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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 4 May, 1960, at All Saints' Hospital, Birmingham, under the Presidency of Dr. Angus MacNiven.

MINUTES

The President stated that there had been some delay in the printing of the Minutes and they had not been circulated, and confirmation of the Minutes had therefore to be held over.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the deaths of:

ANDERSON, RUPERT GEORGE, M.D.(Edin.), D.P.M., Lord Chancellor's Visitor; an Ordinary Member since 1938.

CAMERON, ALLISON WEIR, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Kirklands Institution, Bothwell, Lanarkshire; an Ordinary Member since 1955

CHRISTIE, THOMAS, M.D., Principal Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Winchester; an Ordinary Member since 1937.

KLEIN, ROBERT, M.D.(Prague), Physician, Crichton Royal, Dumfries; an Ordinary Member since 1949.

O'DONNELLAN, PADHRAIC JOSEPH, L.A.H.(Dublin), Medical Officer, The Pastures Hospital, Mickleover, Derby; an Ordinary Member since 1959.

PENTON, CYRIL FREDERICK, M.A.(Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law, late Legal Senior Commissioner, Board of Control; an Honorary Member since 1942.

TOMASSON, HELGI, Medical Superintendent, Nyja Spitalanum a Kleppi, Reykjavik, Iceland; a Corresponding Member since 1935.

URQUHART, JOHN ARGYLE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh; an Ordinary Member since 1951.

WALSH, MICHAEL ANTHONY, L.R.C.P. & S.I., D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Tooting Bec Hospital, London; an Ordinary Member since 1928.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to ordinary membership:

ARENILLAS, LUIS, Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery (Zaragoza University, Spain), Junior Medical Officer, The Towers Hospital, Leicester

Proposed by Drs. H. B. Kidd, C. E. H. Turner, J. A. Dew-Jones.

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BINNS, JOHN KENNETH, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Craig House, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Drs. Elizabeth Robertson, J. A. Stewart, P. A. Barker.

BLACK, VICTOR HENRY ALLISON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Lieut. *R.A.M.C.*, 27 Deanfield, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. D. H. Clark, R. L. Buttle, B. W. Davy.

CRAWFORD, JOHN PARDEY, M.D., M.R.C.P., Senior Medical Officer, Stone House Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. S. W. Hardwick, B. Cates, W. N. L. Haynes.

DACRE, ARTHUR JOHN IRVING, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Royal Eastern Counties Hospital, Colchester.

Proposed by Drs. R. Bates, E. Benjacar, A. Walk.

HANDCOCK, KENNETH ALLAN, M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), Assistant Resident in Psychiatry, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. P. Roper, A. Walk, A. B. Monro.

HENRY, LEONARD MONTAGU, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Clinical Assistant, Marlborough Day Hospital, N.W.8.

Proposed by Drs. T. M. Ling, J. Buckman, A. J. Martin.

INNES, GEORGE, M.D., D.P.H., Senior Research Fellow, Department of Mental Health, University of Aberdeen.

Proposed by Professor W. M. Millar, Drs. A. K. C. Sinclair-Gieben, J. Leckie.

LAMONT, EDWARD SAMUEL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., D.C.H., Senior Registrar, Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. C. B. Robinson, J. B. Nabney, W. A. Norris.

LEVINE, SIDNEY, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. G. Timbury. I. M. Ingram.

MERRIMAN, BASIL MANDEVILLE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Reginald Carter Foundation for the Treatment of Alcoholism.

Proposed by Drs. S. M. Whitteridge, P. F. Johnson, J. Flood.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S.G., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders.

Proposed by Drs. Elizabeth Robertson, J. B. Stanton, P. A. Barker.

WARNER, JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Locum Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Wolverhampton and Shropshire.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Brookes, F. Kane, E. P. Boyle.

WERRY, JOHN SCOTT, M.B., Ch.B., B.Med.Sc.(N.Z.), Resident in Psychiatry. Verdun Protestant Hospital, Verdun, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. P. Roper, A. Walk, A. B. Monro.

WILLIAMS, JOHN ALED, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Registrar, North Wales Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. E. Simmonds, J. H. O. Roberts, T. G. Williams.

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WOLF, NIKOLA, M.D.(Belgrade), Specialist in Neuro-psychiatry (Belgrade), Assistant, Medical Faculty, Belgrade; Clinical Assistant, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. Shepherd, F. K. Taylor, A. O. Isaacs.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council met in the afternoon at 2.15 p.m. After discussion of the Treasurer's Report Council decided to make a grant of £150 towards the expenses of the London Conference on Mental Deficiency. The General Secretary was instructed by the Council to write to the Ford and Nuffield Foundations to try to obtain a grant towards assisting Members to attend the International Congress of Psychiatry at Montreal in June, 1961.

