

Apologies for absence were submitted from Drs. H. C. Marr, Patrick Steele, H. de M. Alexander, Chislett, Easterbrook, Connell, Aidan Thomson, Donald Campbell, L. C. Bruce, George Gibson, T. C. Mackenzie, J. H. Skeen, Dods Brown, and Donald Ross, Sir Hugh Arthur Rose and the President.

Dr. R. D. Hotchkis was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Division for the ensuing year.

Drs. R. B. Campbell and Neil T. Kerr were unanimously re-elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wm. M. Buchanan as Divisional Secretary.

The following candidates after ballot were unanimously admitted as ordinary members of the Association :

GOVINDARAJPURAM RAMAPATTAR PARASURAM, B.A., L.M.S. Madras, M.R.C.P.E., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Calicut, Malabar District, Kalpathi Post Office, South Malabar, India.

Proposed by Drs. J. Keay, C. A. Crichlow and R. Bailey.

Ivy MACKENZIE, B.Sc., M.A., M.D., F.R.F.P.S. Glasg., Consulting Physician to the Glasgow District Board of Control; 10, Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, C. 3.

Proposed by Drs. Hamilton C. Marr, W. K. Anderson and W. M. Buchanan.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend Drs. Douglas McRae and W. M. Buchanan, and Miss McCabe and Miss MacCallum to the General Nursing Council for Scotland for appointment as examiners for the medical and nursing sections of the Council's Final Written Examination in Mental Nursing.

It was also unanimously resolved to recommend the reappointment of the original panel of medical and nurse examiners for the practical and oral part of the General Nursing Council's Final Examination for Mental Nurses.

There was nothing further to report regarding the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act Amendments.

After consideration it was unanimously agreed not to take advantage of Bye-Law 26 of the revised Bye-Laws of the Association, whereby on an application by a Divisional Secretary the Council may authorize elections to be held by show of hands instead of by ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the General Secretary intimating that the Scottish Division desired to continue holding elections by ballot.

Dr. D. K. HENDERSON called attention to the fact that foreign journals received by the Association, and sent out for review in the *Journal of Mental Science*, were not required to be returned for filing in the Library of the Association. He considered that the Association should have all psychiatric literature in its Library for members. The meeting agreed with the views expressed by Dr. Henderson, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Library Committee in the matter.

Members then broke up into groups and were shown over the hospital by Dr. Campbell and his assistants.

Members were entertained to lunch, after which Dr. HOTCHKIS expressed the cordial thanks of the Division to the Stirling District Board of Control and to Dr. Campbell for the arrangements made in connection with the meeting and for their kind hospitality.

On the meeting reassembling, Dr. J. S. I. SKOTTOWE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Methods in Vogue at the Boston Psychopathic Clinic," and indicated the advantages and disadvantages of the intensive method of case study there adopted. The paper was discussed by Drs. D. K. HENDERSON, W. D. CHAMBERS, W. McALLISTER, R. MARY BARCLAY and W. McWILLIAM.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business of the Meeting, after which members were entertained to tea at the Copse by Mrs. Campbell.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on April 7, 1927, at Elm-hurst, Glasnevin, by the kind invitation of Drs. Henry and W. Eustace.

There were 14 members present.

Dr. Henry Eustace occupied the Chair.

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

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Dr. Owen Felix McCarthy and Dr. M. J. Nolan, Downpatrick.

Correspondence with the Irish General Nursing Council was read in which it was intimated that holders of the R.M.P.A. Certificate were still eligible for registration, at a fee of £2 2s., for some months pending the holding of examinations by the Irish General Nursing Council.

A lengthy communication was read from the President (Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord), *re* the regulations for divisional prizes. It was the unanimous sense of the meeting that any alterations in these regulations would be desirable which tended to increase the number of competitors for these prizes among the younger psychiatrists in these countries, and the meeting cordially endorsed any measures to bring this about. The proposition that joint authors should compete appeared doubtful, but on a vote being taken, it was, on the whole, the sense of the meeting that dual authorship should be accepted.

Lt.-Col. DAWSON said that these regulations interested him greatly, as the original draft of these regulations was drawn up by the Irish Division some years ago.

On a ballot being taken, Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan and Dr. Keane being appointed scrutineers, they declared that Dr. Richard R. Leeper was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and that Dr. M. J. Nolan and Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan were elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing year.

Lt.-Col. W. R. Dawson, O.B.E., and Dr. R. R. Leeper were elected Examiners for the ensuing year for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

Election of new members: The following candidates were balloted for and unanimously elected ordinary members of the Association:

ALFRED SHERIDAN, L.R.C.P.&S.I., Resident Medical Superintendent, co. Mayo Mental Hospital, Castlebar.

Proposed by Drs. John Mills, D. L. Kelly and R. R. Leeper.

KATHLEEN CAREY, M.B., Ch.B.N.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Farnham House, Finglas.

Proposed by Drs. H. R. C. Rutherford, George Keane and R. Thompson.

CHARLES HERBERT WILSON, M.B., B.Ch.Dub., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin.

Proposed by Drs. R. R. Leeper, R. Thompson and Robert Taylor.

It was decided to accept Dr. J. O'Connor Donelan's kind invitation to hold the Summer Meeting at Portrane District Mental Hospital, Donabate, on Thursday, July 7th, 1927.

It was decided to hold meetings of the Division on the following dates: Thursday, November 3, 1927, at the Royal College of Physicians; Thursday, April 5, 1928; Thursday, July 5, 1928; Thursday, November 1, 1928.

Dr. C. B. MOLONY then read a paper entitled "An Account of an Unusual Mental Hospital Epidemic" (*vide* p. 397).

This paper was of much interest, and the various points raised by the writer were discussed by all the members.

The CHAIRMAN said all present felt very grateful to Dr. Molony for his interesting communication, and regretted that a more exhaustive bacteriological examination of the cause of the parotitis was not available.

The meeting having learned with regret that Dr. Owen F. McCarthy, of Cork, had recently lost one of his family, a letter of condolence was directed to be written to him, conveying the sympathy of the members of the Division.

A cordial vote of thanks to Drs. Henry and William Eustace, for their great kindness in entertaining the Division, was proposed by Dr. J. O'CONNOR DONELAN, seconded by Dr. T. A. GREENE, and passed by acclamation. This terminated the proceedings.
