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QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 11 May, 1951, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich (by kind invitation of the Regional Hospital Board and the Hospital Management Committee), under the presidency of Dr. K. K. Drury.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting held on 15 February, 1951, to be published in the forthcoming issue of the Supplement, were taken as read, approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The President announced with regret the death of the following members of the Association:

MARTIN CRICHTON HOOD, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Cheadle Royal; an Ordinary Member since 1940.

EUSTACE HUTTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Maesgwilym, Rhyl (formerly Deputy Medical Superintendent, North Wales Mental Hospital); an Ordinary Member since 1931.

WILLIAM REID MCGLASHAN, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent of Mental Hospitals and School Medical Officer, Guernsey; an Ordinary Member since 1925.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Associate Membership:

WARBURG (Mrs) MAY NELLIE (Associate Member of the British Institute of Psycho-Analysis), Child Guidance Unit, West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases; 17/18, Devonshire Close, Devonshire Street, London, W.1.

Proposed by Drs. R. D. Newton, R. W. Armstrong and Sylvia M. Payne.

(Approved by Council 14 February, 1951.)

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Ordinary Membership:

DEMBOVITZ, NATHAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Wimbledon Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Desmond Curran, Emanuel Miller and J. J. M. Jacobs.

DUTHIE, EDWIN WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Physician, Ladysbridge Mental Hospital, Banff.

Proposed by Drs. Thomas Dymock, C. A. Crichlow and E. J. C. Hewitt.

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FORSTER, EDWARD FRANCIS BANI, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Colonial Medical Service; 46, Allen Street, Bathurst, Gambia, West Africa.

Proposed by Drs. E. S. Stern, S. W. Gillmann and R. W. Armstrong.

METIVIER, HENRI PAUL, B.A., M.D.(Montreal), L.M.C.C., Senior Physician, Provincial Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. John Bower, K. K. Drury and R. W. Armstrong.

(Approved by Council on 14 February, 1951.)

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council met on 10 May, at the City Hall, Norwich, by kind invitation of the Lord Mayor and Council, and they were most hospitably entertained to lunch and welcomed by the Lord Mayor.

The Treasurer reported an over-all deficit of £537 in the working of the Association in 1950, the surplus from the nursing examinations being only £99 as against £820 in the previous year. He analysed expenditure over the last ten years, the two chief items being the Journal and the Chandos Street office. With the co-operation of the Editor-in-Chief it had been agreed to limit the expenditure on the Journal for the next 12 months to £1,750.

At the last Quarterly Meeting it was agreed that the annual subscription should be reduced to three guineas in respect of those members of 40 years' standing now in retirement. The original request was that it should be reduced to two guineas, and the Council agreed to put forward a special resolution to the Annual Meeting that the rate of annual subscription for such members be reduced to two guineas.

The Council authorized the deletion of the names of five members from the Association's Roll for non-payment of subscription after being specially requested in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

The Council regretted to report that in present circumstances the Finance Committee was unable to recommend a reduced subscription for junior members. It was pointed out that a reduced subscription already exists for members medically qualified for less than five years.

The Editor reported disappointment with the sale of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry* to members, but felt that outside sales, particularly overseas, would prove satisfactory.

The Registrar reported that there were 127 entries from 58 mental hospitals for the May, 1951, Nursing Examinations, and 10 entries from 8 Mental Deficiency Institutions. Twelve entries had been received for Part I of the D.P.M., 3 entries for the Gaskell Medal and Prize, and 1 for the Divisional Prize.

The Council recorded their sincere appreciation of the great work done by Area Nursing Examination Secretaries in the economical running of the examinations.

The Council were glad to hear from the Librarian that, in spite of the increased cost of books, particularly American ones, it has been possible to increase the value of the Library by the addition of a number of useful recent works and some French and German publications and books of historical interest. The Council warmly thanked the Librarian for the interesting exhibition of material returned from the Paris Congress, and for his care and trouble in arranging various other exhibitions of interest to members at Quarterly Meetings.

On the recommendation of the Education Committee further D.P.M. Training Schools were approved (see Appendix), and the Registrar was given discretionary authority in deciding whether D.P.M. candidates complied with the regulations.

The Sub-Committee appointed to assist the General Nursing Council in the revision of the nursing syllabuses was strengthened by the addition of Drs. A. Walk, T. Tennent and R. G. McInnes, and they hoped to submit a comprehensive report by the end of the year.

The Council approved an abbreviated form of Consent to Convulsive Therapy, and were assured that, should the need arise, doctors using the form would be protected by the Medical Defence Union or Medical Protection Society. The form would be circulated as soon as possible.

A Joint Committee of the Parliamentary Committee and the Mental Deficiency Section was appointed to consider the question of changes in mental deficiency legislation, and the Parliamentary Committee strongly recommended that legislation for mental illness and mental deficiency should be contained in one Act.

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The Papers and Discussions Committee deferred consideration of taking over the Study Tours Sub-Committee until their next meeting. Arrangements for the joint conference with the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in November were proceeding satisfactorily.

The Council was very perturbed to learn from the publishers that publication of the Handbook was likely to be considerably delayed by paper shortage.

The *Ad Hoc* Geriatrics Committee were congratulated on the excellence of their comprehensive report, which would be circulated to Regional Hospital Boards and other official bodies.

Full consideration was given to the discussion held in February on the suggested establishment of a College of Psychiatry and, so that the matter could be reviewed in the light of any changing or more favourable conditions, it was agreed to bring it before the Council again in November, 1952, and in subsequent years.

A Memorandum on the Training of the Consultant Child Psychiatrist prepared by the Child Psychiatry Section was approved for circulation to the National Association for Mental Health, the Ministry of Health, Regional Hospital Boards, Professors of Psychiatry and the British Medical Association.