The Education Committee reported a discussion relating to the possibility of forming a Faculty in Psychiatry of the Royal College of Physicians of London. The Education Committee also discussed the problem of the educational test for entrants to mental nursing. The General Secretary was instructed by Council to write to the Minister deploring the situation. It was also recommended that the R.M.P.A. should use its influence to persuade authorities concerned to introduce voluntarily their own tests for recruits to mental nursing and the General Secretary was instructed to write to hospitals advising them to institute these tests, where they were not already in use.

The question of the representation of Psychiatry in discussions of the Working Parties dealing with the Royal Commission's report on pay was considered and the General Secretary was instructed to get in touch with various organizations which might further the psychiatric viewpoint.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that Seminars had been arranged for the July Meeting at St. George's Hospital and the Programme for the July Meeting had been otherwise completed. At the November Meeting in the morning the subject would be mental ill health in childhood and its relation to mental ill health later in life.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Northern and Midland Division raising the possibility of dividing the Northern and Midland Division. Council decided to set up a Committee of the five Divisional Secretaries and senior Officers to consider the whole question of the demarcation lines between Divisions and the possibility of alterations in Divisional activities.

Memoranda on the Special Hospitals, the Training of Staff of Training Centres for the Mentally Subnormal, Corporal Punishment, and Units for the Long-Term Medical Care of Emotionally Disturbed Children and Adolescents were approved after amendment.

There was discussion concerning the position of nurses on the general register working in psychiatric units not approved as mental nurses' Training Schools by the General Nursing Council, the question being whether some form of recognition ought to be given to the training received in such units.

PAPERS

"Chlorpromazine in the Chronic Psychotic."

By Drs. F. Letemendia, T. Harris, and J. Crammer.

"Bilateral Transection of the Fornix in Chronic Psychotics and its Results."

By Mr. Campbell Connolly, Drs. J. I. Timothy, W. Mayer-Gross, and P. F. R. Clarke.

SEMINARS

On Tuesday, 3 May, Seminars were held as follows:

"The Relation of Neuropharmacology in Psychiatry." *Speaker:* Dr. P. Bradley; "Ecology and Psychiatry." *Speaker:* Dr. M. Chance; "Some Recent Neurochemical

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Work on Psychiatric Problems." *Speaker:* Dr. G. B. Leyton; "Contributions of Electron-Microscopy in Neuropathology." *Speaker:* Dr. L. A. Woolf.

Hospitality

On Monday, 2 May, the evening before the business of the Meeting commenced, Members and their wives were entertained at a Sherry Party at All Saints' Hospital.

On Tuesday, 3 May, members of Committees and Council were entertained to lunch at All Saints', and Members' wives went on a very interesting tour of Warwick Castle. In the evening Members and their wives were greeted by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman John H. Lewis and the Lady Mayoress at a very successful Civic Reception held at the Council House.

On the last day of the Meeting, Wednesday, 4 May, Members' wives went on a visit to the Cadbury Factory in the morning, and afterwards joined Members for a most enjoyable lunch at the invitation of the All Saints' Hospital Management Committee.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 11-15 July, 1960, at 11 Chandos Street, London, W.1, and at Cane Hill Hospital. Dr. Angus MacNiven presided at the earlier proceedings, and Dr. Alexander Walk from the time of his installation on 13 July.

Monday, 11 July

Meetings of Committees were held in the afternoon at 11 Chandos Street. Seminars, which were well attended, were held at the Tavistock Clinic. Dr. J. D. Sutherland spoke on "The Work of the Clinic and the Institute of Human Relations", and this was followed by a discussion in which the following members of the senior staff took part:

Dr. J. D. Sutherland, Medical Director.
Dr. J. Bowlby, Director, Department for Children and Parents.
Dr. H. D. Hunter, Director, Adolescent Department
Mrs. E. E. Irvine, Senior Psychiatric Social Worker.
Mr. H. Phillipson, Senior Clinical Psychologist.
Mr. E. L. Trist, Chairman of the Management Committee, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations.

In the evening, Dr. Alexander Walk, the President-Elect, entertained members of Council to dinner at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Tuesday, 12 July

In the morning there was a Papers Session at 11 Chandos Street. The subjects and speakers were:

"Problems of a Psychiatric Journal."
Dr. Harvey A. Robinson,
Managing Editor, *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.*

"Psychiatry and the National Press."
Dr. A. T. Byrne, Medical Correspondent of *The Guardian.*
Mr. Kenneth Baily, journalist and broadcaster.

In the afternoon Council met at 11 Chandos Street, and Seminars were held at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. These Seminars were also well attended. The subjects and speakers were as follows:

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