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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 1, 2 and 3, 1936, under the presidency, in the earlier proceedings, of Dr. Reginald Worth, *O.B.E.*, and later that of Dr. Michael Abdy Collins, *O.B.E.*, M.D.

Wednesday, July 1.—Morning Session.

Dr. WORTH in the Chair.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the ninety-fourth Annual Meeting, held in London, having appeared in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT said that this second item, the obituary, was always a painful one. This time there was one outstanding member whose passing had to be mourned, namely, Dr. Hamilton Marr. Dr. Marr died very suddenly. Many members who were at the Glasgow meeting in May had seen Dr. Marr, who appeared to be in perfectly good health. One wondered whether it was a kind of premonition which led Dr. Hamilton Marr to present, at that Glasgow meeting, the presidential hammer in ivory. It was an old hammer, which was presented to Dr. Hamilton Marr's father in the year 1895. He asked Dr. Campbell to say a few words concerning Dr. Hamilton Marr.

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL said he was sure all members of the Association were deeply grieved to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Hamilton C. Marr, which took place three weeks ago.

He seemed to be in his customary good health and on the day of his death, after lunch with his wife and family the end came with tragic suddenness while feeding the birds in his garden, one of his regular daily practices. A few days before his death, Dr. Campbell said he had a long talk with him about the annual meeting at Folkestone, and he was looking forward very much to seeing his many old friends there, but it was not to be.

As members knew, Dr. Marr took a very active interest in the affairs of the Association, he was Secretary of the Scottish Division for some years, President of the Association in 1927, and he was elected an Honorary Member a year ago, an honour which he greatly appreciated.

Prior to his appointment as a Medical Commissioner of the Board of Control for Scotland in 1910, Dr. Marr was Medical Superintendent of Woodilee Mental

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Hospital for a few years, and during the war he saw service in Malta as a specialist in neurology and mental ailments.

As a Visiting Medical Commissioner Dr. Marr was greatly appreciated, he was at all times approachable, helpful and sympathetic, understanding as he did from his own experience the many worries and anxieties attending institution life and management. He took a very human and kindly interest in the patients and in fact in everything concerning the Scottish Mental Hospitals.

In November last, having reached the age-limit allotted to Civil Servants in Scotland, Dr. Marr retired from the Board of Control, and it is sad to reflect that after his busy life he was not spared longer to enjoy his leisure. Dr. Campbell felt sure that Dr. Marr would be missed by his colleagues, but they realized that his passing was peacefully sudden, without any long or painful illness, and he would like to add that the end came while doing what was uppermost in his mind, acts of kindness to all living things around him.

Members present rose in their places as a mark of their sense of loss and in appreciation of their deceased colleague.

Election of Officers, Council and Committees.

The President said he had much pleasure in proposing the following resolutions:

(*a*) That the Officers of the Association for 1936–37 be:

President.—Michael Abdy Collins, *O.B.E.*, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

President-Elect.—Douglas McRae, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.

Ex-President.—Reginald Worth, *O.B.E.*, M.B.

Treasurer.—George William Smith, *O.B.E.*, M.B.

General Secretary.—W. Gordon Masefield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Registrar.—Daniel F. Rambaut, M.A., M.D.

Editors of Journal:

Douglas McRae, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.
Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.
G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Honorary Librarian.—James Richard Whitwell, M.B.

(*b*) That the Nominated Members of the Council for 1936–37 be:

Sir Hubert Bond, Drs. R. B. Campbell, T. Saxty Good, H. C. Beccle, A. MacNiven, K. C. L. Paddle, A. G. Duncan.

(*c*) That the Parliamentary Committee be reappointed.

(*d*) That the Educational Committee be reappointed.

Additions: Dr. M. J. McGrath, Dr. J. H. MacDonald.

(*e*) That the Library Committee be reappointed.

(*f*) That the Mental Deficiency Committee be reappointed.

(*g*) That the Research and Clinical Committee be reappointed.

(*h*) That the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee (Official Members) be reappointed as follows:

For England and Wales.—S. Edgar Martin, H. Dove Cormac, W. G. Masefield, G. W. Smith, F. R. P. Taylor.

For Scotland.—D. McRae, R. D. Hotchkis, D. Ross, T. C. Mackenzie, W. M. McAlister.

For Northern Ireland.—F. D. Deane, N. B. Graham, D. Gardner, M. J. Nolan, J. Watson.

