

VISIT TO THE MANOR CERTIFIED INSTITUTION.

During the afternoon about 30 members visited the Manor Certified Institution and were received and shown round by the Medical Superintendent, Dr. E. S. Litteljohn.

Members expressed themselves as having been much interested and instructed by all they had seen and heard, and congratulated Dr. Litteljohn on the high pitch of excellence that had been reached, both as regards the clinical work and the social and industrial side of the institution.

Members afterwards took tea with Dr. Litteljohn.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HORTON.

During the whole of the day the Horton Mental Hospital was entirely thrown open to members. The "order of the day" to all officers and nurses and other employees had been to afford every facility and information to the visitors. This was faithfully done. No department and but few of the wards escaped visitation, and members were everywhere made welcome.

A demonstration in regard to malarial research by Col. S. P. James and Mr. Shute, at the special hospital for the treatment of general paralysis, was well attended. Microscopes were loaned by Hawksley.

THE LUNCHEON.

At the kind invitation of the President about 150 members sat down to lunch in the Recreation Hall soon after 1 p.m. Selections of music were played by the Horton String Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. R. H. Young.

At its conclusion the senior ex-President present, Dr. R. Percy Smith, proposed the health of the President, and in felicitous terms referred to the great services that gentleman had rendered to the Association.

After the toast had been duly honoured the President, in thanking those present for the compliment they had just paid him, said that all their quarterly meetings should as far as possible be held at one of the mental hospitals or mental deficiency institutions. They could thereby learn a good deal, even if it was only what to avoid doing. They were very welcome that day at Horton, and he trusted they would derive both pleasure and profit from their visit.

He presented the apologies of the Chairman of the Mental Hospitals Committee, Mrs. Dunn Gardiner, *J.P.*, and of the Chairman of Horton Mental Hospital, Mr. H. J. Greenwood, *D.L., J.P.*, for their absence. The hospital was very proud of its Chairman, who, with the speaker as Medical Superintendent, entered on his duties in the same year, 1907. He thought this was a unique record. (Applause.) There was present, however, representing the hospital sub-committee, the Hon. Eleanor Ritchie—(Applause)—who devoted much of her time to that and other London mental hospitals.

Members were entertained to tea by the Matron, Miss M. Thorburn, *R.R.C.*

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Colin McDowall and Col. C. M. Hayes Newington, at Ticehurst House, Ticehurst, Sussex, on Thursday, October 7, 1926.

There was a large attendance of members and their families, also a number of visitors.

The members were shown round the Hospital and the beautiful grounds, and were then entertained hospitably to luncheon, at the conclusion of which the President (Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hosts.

The meeting was held at 2 p.m., the President presiding.

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

The PRESIDENT then referred in feeling terms to the death of Dr. R. H. Cole,

and the members present expressed their deep regret at his passing by rising and standing in silence.

The following candidates were balloted for and unanimously elected ordinary members :

WILLIAM JOSEPH COYNE, M.B., B.Ch., N.U.I., D.P.M., Assistant Physician, Chiswick House, Chiswick, W. I.

Proposed by Drs. D. W. Macaulay, Colin McDowall, and Noel Sergeant.

ARCHIBALD GLEN DUNCAN, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester.

Proposed by Drs. R. C. Turnbull, A. F. Grimby and F. Kiddle.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the Spring Meeting, 1927, the President suggesting that it be at an institution for mental defectives if possible.

Dr. COLIN McDOWALL read a paper on "Voluntary Boarders," which was discussed by Drs. H. BAIRD, HELEN BOYLE, G. W. B. JAMES, H. WOLSELEY-LEWIS, J. R. LORD, H. J. NORMAN, D. ODLUM, W. ROBINSON, W. J. T. KIMBER, NOEL SERGEANT and Mr. W. H. GATTIE, of Camberwell House.

The members later had tea, and thus ended a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. J. Grimmond Smith and the Committee of Visitors, at the City and County Mental Hospital, Burghill, Hereford, on Thursday, October 28, 1926.

Fourteen members and two visitors were present. The very unfavourable weather was responsible for the absence of several members, and letters of apology were received from the President (Lt.-Col. J. R. Lord), Drs. W. F. Nelis, J. D. Thomas and others.

Dr. J. G. Soutar was voted to the Chair, and the minutes of the last meeting, having appeared in the Journal, were taken as read, and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

A letter from the Hon. General Secretary was read with reference to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Division, also letters of acknowledgment from relatives of two late members, to whom messages of condolence had been sent.

A letter from Dr. A. A. D. Townsend, *re* the Association's nursing examinations, was read and discussed.

Dr. W. Starkey was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and J. G. Soutar as Representative Members of Council.

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

DUNCAN MENZIES, L.M.S.S.A., Assistant Medical Officer, Somerset and Bath Mental Hospital, Wells.

Proposed by Drs. J. McGarvey, W. Starkey and H. B. Wilkinson.

WALTER LOUIS ESSON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Assistant Medical Officer, Devon County Mental Hospital, Exminster.

Proposed by Drs. R. Eager, J. W. Murdoch and W. Starkey.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Thursday, April 28, 1927, the Hon. Divisional Secretary to arrange place of meeting.

The CHAIRMAN raised the question as to whether the Representative Members of Council should be *ex-officio* members of the Committee of Management, and also sought the opinion of the meeting on matters in the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

Dr. R. EAGER then introduced a discussion on the Report of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder, and in an able analysis of that document touched on most of the important findings and recommendations. A discussion ensued in which most of those present took part.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Fleming's paper on "Introverted and Extroverted Tendencies of Schizoid and Syntonic States as Manifested by Vocation," had to be postponed.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Smith and the Committee closed the proceedings.

During the morning members were conducted round the Hospital by the resident medical staff and were most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea.