At the close of the Meeting the President expressed the Association's warm thanks to the Mayor of Hove, Dr. Helen Boyle, to the House Committee of the Lady Chichester Hospital and all those concerned with this most successful Meeting. On behalf of those who attended the Papers Session, he thanked the speakers for the papers they had delivered.

SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent, on Tuesday, 5 April, 1955, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. Gordon McLaren, Medical Superintendent.

Members of the Association and Visitors were received by Dr. McLaren and his staff and after the Divisional Committee of Management had met about fifty-five members and guests were entertained to lunch. The Meeting was honoured by the presence of the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Captain H. G. Giffard, R.N., and of the President of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, Dr. Noel Harris. Captain Giffard expressed the pleasure of the Management Committee on the occasion of the visit of the South Eastern Division and Dr. Harris suitably conveyed the thanks of the Association for the excellent entertainment and for the well-organized arrangements made for the reception of the Members.

At the Meeting in the afternoon attended by the President, Dr. Noel Harris, who took the Chair, Dr. J. G. Hamilton reported on the deliberations of the Divisional Committee of Management, and announced that the Autumn Meeting would be held at Graylingwell on October 6, 1955.

In accordance with Bye-Laws 33 and 34 the Meeting appointed Dr. J. G. Hamilton as *Chairman*, Dr. G. Somerville as *Secretary*, and Dr. S. W. Hardwick as *Assistant Secretary;* the following were appointed to the *Divisional Committee of Management:* Drs. H. C. Beccle, J. Carse, E. P. H. Charlton, L. T. Hilliard, Portia Holman, J. H. Patterson, T. P. Rees, W. Linford Rees, D. W. Liddell, B. Reid, J. C. Sawle Thomas, F. H. Taylor, A. Walk.

Dr. Vera Norris, Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., was elected the Divisional Junior Representative on the Council.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The following were duly elected:

CRAMMER, JOHN LEWIS, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. S. Lewis, A. Walk, and A. J. Oldham.

FISHER, KENNETH JAMES, M.B., B.S., Registrar, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, J. G. Hamilton and E. Nuffield.

CROTTY, ISABEL MARY, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, St. Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. W. McCartan, J. Hoenig, and R. H. Wheeler.

MACKENZIE, MARION ENID TOWNSEND, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Psychiatrist, Children's Department, Tavistock Clinic, W.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. Bowlby, D. Hunter, and Barbara Woodhead.

SLATER, ELIOT TREVOR OAKESHOTT, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., Physician in Psychological Medicine, National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.1.
Proposed by Drs. W. Sargant, A. Walk, and R. W. Armstrong.

STEPHEN, JOYCE MARY, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Director, Guildford Child Guidance Clinic.
Proposed by Drs. Portia Holman, E. Mildred Creak, and R. W. Armstrong.

STEWART, JOHN MATTHEW ARCHIBALD CRAIG, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, G. C. Rae, R. H. Wheeler.

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SULLIVAN, JOHN DANIEL, M.R.C.P.I., D.C.H., Junior Medical Officer, Warlingham Park Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, W. H. Shepley, and M. M. Glatt.

WORSWICK, JOHN COWGILL, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Medical Officer, Friern Hospital, N.11.
Proposed by Drs. Pauline Stirling, A. Walk, and R. W. Armstrong.

NOMINATIONS TO REGIONAL BOARDS

It was decided to recommend for re-nomination to the East Anglian Board, Dr. S. MacKeith, and to the South West Metropolitan Board, Dr. L. Minski.

The President, Dr. Noel Harris, requested consideration by the Meeting of a point arising out of the Association's preparation of evidence to be presented to the "Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution". The majority were in favour of agreeing that homosexual relations between consenting adults in private should no longer be illegal, and that the "age of consent" should be eighteen.

The following papers were then delivered:

Dr. A. Hyatt Williams, M.D., D.P.M., gave a most interesting paper on **"The Extremes of Out-Patient Psychotherapy"**. He illustrated his thesis by giving clinical accounts of three cases, the first, a paranoid disorder which was rapidly dealt with by verbal direct interpretation, the second, a sexual neurosis which required deeper investigation into unconscious motivation, and the third, a case of drug addiction which demanded a very prolonged analytic management over a number of years and involved the problem of transference. He discussed from the examples given the possibilities of out-patient psychotherapy from a practical point of view.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. W. H. L. Haynes, his paper on **"The Development of an Observation Ward as an Active Treatment Centre"** was given by Dr. Roberts, of Oakwood Hospital. In the discussion which followed Drs. Walker and Aldridge took part.

The President, Dr. Noel Harris, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Dr. McLaren for his most admirable arrangements for the Meeting, and this was seconded by the Chairman of the Division, Dr. J. G. Hamilton.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION was held on Tuesday, 26 April, 1955 at Cheadle Royal Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire, by kind permission of Dr. W. V. Wadsworth, Medical Superintendent and the Committee of Management.

Members were shown round the Hospital in the morning and were most impressed by the air of comfort and the pleasant decorations. Members were then entertained to a sumptuous luncheon in company with the Chairman of the Management Committee. There were present some 105 Members and Guests.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Chair was taken by the President of the Association.

The following Candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

CHURCH, IAN COCHRANE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, De la Pole Hospital, Willerby, East Yorks.

FISHER, HILDEGARD CATHERINE, M.D.(Frankfurt), L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.(Ed.), L.R.F.P.S.(Glas.), D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Lancaster Moor Hospital, Lancaster Moor.

GALBRAITH, DOROTHY JOYCE, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, The Retreat, York.

LEVESON, IVAN, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, United Liverpool Hospitals and Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

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