

In addition to the valuable scientific information, the success of this Annual Meeting had been largely due to the contributions made to members' enjoyment and instruction by bodies outside the Association. Of these he was asked to mention the City of Birmingham, which had shown its interest in the Association by the presence of the Lord Mayor at the Dinner, and by the sympathetic remarks he made about the Association and its work. Thanks were also due to the University authorities for allowing the use of the excellent accommodation for the meeting, and for a delightful social evening. Likewise they wished to thank the Corporation Mental Hospitals Committee for the very important part they had played in contributing to their knowledge and pleasure, and the Joint Board of Research, of which the President of the Association was a leading spirit. He wished also to associate with these remarks Dr. T. C. Graves, who had contributed in so many ways to the Association's enjoyment and instruction. On the whole, this had been one of the most interesting meetings he remembered in quite a long course, and it gave him much pleasure to propose this resolution.

Lt.-Col. J. R. LORD, in seconding, said this was a resolution which would commend itself to members of the Association without much support from him. There were two matters, however, he would like to refer to. One was that a member of the Association who had not missed attending the Annual Meeting for 25 years broke his leg a few days ago—Dr. Nelis. He had been missed very much, and the regrets of the members would be suitably communicated to him.

Another matter was that there were a number of members of the Association who, away at the confines and outposts of the Empire, were moulding old native asylums into modern mental hospitals or founding new ones and otherwise doing splendid work for the insane, and one of these members was now present. He wished to say how pleased the Association and other personal friends were to see Dr. E. J. Samuels here from the Malay Free State. He had done a most wonderful work in that country, a record of which would shortly appear in the Journal. It was a human document of a life's endeavour, and he was proud to be able to include it in the records of the Association.

The votes were carried by acclamation.

#### IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Tuesday, July 14, 1925, at Cork District Mental Hospital, by the kind invitation of Dr. Owen Felix McCarthy. Dr. O. F. McCarthy in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A letter from the Registrar of the Association was read, requesting the Irish Division to nominate a Nurse Examiner for Ireland in place of Miss Harkin, retired. It was decided to submit two names, Miss Hannah F. Barry, Matron, Cork District Mental Hospital, and Miss Helena Golding, Matron, St. Edmondsbury Lucan, as two ladies qualified to fill the post. The Educational Committee was authorized to select a Nurse Examiner from these two nominees of the Irish Division.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members of the Association:

BERNARD FRANCIS HONAN, L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Assistant Medical Officer, Downpatrick Mental Hospital.

*Proposed by* Drs. M. J. Nolan, R. R. Leeper and J. O'Connor Donelan.  
J. J. DELANY, L.R.C.P.&S.Irel., Assistant Medical Officer, Ballinasloe District Mental Hospital.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. Mills, R. Thompson and J. O'Connor Donelan.

Dr. JOHN G. FITZGERALD next read a communication: "Notes on Treatment by Hypnotic and Hypnoidal Methods of Extern Cases." The paper was fully discussed.

The CHAIRMAN and all present expressed their hearty thanks to him for his original and thoughtful paper, and praised his pioneer work in the treatment of incipient cases of insanity in the district with which he had been for long associated.

The CHAIRMAN put forward three suggestions as to the advocating and establishing of out-patient clinics for the treatment of early cases of mental trouble:

(a) First he favoured the idea of establishing out-patient clinics for the early treatment of mental disease, these clinics to be established in connection with district mental hospitals.

(b) An out-patient department to be attached to the general hospitals in large centres where early cases of mental disease could be seen and treated.

(c) The establishment of separate dispensaries for poor patients in connection with the general medical Poor Law services in the large towns. It was stated that if more of the cases of "dementia præcox" were treated in out-patient clinics in the early stage of their disorders, many would be found to be curable.

Dr. FITZGERALD replied to the points discussed arising out of his paper.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy for their hospitality in entertaining the Division, and regrets were expressed that so many of the members were unavoidably absent and were unable to dine with Dr. McCarthy in the evening at the Cork Club.

This closed the proceedings.

#### EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

*Tavistock Clinic for Functional Nerve Cases*, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.—A short course of lectures on Functional Nerve Disorder for Practitioners and Students will be given at the Tavistock Clinic beginning November 16, 1925

Syllabus:

The Psychological Factor in General Practice, by J. R. Rees, M.A., M.D.

The Endocrines and General Metabolism in the Psychoneuroses, by W. Langdon Brown, M.D., F.R.C.P.

The Theory and Causation of the Psychoneuroses, by H. Crichton-Miller, M.A., M.D.

Fee for the course: Medical Practitioners, £2 2s.; medical students, 10s. 6d. Tickets for the course to be obtained in advance from the Hon. Lecture Secretary at the Clinic. These lectures are not open to the general public.

*The National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1.* Telephone, Museum 7141.—Syllabus of Post-Graduate Course, October 5 to November 27, 1925.

(1) Out-Patient Clinics, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2 p.m.; (2) Clinical Lectures and Demonstrations, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 3.30 p.m.; (3) Lectures on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System (if sufficient Applicants), Mondays, 12 noon; (4) Lectures on the Pathology of the Nervous System, Thursdays, 12 noon; (5) Clinical Demonstrations of Methods of Examination (if sufficient Applicants), Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.

The fee for the course, including Pathology Lectures, is £5 5s. For those who hold Perpetual Tickets the fee is £3 3s.

Dr. J. G. Greenfield will give Eight Lectures on the Pathology of the Nervous System on Thursdays, at 12 noon.

Dr. J. L. Birley will give Eight Lectures on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System, at 12 noon, on Mondays.

Dr. H. J. MacBride will give a course of eight Clinical Demonstrations, chiefly on Methods of Examination of the Nervous System, in the Wards at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, if sufficient entries are received. The fee for this course will be £2 2s. (commencing Tuesday, October 20).

Mr. Armour and Mr. Sargent operate at the Hospital on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9 a.m., or at such other times as may be announced.

Any part of the course may be taken separately. Special arrangements will be made for those unable to take the whole course.

Fees should be paid to the Secretary of the Hospital at the Office on entering for the Course.

J. G. GREENFIELD,  
Dean of Medical School.

#### A MENTAL BLIND SPOT.

By E. PICKWORTH FARROW, M.A., D.Sc.

AFTER working for about eighteen hours at the method of self-analysis which he developed, the writer suddenly remembered an occasion on which he had