For Irish Free State.—S. Blake, P. Grace, J. C. Martin, R. R. Leeper, J. O'Conor Donelan.

(*i*) That the Maudsley Lecturer for 1937 be:

F. L. Golla, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.P., Director of the Laboratory and Pathologist to the London County Mental Hospitals.

Dr. R. B. Campbell seconded.

[**Agreed.**

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Report of the Council.

The Council begs to submit its 40th Annual Report as under:

There has again been a substantial increase in the number of members, as is shown by the following list:

1934.		1935.
45	Number of new members elected . .	52
912	Number of members registered . . .	942
..	Removed according to Bye-law 17 . .	..
20	Number of members resigned . . .	13
10	Number of deaths	13

Members:	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
Ordinary .	700	706	727	753	771	787	801	815	831	858
Honorary .	30	31	33	35	36	36	37	37	36	36
Corresponding	15	17	22	31	40	46	45	43	45	48
	745	754	782	819	847	869	883	895	912	942

The Council desires to thank the Officers and the Standing Committees for the work they have done during the year, and for their help and co-operation.

It was with the deepest regret that the Council accepted Dr. Worth's resignation as Honorary Secretary. Dr. Worth has held this position since 1919, and during this period he has spared neither time nor effort to further the interests of the Association, and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude. Dr. Masefield has been nominated Honorary Secretary, and it is felt that no better successor to Dr. Worth could have been found.

The year was marred by the death of our beloved King, George V, and our speciality lost an illustrious patron. A Loyal Address from the Association has been sent to H.M. King Edward VIII.

The Council has agreed to the formation of a new Division of the Association in India. The organization is being undertaken by Dr. Banarsi Das, Superintendent of the Mental Hospital, Agra. This Division will have only fifteen members as its nucleus, but it will make up in keenness what it lacks in numbers, for the members will have to travel vast distances to attend meetings. The Indian Division will cover an area of, roughly, 2,000 miles north to south and 1,500 miles east to west. The Council wish the Division every success.

The important question of voluntary sterilization has again been prominently before the Association. At the November Quarterly General Meeting a discussion on the subject took place, as a result of which a post-card inquiry was sent to all members of the Association. The response to this inquiry was so disappointing that it was decided to circularize members again asking "Are you in favour of legislation permitting voluntary sterilization?". 898 circulars were sent; 451 were returned: Yes, 336; No, 110; Neutral, 5.

Since January of this year the *Journal of Mental Science* is being published every two months, and there have been alterations in the price and subscription rate. The death of Dr. M. Hamblin Smith, who specialized in criminal psychology, was a very great loss to the Journal.

Representatives of the Mental Health Services Committee held a Conference with delegates of the British Medical Association on February 28, 1936. As a result of this Conference important resolutions were agreed to.

By courtesy of the Manor Committee and Dr. Litteljohn, members were invited to visit the Manor Certified Institution, Epsom, in April last. Many members availed themselves of the invitation, and Dr. Litteljohn is to be congratulated on arranging an interesting and enjoyable programme. The Council also desire to record their thanks to Dr. Litteljohn for the generous hospitality which he personally provided.

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The first Refresher Course for Medical Officers was held in November, 1935, at the L.C.C. Central Pathological Laboratory at the Maudsley Hospital. The course, which was organized by the Research and Clinical Committee, proved an unqualified success, and it is hoped to arrange another course in 1937.

The Central Association for Mental Welfare recently set up a special Committee to discuss the notification of mentally defective children by the Local Education Authorities. Dr. F. Douglas Turner and Dr. Freize Stephens were appointed to represent the Association on this Committee.

Dr. L. S. Penrose has been appointed to represent the Association on the British National Human Heredity Committee.

The 1936 Maudsley Lecture will be delivered by Sir Walter Langdon Brown in November next.

The following members were appointed during the year to represent the Association at various functions, and the Council is grateful to them for their services:

Dr. M. Abdy Collins, *O.B.E.*, at the Biennial Mental Health Conference, January 23–25, 1936.

Dr. E. F. Reeve at the 47th Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Southport, July 6–11, 1936.

Dr. R. B. Campbell and Dr. D. McRae at the Annual Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health, Edinburgh, May 26–30, 1936.

Dr. A. Walk at the 40th Congrès des Médecins Aliénistes et Neurologistes de France et des Pays de Langue Française, July 20–25, 1936.