The Council reported with pleasure the award of the Burlingame Prize (by the unanimous decision of the Assessors) to " Scrutator " (Dr. Martin Roth) for his paper " Changes in the E.E.G. under Barbiturate Anaesthesia Produced by Electro-convulsive Treatment and their Significance for the Theory of E.C.T. Action." The winning paper would be published in the Journal and the prize presented at the Annual Meeting. In announcing their decision the Assessors made special mention of Dr. F. Reitman's recently published book, *Psychotic Art* as *proxime accessit*.

The Council accepted with gratitude from Mrs. Charles Burlingame money left by Dr. Burlingame in this country for the purpose of providing two further £100 Burlingame Prizes to be awarded in 1953 and 1955 respectively on the same conditions as before.

In reply to further representations from the Association regarding the recovery of legitimate expenses under Schedule E of Income Tax, the British Medical Association have confirmed that they are watching the matter closely.

At the request of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers three representatives were appointed to confer with them on present difficulties in psychiatric social work.

Dr. Bernard Armitage was appointed to represent the Association at the Congress of French Alienists and Neurologists at Rennes in July, 1951.

Sir Allen Daley represented the Association at the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress in April, 1951.

A number of members have notified their intention of attending the International Congress for Psycho-therapeutics at Leiden from 5 to 8 September, 1951.

An interesting scheme for mental health tours this summer organized by the Dutch Federation for Mental Health has been notified. Details are available from the General Secretary.

Members interested in attending a European Mental Hygiene Conference at Vevy from 31 August to 3 September, 1951, are asked to communicate with the National Association for Mental Health.

Dr. A. G. Yates was nominated for service on the Sheffield No. 2 Hospital Management Committee.

Regional Hospital Boards were circularized stressing the desirability of appointing doubly qualified nurses to the new Area Nurse Training Committees.

The following dates were fixed for Quarterly Meetings :

14 and 15 November, 1951 (London).
14 and 15 February, 1952 (London).
14 and 15 May, 1952 (Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff).

The Report was approved.

Papers.

Subject : " GERIATRICS "

"The Problem of the Elderly in the Mental Hospital," by Drs. L. C. Cook and E. C. Dax.

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"The Geriatric Unit" by Dr. L. COSIN.

"Problems in the Diagnosis and Classification of Mental Disorder in Old Age," by Dr. MARTIN ROTH.

"Some Abilities of Older People," by Dr. N. T. WELFORD.

"The Functions of a Psychiatric Department in a Geriatric Unit," by Dr. J. IN DELARGY.

HOSPITALITY.

The Association was most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea at St. Andrew's Hospital by the Regional Hospital Board and the Hospital Management Committee, and were welcomed most kindly by Alderman Deacon, Chairman of the Committee and Lord Cranbrook, Chairman of the Board. In replying for the Association the President spoke of the very particular pleasure it gave to members to visit Norwich for the first time since 1914, and expressed the Association's deep appreciation of the facilities given in the City Hall and Guildhall for Committee and Council meetings, and for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of members at the Quarterly Meeting at the Hospital. The President conveyed the sincere thanks of the members for the warm hospitality shown to them throughout the meetings and their great indebtedness to the Lord Mayor and Council of Norwich, the Regional Hospital Board and the Hospital Management Committee and to Dr. W. J. McCulley and his staff at St. Andrew's Hospital.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division took place at Netherne Hospital on 24 April, 1951, and was attended by over ninety members and guests.

Before enjoying an excellent lunch in the Staff Social Club about half a mile from the main hospital, many members had visited several special departments including the Library, Barbers' Shop, Art Department, E.E.G. Department and Neurosurgical Unit.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of Dr. K. K. Drury, President of the Association, who took the Chair for part of the meeting, afterwards relinquishing his place in favour of Dr. T. P. Rees, Chairman of the Division.

The Secretary reported that the Management Committee had accepted the kind invitation to hold the Autumn Meeting at the Tavistock Clinic.

The following were elected for the year 1951–52 :

Chairman : Dr. T. P. Rees.
Secretary : Dr. J. G. Hamilton.
Assistant Secretary : Dr. W. McCartan.
Junior Representative on Council : Dr. P. D. W. Shepherd.

Divisional Committee of Management : Drs. W. P. Berrington, J. M. Crawford, E. C. Dax, Doreen P. Firmin, O. W. S. FitzGerald, S. W. Hardwick, C. Lamorna Hingston, N. McDiarmid, R. McDonald, S. A. MacKeith, R. G. A. McLaren, S. D. Mitchell, B. Reid.

The following were elected to ordinary membership :

JACKSON, MURRAY ARCHIBALD, M.B., B.S.(Sydney), M.R.C.P., Registrar, The Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. S. Lewis, J. G. Hamilton and R. W. Armstrong.

MACGREGOR, DUNCAN FLEMING, M.A., B.Sc., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. J. Carse, E. P. H. Charlton and Martin Roth.

OURANOVSKY-GREY, PAUL, M.D.(Geneva), 137, Harley Street, London, W.1.
Proposed by Drs. E. B. Strauss, R. W. Armstrong and T. A. Werner.,

A paper on "The use of the Patients' Library" was read by Miss JOYCE COATES, the Netherne Hospital's Librarian, who made interesting observations on many aspects of the subject, which stimulated a discussion afterwards in which Drs. K. K. DRURY, J. B. S. LEWIS, T. P. REES, F. REITMAN and R. A. SANDISON took part.

Dr. REES said that he once collected several books written by ex-patients of mental hospitals about their experiences when patients and put them before a group of his own patients for their comments. Dr. LEWIS asked what censorship

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