

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the Medico-Psychological Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4th, 1916.

The following members were present: Sir George Savage, Drs. Armstrong-Jones, Fletcher Beach, D. Bower, P. E. Campbell, I. Duff, J. H. Earls, A. H. Griffith, E. S. Pasmore, G. E. Shuttleworth, R. H. Steen, and J. Noel Sergeant (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

Dr. David Bower took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

The Spring Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, April 4th, 1917, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.

Dr. Shuttleworth read his paper on "Séguin and his Works" (printed in the October number of the *Journal of Mental Science*), and an interesting discussion followed in which various members took part, including Sir George Savage and Drs. Armstrong Jones, Fletcher Beach, D. Bower, A. H. Griffith, and R. H. Steen.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Shuttleworth was carried by acclamation, and the meeting then terminated.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1916.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Division was held, by the kind permission of Dr. MacBryan, at 17, Belmont, Bath, on Friday, October 27th, 1916.

The following members were present: Drs. Aveline, Baker, Good, Norman Lavers, Nelis, Rutherford, and G. N. Bartlett, Hon. Div. Secretary.

Dr. Nelis was voted to the Chair.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Dr. Macdonald and Dr. MacBryan.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Norman Lavers (present member) and Dr. Aveline were nominated representative members of Council.

The place of the Spring Meeting (April 27th, 1917), was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, the hope being expressed that a visit to a war hospital in the Division could be arranged.

The members present alluded to the inclusion of a son of Dr. MacBryan in the Roll of Honour, and requested the Hon. Secretary to convey to him their deep sympathies in his bereavement.

A discussion on the recently circularised proposals as to the treatment of patients from the Services followed. The opinion of the meeting was to the effect that (1) Service patients should be defined for practical purposes as patients accepted subject to an agreement with, and paid for by, the War Pensions Statutory Committee, with the proviso that they shall be treated under the same general rules and regulations as at present apply to private patients, (2) that the rate of maintenance should be a fixed sum over and above the ordinary pauper rate in force at the time being, the amount to be settled by each asylum.

WATERFORD DISTRICT ASYLUM.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

It was with great regret that we heard of the brutal assault which was made on our colleague, Dr. Oakshott, which might have had fatal results. The whole occurrence was most mysterious, and, so far, inexplicable. Dr. Oakshott enjoys a well-deserved popularity in Waterford City and neighbourhood, and it is difficult to even conjecture what motive, except that of mere robbery, which is hardly sufficient to explain all the circumstances, could have actuated the perpetrators of the crime, neither of whom, unfortunately, has as yet been identified, and although the police are said to have strong suspicions with respect to a certain individual, there is not sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest.

Dr. Oakshott is still (end of December) feeling the effects of the outrage, which