HOSPITALITY.

Members of the Council and of Standing Committees were entertained to a most excellent lunch and tea on 9 May, and the same generous hospitality was extended to the members of the Association on 10 May. The President, on behalf of the Association, thanked most sincerely the Board of Governors, the Medical Superintendent and Staff of St. Andrew's Hospital for their great hospitality and for the excellence of their arrangements and the trouble they had taken to make the meeting an outstanding success. Sir Frederick Robinson, Bart., Chairman, replied on behalf of the Board of Governors.

PAPERS.

" Physical Constitution in its Relation to Psychiatry," by Dr. J. M. TANNER.

This paper was warmly welcomed and discussed by many members. It put forward various aspects of the subject, and showed what an amount of work was being done at various centres.

Symposium on : **" Indications for Shock Treatments."**

This was given by Drs. W. MAYER-GROSS, W. SARGANT, E. STENGEL, E. C. DAX and T. P. REES, and was discussed by several members.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held on Friday, 28 April, 1950, at Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. D. K. Bruce, the Medical Superintendent.

During the morning members were shown round various parts of the hospital. Members sat down to luncheon at 1 p.m., the Vice-Chairman of the Management Committe being present. Dr. K. K. DRURY expressed the thanks of the R.M.P.A. for hospitality, and the Vice-Chairman replied, welcoming the Northern and Midland Division and wishing success on their deliberations.

The Chair being vacant owing to the recent death of the Chairman, this vacancy was filled by Dr. K. K. Drury, who expressed the sorrow all must have felt at the sudden death of Dr. Freize-Stephens. Members stood in respectful silence.

Forty members and one visitor were recorded as present, and apologies were received from eighteen members.

Professor MACCALMAN being the only nomination for the Office of Chairman, Dr. DRURY proposed from the Chair that Professor D. R. MACCALMAN be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Dr. G. M. WODDIS. Professor MacCalman then took the Chair and was invested with the Badge of Office.

The election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee took place in accordance with Bye-Law 34, as follows :

Secretary : Dr. G. M. WODDIS.
Assistant Secretary : Dr. M. J. BROOKES.
Junior Representative on Council : Dr. P. MCCAULEY.
Committee of Management : Drs. C. C. BERESFORD, W. A. S. FALLA, J. S. JOHNSTONE, DONALD MACMILLAN, DUNCAN MACMILLAN and C. M. ROSS.

Three candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

BACHTIN, CONSTANCE, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Registrar, Hollymoor Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham, 31.
Proposed by Drs. C. M. Ross, Frances A. Roberts and Janet Calder.

STREET, DAVID RICHARD KILVINGTON, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Clifton Hospital, York.
Proposed by Drs. J. Ivison Russell, W. Fraser and J. J. O'Riordan.

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THOMSON, JAMES FORD, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Registrar, Aston Hall Mental Deficiency Institution, Aston-on-Trent, nr. Derby.

Proposed by Drs. K. O. Milner, Duncan Macmillan and I. John Davies.

College of Psychiatry.—The following Resolution was proposed to be sent to the Council of the Association :

> " That this Meeting regards the establishment of a College of Psychiatrists as desirable for the betterment of Psychiatry, and for the furtherance of the status of Psychiatrists in this country, and that it believes the time is now opportune to investigate the steps necessary to set up such a College, which should have similar functions, rights and privileges as the existing Royal Colleges."

Professor MACCALMAN said he was aware that the Council were considering the problem, but felt that a body of informed and convinced opinion was necessary in the Divisions to support the Council. A College of Psychiatry, with higher qualification in psychiatry, was necessary to raise the status of psychiatrists and enable them to be on equal terms with consultants in other spheres.

After discussion the resolution was carried.

The following resolution was also carried :

> " That the attention of the Council be drawn to the continued existence of mixed hospital group management committees with their inherent difficulties, and that the Council be asked to make representation to the appropriate authorities in an endeavour to terminate such mixed groups."

Dr. NORTHAGE J. DE V. MATHER, Psychiatrist to Manchester Skin Hospital, read a very interesting and stimulating paper based on 250 cases at the hospital. He outlined the different ways in which psychiatrists had approached this problem, and pointed out that much of the early psychiatric work had been done by dermatologists. Case-histories showed that more frequently than one would expect, cases primarily of affective disorder might present themselves at skin clinics, he summarized his results statistically, and was rather cautious in his conclusions.

Dr. TWISTON DAVIES, Consultant Dermatologist to Manchester Skin Hospital, opened the discussion with a witty and wise speech. He made a plea for more psychiatrists in dermatology, and said dermatologists needed answers to many questions, especially pruritus ani.

Many speakers (including Drs. AFFLECK, ESHER, POOL, TURNER, and Professor MACCALMAN) took part in the subsequent discussion.

After a vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman and carried with acclamation, the business concluded with an excellent tea in true Yorkshire style.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

FIFTH LIST OF TRAINING SCHOOLS APPROVED IN CATEGORIES SHOWN.

Mental Hospitals :

Winwick, Warrington.
Crichton Royal, Dumfries.
The Pastures, Mickleover.
De la Pole (Hull City).
Goodmayes, Ilford.

Mental Deficiency Institutions :

South Ockendon.

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