

DISCUSSION.

The CHAIRMAN then expressed the thanks of the meeting for the charming paper they had just heard. He thought the notion that a liking for club surroundings was limited to men no longer held good. Ladies' clubs in London presented to him no features not present in men's clubs, and he felt sure the house and its surroundings were well suited to the needs of both men and women. The place breathed homeliness and restfulness, and was satisfying to one's artistic sense. The discussion was then continued by Drs. STILWELL, UMNEY, SERGEANT, RICE and NORMAN.

Afterwards members and other guests were entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. J. McGarvey at the County Mental Hospital, Wells, Somerset, on Thursday, October 24, 1929.

Fourteen members were present and three visitors (Alderman R. A. Hobhouse, Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and Drs. Coleman and Simpson).

Sir John Macpherson was voted to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Ex-President, Dr. Soutar, Divisional Chairman, and other members.

Dr. W. Starkey was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Drs. Barton White and J. McGarvey as Representative Members of Council for the year 1930-31.

The following was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association:

DAVID SHERIDAN SPENCE, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Assistant Medical Officer, City and County Mental Hospital, Burghill, Hereford.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Smith, D. M. Cox and W. Starkey.

An invitation from Dr. S. Edgar Martin to hold the Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 1930, at Hume Towers, Bournemouth, was gratefully accepted.

The remainder of the meeting was of a purely clinical character, and several interesting and instructive cases were shown and discussed by the medical staff of the Hospital.

Dr. MCGARVEY showed two female idiots, members of a family of mental defectives, in which there was a history of chronic lead poisoning in the mother—the source of the poison being traced to the water supply derived from a well on the site of an ancient lead mine dating from Roman times.

Dr. A. DARLINGTON showed a woman with signs pointing to a lesion in the pons, and discussed the differential diagnosis between tumour and a vascular lesion.

Dr. D. MENZIES showed a male case of cerebral syphilis with unusual symptoms, and dealt with the distinction between meningo-vascular syphilis and general paresis. A discussion ensued, in which the Chairman and Drs. J. M. Rutherford, E. Barton White, G. W. T. H. Fleming and others took part.

During the morning members visited the Hospital and inspected the various departments. They were most hospitably entertained to lunch, and after the meeting Dr. and Mrs. McGarvey kindly provided tea.

The extremely unfavourable weather conditions prevented several members who had intended to be present from reaching the Hospital.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. A. T. W. Forrester, at Warwick County Mental Hospital, Hatton, near Warwick, on Thursday, October 24, 1929.

There were twenty-four members present.

During the forenoon members were shown over the hospital, and were afterwards entertained to lunch.