saved and were proud to tell their visitors how they had obtained them. There had been an all round improvement in behaviour since the introduction of Industrial Therapy, with more interest taken in personal appearance and an improvement in table manners. It was possible to grant much more parole, and mixed dances and parties had been arranged for patients whose behaviour previously prohibited this.

A keen and full discussion followed in which many speakers participated. It was obvious that Industrial Therapy was now being widely used in hospitals for the mentally ill, as well as those for the subnormal. The hours of work usually amounted to about 4–5 hours per day. It was generally agreed that rewards should be related to the output of the group and not of the individual.

(*b*) School Phobia

Dr. Hugh Coulsting first stressed the size of the problem which, in recent years, had shown a consistent rise and now accounted for about 5 per cent. of all referrals to Child Guidance Clinics. School Phobia was clearly distinguishable from truancy, the picture being of neurotic anxiety often blended with a stubborn resistance. A variety of somatic symptoms usually preceded the actual refusal.

The central figure in the drama was the mother, whose emotional needs were projected on to the child. The mother also required treatment and the prognosis indeed depended on her response to it. Dr. Coulsting also stressed the importance of the father in psychopathology. Trigger stimuli were only of importance in that schools should be aware of them. The main ones were changes of school, assemblies, travelling, swimming, changing for games and P.T.

Dr. Coulsting then discussed treatment. He said that the key to personality modification was usually to free the repressed aggression. The child should return to the phobic situation as soon as possible, and initially this was often assisted by the use of tranquillizing drugs. Placement in a maladjusted school might be necessary. It was usually advisable to continue treatment for 18 months to two years before a satisfactory adjustment could be attained.

A small group of severely withdrawn children were possibly pre-psychotic and carried a risk of suicide. Home teaching might be necessary for them, although in the future, placement in a maladjusted day school would help them more.

In the discussion which followed, several speakers stressed the importance of the father-child relationship. Dr. Coulsting commented in replies to questions that the sexes were approximately equal in school phobia, whereas, in truancy, boys outnumbered girls by eight to one. He added that it was usually not difficult to distinguish truancy from school phobia.

Dr. W. E. W. Bridger proposed a vote of thanks. He congratulated Dr. Heaton-Ward, as host, on the excellence of the hospitality and he warmly thanked both speakers for their stimulating papers.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held in the Department of Psychiatry at Liverpool University on Saturday, 15 April, 1961, by kind invitation of the Director, Dr. S. Barton Hall.

In the absence of the Chairman, the chair was taken by Dr. E. U. H. Pentreath.

REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Divisional Committee of Management met on 14 April, nine members being present. The Society outlined the previous evening's discussion and was pleased to report that Dr. Pentreath had offered hospitality at Mickleover on Tuesday, 17 October, 1961, for the Autumn Meeting of the Division; the subject under discussion to be

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"The Future of the Mental Hospital" and it was suggested that papers should be read by Dr. Smith of Lancaster Moor, Dr. Kathleen Jones of the Department of Social Administration at the University of Manchester, a General Practitioner, and a Mental Welfare Officer.

The Secretary read recent extracts from the minutes of the Council, 17 November, 1960, and 16 February, 1961, relating to the question of the formation of a College of Psychiatry and to procedure under section 85 of the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations 1955.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

ALP, NECATI MEHMET, M.S., M.D., F.A.G.S. (U.S.A.). Registrar in Psychiatry, St. John's Hospital, Lincoln.
Proposed by Drs. J. H. Price, F. A. Bleaden, J. F. R. Goodlad.

BEAMISH, PAMELA, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. Registrar, Psychiatric Unit, Newcastle General Hospital.
Proposed by Prof. M. Roth, Drs. M. W. P. Carney, D. W. Kay.

BEYNON, PETER JOHN, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer in Psychiatry, Salford Royal Hospital and Hope Hospital, Salford.
Proposed by Drs. J. F. Wilde, W. L. Hardman, P. M. Crowe.

BROWNE, RICHARD ANTHONY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Superintendent, Coleshill Hall Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. M. G. McColl, A. Shepherd, A. S. Patterson.

FOWLES, MAURICE WILSON, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield.
Proposed by Drs. P. M. Crowe, R. M. Young, C. Borg.

GROSSER, HANS HERMANN, M.D., L.R.C.P.E., Registrar in Psychiatry, All Saints' Hospital and Uffculme Clinic, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. P. M. Jeavons, J. L. Crammer, J. J. O'Reilly.

