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Proposed by Drs. H. Dove Cormac, L. C. F. Chevens and A. T. W. Forrester.

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Dr. R. WORTH (Hon. General Secretary) said that owing to the sad death of Dr. C. M. Tuke, one of the Auditors of the Association, it was necessary to appoint a successor. Dr. H. J. Norman had been approached, and had kindly consented to allow his name being submitted as an Auditor to the Association. He thought Dr. Norman would commend himself to everybody present.

Agreed.

THE SIXTH MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

Dr. J. SHAW BOLTON, of West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, then delivered the Maudsley Lecture on "Mind and Brain" (*see p. 357*).

The PRESIDENT said that no subject could be of more compelling interest to members of the Association than that which had been chosen by the Maudsley Lecturer for the year, and few could have handled it so thoroughly in the time at his disposal. The depth of his original research, and the breadth and clarity of his deductions, showed him to be possessed of that happy blend of experiment and imagination which was held to be essential to progress in the investigation of the relationship of mind with brain. Possibly at no time in the history of the world had this problem received the degree of attention which it was now having, and it was one which would defy full solution until our present conception of brain and mind passed away. Meantime, its solution would no doubt continue to be presented in a variety of forms. To-day there was Sir Oliver Lodge's speculations as to the ether as the basis of life and mind, while on the walls of the Academy Sir William Orpen's panels presented, in a problem picture, the contest between man and beast—mind and matter. He was sure the lecturer, Dr. Shaw Bolton, deserved the Association's warmest thanks.

Dr. PERCY SMITH said it gave him much pleasure to accede to the President's wish and second this vote of thanks. Dr. Bolton had, in this lecture, taken his hearers over a very long space; he started with the early insect, and brought one up to the consideration of the unconscious mind, discussing in passing birds, mammals, reptiles and other forms of life. It had been his great honour to be associated with Dr. Bolton in the last three or four years as Examiner at Wakefield, and while down there he, the speaker, had seen his laboratory work. And members were familiar with Dr. Bolton's work on amentia and dementia, and his elaborate examination of the cortex in association with mental functions. Therefore it was certain that on this occasion there would be a most instructive and illuminating address. In one part of his address Dr. Shaw Bolton said few individuals sufficiently exercised their cortex to justify its possession. But Dr. Bolton was himself one of the few, for he had brought his own cortex to the highest degree of development. There were many points which could be discussed, if that were usual, and many would probably like to discuss his views on Freudianism, the unconscious mind, dreams, etc. But that must be left for the present. He was sure members would agree that the heartiest thanks were due to Dr. Shaw Bolton for his address.

Carried by acclamation.

Dr. SHAW BOLTON, in reply, said he was very grateful for the opportunity he had had not of giving this lecture, but of stating certain truths, which required stating by someone, though not necessarily by himself. He felt much indebted to the audience for the quiet and kind way in which they had listened to him, and had, despite the warmth of the room, refrained from going to sleep.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held by the kind invitation of Dr. R. C. Turnbull at Severalls Mental Hospital, Colchester, on Thursday, April 30, 1925.

It was well attended, and among those present was Lord Sandhurst, one of the Lord Chancellor's Visitors-in-Lunacy.

The members were shown round the hospital and grounds, and were then entertained to lunch, at the conclusion of which Lord Sandhurst proposed the health of Dr. Turnbull, to which the latter replied.

The meeting was held at 2.45 p.m.

Dr. Percy Smith took the Chair.

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

Drs. Noel Sergeant, A. Helen Boyle, A. A. W. Petrie, R. C. Turnbull and H. Wolseley-Lewis were elected Representative Members of the Council for the year 1925-26, and Dr. Noel Sergeant Honorary Divisional Secretary.

Drs. J. D. Burke, R. C. Turnbull and Isabel G. H. Wilson were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management.

Drs. B. F. Home and E. Lincoln Williams were elected members of the Association.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the Autumn Meeting. (It has since been arranged to hold the Autumn Meeting at "Swaylands," Penshurst, Kent, the precise date in October to be decided upon later.)

Dr. GORDON MASEFIELD read his paper entitled "Observations on a Mental Hospital Death-Rate," which was followed by a discussion in which Drs. BARHAM, DIXON, G. W. SMITH, R. PERCY SMITH and NOEL SERGEANT took part. Dr. MASEFIELD replied.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Turnbull, and the members were then entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Turnbull.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Mrs. Fox and Dr. J. M. Rutherford, at Brislington House, Bristol, on Thursday, April 30, 1925.

Twenty-four members were present and four visitors.

Dr. J. G. SOUTAR was voted to the Chair and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

The SECRETARY read apologies for absence from the President, ex-President, Dr. Nelis and others.

Dr. W. Starkey was elected Hon. Div. Secretary, and Drs. R. Eager and Soutar Representative Members of Council. Dr. S. Cole and Dr. S. E. Martin were elected as members of the Committee of Management in place of Drs. Barton White and G. E. Peachell, who retire in rotation.

The following candidate, after ballot, was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association:

FRANCIS ELLIOT FOX, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Brislington House, Bristol.

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

The HON. SECRETARY reported that Dr. A. Townsend had kindly invited the Division to hold its Autumn Meeting at Barnwood House, Gloucester, and it was so fixed for Thursday, October 29, 1925.

A letter from Dr. Nelis, on the question of the new regulation of the Education Committee appointing a nurse coadjutor at the Final Examination for the Nursing Certificate, was read. Considerable discussion ensued, and it was proposed by Dr. MCGARVEY, seconded by Dr. S. E. MARTIN and passed, that in future six months' notice should be given by the Association of any alterations in the Examinations.

The following resolution, proposed by Dr. BLACHFORD and seconded by Dr. EAGER, was passed unanimously: "That this meeting protests against the stipulation that the nurse coadjutor at the Final Examination for the Nursing Certificate must be doubly trained, and considers that the first essential should be that she hold the M.P.A. Certificate in Mental Nursing."

Dr. S. GROSSMAN, of Cardiff Mental Hospital, then read a short paper entitled "The Value of Simple Laboratory Tests in the Diagnosis of Neuro-Syphilis as compared with the Wassermann Reaction." He dealt with the methods of