorks Mental Hospital, Wadsley, Sheffield.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. Vincent, J. M. Mathieson and J. B. Tighe.

HARRY EDELSTON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M. Leeds, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Mental Hospital, Wakefield.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. F. Smyth, J. Shaw Bolton and M. J. McGrath.

KENNETH CECIL LAURENCE PADDLE, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.M., Leeds, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, West Riding Mental Hospital, Wakefield.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. F. Smyth, J. Shaw Bolton and M. J. McGrath.

ARTHUR WALLACE HERBERT SMITH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, South Yorks Mental Hospital, Sheffield.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. Vincent, J. M. Mathieson and J. B. Tighe.

Dr. H. Dove Cormac was unanimously nominated to represent the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee for 1928-29 to the General Nursing Councils.