

female patients so sent, although it was understood that this duty was now always assigned to a married sergeant of the R.I.C. Nurses should be employed in this service and not the police.

Dr. COLLES drew the attention of the meeting to the present mode of granting and renewing licences to private asylums, which procedure was similar in Ireland to that of granting ordinary publicans' licences, and suggested that these licences should be granted by the Lord Chancellor on the recommendations of the inspectors of Irish asylums.

The CHAIRMAN spoke as to the advisability of deleting the word "destitute" from Form "D," which was thought desirable, as this was obviously an error in a form for a paying patient.

Dr. HETHERINGTON, as the oldest member present, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Nolan for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members. Dr. J. O'C. DONELAN, in seconding the resolution, wished to express to Dr. Nolan the congratulations of the visitors upon the wonderful improvements in the asylum since his last visit in 1907, and to state the great appreciation by all those who visited the asylum of its high standard of efficiency and the admirable condition to which it had been brought by Dr. Nolan. This resolution having been passed by acclamation, and Dr. NOLAN having replied, the meeting ended.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, at 2.30, p.m., on Wednesday, May 1st, 1918.

The following members were present: Drs. D. Bower, A. W. Daniel, E. L. Dunn, F. H. Edwards, L. O. Fuller, A. H. Griffith, G. H. Johnston, H. J. Norman, E. S. Pasmore, R. P. Smith, and J. N. Sergeant (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Dr. R. P. Smith took the Chair.

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

Dr. J. N. Sergeant was elected Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Major Sir R. Armstrong-Jones and Drs. D. Bower, M. Craig, and A. W. Daniel Representative Members of the Council for the year 1918-1919.

Drs. Daniel and Fuller were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management.

Dr. Walter Follitt Blandford was elected an Ordinary Member of the Association.

It was decided to leave the place and date of the Autumn Meeting, 1918, to the discretion of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

It was proposed by Dr. Sergeant, seconded by Dr. Edwards, and carried, "That the meeting requests the Council of the Association to consider the advisability of asking the Board of Control to act by giving badges or otherwise to help the superintendents of institutions to retain their staff."

Capt. Hubert J. Norman, R.A.M.C., then read his paper, "Evolutionary Progress in Psychiatry: A Plea for Optimism." (This paper appeared in the April number of the Journal.)

A short discussion of the paper followed, in which Drs. Percy Smith, E. S. Pasmore, J. Noel Sergeant, Francis H. Edwards, and A. Hume Griffith took part. Capt. Norman replied, and so brought to a conclusion an enjoyable and instructive meeting.

ASYLUM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

(Abridged Report.)

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Asylum Workers' Association was held at the Mansion House, London, on May 29th, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Charles A. Hanson, M.P.), in the chair. This was the second occasion on which the Association had been fortunate enough to foregather in the famous building, the first