

the President and Drs. Wilkinson, Talent Wynne, Stallybrass, McClure and Dickinson joined. Dr. Thomson received a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Dr. Wilkinson, seconded by Dr. Talent.

Attention was drawn to the report of the Hon. Treasurer of the Society, regarding the necessity for an increased annual subscription. The matter was deferred for further consideration at the next ordinary meeting of the branch to be held on the 11th February.

SCOTTISH BRANCH.

A meeting of the Scottish Branch was held in the Municipal Buildings, Glasgow, on Saturday, 11th December.—Present: Dr. Campbell Munro (in the chair), and 14 members.

The constitution and rules of the school medical groups as approved by the parent Society were submitted, when it was agreed to enquire of the Association of School Medical Officers of Scotland whether they would be willing to merge themselves in such a group if it were formed, and that the secretary in writing to the association should direct their attention to the advantages of membership of the Society.

The branch had under consideration a circular from Dr. Struthers Stewart, of Murtle Sanatorium, with reference to the proposed formation of a Tuberculosis Society for Scotland. The branch resolved to form a Tuberculosis group and instructed the secretary to ascertain the names of those who would be willing to join such a group, and the secretary was instructed to inform Dr. Struthers Stewart of the decision of the branch, and to suggest that the promoters of the proposed society should reconsider their decision, and to point out the advantages of the membership of the branch, the importance of joint meetings of Tuberculosis Officers concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of out-patients with institutional medical officers dealing with the same problems among in-patients, and the impossibility of dissociating the clinical problems of tuberculosis from the social aspects of the subject, and pointing out that all medical officers engaged in dealing with tuberculosis either in out-patient departments, sanatoria, or hospitals, are eligible for membership of the Society.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

General Meeting in Tea Room, Town Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 10th December, 1920.

Present.—The President (Dr. T. Eustace Hill), and 34 members.

Minutes.—As the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 29th of October had already appeared in full in "Public Health" they were taken as read, and were confirmed and duly signed by the President.

Correspondence.—The Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from Drs. McIntosh, Glass, Gibson, and Taylor, the latter on account of illness. It was agreed that the Secretary convey to Dr. Taylor the regrets of the meeting and an expression of its hope for his speedy recovery.

A letter from Dr. James Arthur was submitted, stating that he had retired from his position as medical officer of health and that he was resigning his membership of the Society, after a close connection lasting 29 years. On the suggestion of the Secretary it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Arthur, although no longer a member of the Society, be elected an Honorary Member of the branch.

The Secretary stated that he had invited the President (Lt.-Col. F. E. Fremantle) and the Executive Secretary (Mr. G. S. Elliston) to attend the meeting and the branch dinner afterwards. Unfortunately, owing to prior engagements neither was able to be present.

Salaries.—The Secretary reported on the action taken by the Society in this matter, and gave an account of the progress to date.

Dr. Foggin said that he had intended to raise the question at this meeting, but in view of the Secretary's explanation he moved that consideration of the matter be adjourned until next meeting.

Dr. Cameron seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Capt. W. N. Jackson, R.A.M.C., Special Sanitary Officer, Northumbrian Area, was unanimously elected a member of the branch.

Fellowship of the Society.—The Secretary reported that under the new constitution the Council of the Society had decided that all the medical officers of health not already fellows were to be elected as such forthwith. The Articles of Association allow the election to the fellowship of one non-medical officer of health for every two medical officers of health, and the vacancies to be