The date of the Annual Meeting in Dublin next year (1955), was fixed for 12, 13, 14 and 15 July, and it was provisionaly agreed that the November, 1955, Quarterly Meeting should be held on 9 and 10 November. Council learned with pleasure that Sir Russell Brain has kindly consented to give the 1955 Maudsley Lecture.

The organizers of the Second World Congress in Psychiatry to be held in Zurich in 1957, have asked the Association, jointly with the Royal Society of Medicine, to recommend speakers who are specially qualified to speak on aspects of Schizophrenia, which is to be the main theme of the Congress. A small sub-committee has been appointed to make suggestions, and in addition it is hoped to circulate the first Bulletin about the Conference to all Members early in the New Year.

The Council were informed that the Magistrates' Association was proposing to hold a Congress of Correction, possibly in 1955, and it was agreed to inform them of this Association's interest in this proposal.

A proposal received from the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section to circulate to all Mental Hospital Advisory Committees a Questionnaire on facilities for Training in Psychotherapy was deferred for fuller consideration at the February meeting.

PAPERS

"Factors of Basic Importance in Character Formation and Development"
Opening Speaker: Dr. WILLIAM MOODIE.

"Possible Methods for the Prevention of Psychiatric Illness in Children"
Opening Speaker: Dr. R. E. BARHAM CARTER.

MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The TWENTY-NINTH MAUDSLEY LECTURE was given in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, by Professor Wilder Penfield, O.M., C.M.G., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.C., F.R.S., F.R.S.C., on **"The Role of the Temporal Cortex in Certain Psychical Phenomena"**.

The vote of thanks to Professor Penfield, proposed by Professor F. L. Golla, was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, on Tuesday, 5 October, 1954, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. Macdonald, Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association were received by Dr. Macdonald and parties were escorted round the hospital by members of the medical staff. A most favourable impression was obtained of the standards of comfort and service provided for the patients. It is interesting to note that when the hospital was taken over by the National Health Service in 1948, an undertaking was given that the essential character of admissions would be in accordance with the wishes of the Founder—who defined the hospital as a place for curable patients of the "reduced" middle classes.

Over fifty members and guests were entertained to lunch. Sir J. Cameron, Bart., Chairman of the Management Committee, honoured the gathering with his presence and welcomed the members of the Association. Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association, expressed appreciation and thanks for the hospitality extended and for the admirable arrangements made for the reception of the members.

At the meeting in the afternoon, which was attended by the President, Dr. Noel Harris, the following were elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

CARSTAIRS, GEORGE MORRISON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., Medical Research Council, Unit for Occupational Adaptation, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. W. L. Tonge, R. C. Gledhill, B. C. Ackner.

GRIFFITH, EDWARD FYFE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Medical Officer, Psychiatric Department, Middlesex Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, J. A. Hobson, M. A. Jackson.

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