JONES, DAVID ALUN, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Senior Registrar, Anglesey Mental Health Survey.
Proposed by Drs. J. H. O. Roberts, G. Williamson, D. O. Lloyd.

MCGRATH, MICHAEL DELAHAUNTY, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.
Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, H. Fisher, A. Hakki.

MILLARD, DAVID WALTER, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatric Registrar, Rubery Hill Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. K. A. H. Graves, J. R. Mathers, F. A. Roberts.

MULLINS, BRIGHID PATRICIA, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, St. Catherine's Hospital Annexe, Birkenhead.
Proposed by Drs. I. Frost, D. E. H. Jones, R. Middlefell.

O'DOHERTY, MURIEL BRIDGET, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Junior Medical Officer, Clifton Hospital, York.
Proposed by Drs. W. Fraser, J. J. O'Riordan, Margaret W. Galley.

PICKERING, IAN GEORGE WALKER, *V.R.D.*, M.D., Senior Medical Officer, H. M. Prison, Durham.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Child, T. M. Cuthbert, G. E. Duggan-Keen.

READ, ROBERT VESSEY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Clinical Assistant, St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough.
Proposed by Drs. T. M. Cuthbert, J. Russell, D. D. Webster.

ROBERTSON, JOHN MARTIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Oldham and District General Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. A. Pool, A. C. Tait, J. Harper.

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ROITH, ABRAHAM ISAAC, L.R.C.P.I., D.C.H., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist and Deputy Medical Superintendent, Monyhull Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. D. M. Macmillan, R. J. Stanley, Theodora Brookes.

VISPO, RAUL HORACIO, M.D., Temporary Research Associate in the Department of Psychological Medicine, King's College, Durham.
Proposed by Prof. M. Roth, Drs. D. W. K. Kay, M. W. P. Carney.

WILKINSON, NORMAN VICTOR, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield.
Proposed by Drs. A. L. G. Smith, D. H. Ropschitz, J. Valentine.

ELECTION OF DIVISIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Dr. Cuthbert (Chairman) and Dr. B. Ward were due to retire. No nominations being received, the following Officers in accordance with By-Law 34 who had been nominated by the Divisional Committee of Management, were unanimously elected:

Chairman: Dr. E. U. H. Pentreath.
Honorary Secretary: Dr. W. V. Wadsworth.
Assistant Honorary Secretary: Dr. C. Rose.
Junior Representative on Council: Dr. D. B. Fowler.

ELECTION OF DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

In accordance with By-Law 33, Dr. Pentreath retires. Dr. S. Barton Hall was nominated by the Committee; no other nominations being received, Dr. Barton Hall was unanimously elected.

The Secretary was instructed to approach Council to see if expenses could be granted for the Junior Representative on Council for Quarterly and Annual Meetings of the Association.

CLINICAL SESSION

Papers: "The Pre-Clinical Curriculum"

(see *Journal*, November 1961, p. 1003)

Dr. S. Barton Hall, Director of Studies in Psychological Medicine, University of Liverpool, described the integration of psychology in the re-organized pre-clinical curriculum at Liverpool.

Professor L. S. Hearnshaw, Professor of Psychology, University of Liverpool, described the generally unsatisfactory state of psychological instruction of medical students as revealed by the British Psychological Society, and discussed some essentials which were required.

Dr. R. R. Hetherington, Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, Department of Studies in Psychological Medicine, University of Liverpool, continued with a discussion on the content and presentation of psychology for the medical student, emphasizing the need to share teaching between medical and non-medical psychologists.

After lunch Professor E. Stengel referred to the urgency of the matters discussed in the morning's papers, and described the methods now being adopted in Sheffield for a psychological curriculum.

Professor G. R. Hargreaves, in a witty and thought-provoking contribution, raised doubts by wondering whether there should be a "pre-clinical curriculum" at all, but felt that the understanding of human behaviour should be an essential part in the teaching of medical students by "topics" (instead of by "subjects").

The interesting discussion continued and was summarized by Professor J. D. N. Hill, who felt that psychiatrists had failed to emphasize the importance of the teaching of psychiatry and psychology to medical students. He thought that the two modern challenges to medicine lay in nuclear physics and the behavioural sciences. Psychology's position today was as that of physiology 85 years ago. He commented on the differences between the various speakers' proposals but pointed to the universal recognition of the serious problem to be faced.

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