Obituary.

The Council deeply regrets the sad loss of many well-known members of the Association who have passed away during the year:

Honorary Members: Ivan P. Pavlov, Ernest White, *C.B.E.*, Hamilton C. Marr, *C.B.*

Corresponding Member: George H. Kirby.

Ordinary Members: C. Planck, H. W. Parnis, D. Rice, J. Mills, L. Gavin, I. Suttie, L. O. Fuller, W. M. Buchanan, H. W. Dudgeon, M. Hamblin Smith, G. F. May, R. Clark.

Dr. Worth (President and Hon. General Secretary) read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. G. W. Smith seconded.

[**Agreed.**

Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

Dr. G. W. Smith said: I have the honour to lay before you the Balance-Sheet of the Association, showing the financial position at December 31, 1935. Like all balance-sheets, it requires very close scrutiny to understand it. I report simply that the Association, while living up to its income, is living within it, and in view of its beneficent activities this position is justifiable. There are many loopholes of escape if the position of the Association should become critical: we have large sums invested, which have appreciated in value, and the rate of subscription is so small that it could be raised without detriment to our safety. I beg to propose that this balance-sheet be adopted and entered on the minutes.

Dr. M. Abdy Collins said he had much pleasure in seconding the proposition, and in doing so he expressed the thanks of the Association to the Honorary Treasurer. He did not think all the members realized how much additional work the Treasurer had to do now, nor how extremely well that work was done. The Balance-Sheet was always ready in time, and everything was put in a way which could be understood. He thought the Association owed a debt of gratitude to Dr. Smith.

[**Agreed.**

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Report of the Editors.

The Editors beg to present their Report for 1935–36.

During the year the Journal has suffered a grievous loss by the death of Dr. Hamblin Smith. His wide interests, not only in his chosen field of criminology, but also in psychology, philosophy and literature, together with the industry he devoted to the Journal and his willingness to help in every way, made him an ideal colleague, and his loss is very keenly felt.

Since the beginning of 1936, in accordance with the recommendations adopted last year, the Journal has been issued every two months instead of quarterly as hitherto. So far there has been no falling-off in the number of advertisements or subscriptions; consequently little or no additional expense is likely to fall on the Association by reason of the new arrangement.

The monograph by Dr. Wittkower on *The Influence of Emotions on the Functions of the Organs* was published in July last. Among other important papers published may be mentioned a series on the Rorschach test by Dr. A. Guirdham, with a general review on the subject by Dr. Philip Vernon.

The length of these publications increased the size of the Journal from 824 to 1020 pages. In consequence the cost of the Journal has, for the first time for six years, shown an increase. This expansion is in accordance with the course approved by the Council in 1933.

Analysis of Cost of Journal, 1934–35.

1934. £ s. d.	£ s. d.	*Debit.*	1935. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
925 17 3		Printing, illustrations, paper, binding . . .	1,133 7 5	
140 6 11		Reprints and dispatch .	162 0 8	
21 5 6		Stationery, postage and index	29 1 7	
40 15 3		Publishers' fees . . .	40 15 4	
	1,128 4 11			1,365 5 0
		Credit.		
270 0 0		Sale of Journal, etc. . .	270 0 0	
107 15 0		Advertisements . . .	96 13 6	
	377 15 0			366 13 6
		Cost of Journal.		
£ s. d.				£ s. d.
750 9 11		Net cost to Association		998 11 6
4*s.* 8*d.*		Cost of production per copy . . .		5*s.* 8½*d.*
3*s.* 1*d.*		Cost to Association per copy . . .		4*s.* 1½*d.*
824		Size of Journal in pages		1,020

Dr. Walk read the report and moved that it be adopted.

Dr. G. W. Smith seconded the motion.

The President said he thought that a very deep debt of gratitude was due to the Editors for the amount of work entailed in the production of the Association's Journal, which was increasing in value almost yearly. The work which the Editors did to produce the Journal was very arduous, and they deserved the wholesale thanks of the Association.

[Agreed.

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ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31st December, 1935.

1934.	Liabilities.				
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	CREDITORS—				
259 5 2	Printing and distribution of Journal		345 11 0		
268 5 0	Examiners' Fees		268 5 0		
7 17 6	Subscriptions received in advance		4 14 6		
99 8 7	Sundry		131 16 4		
634 16 3				750 6 10	
	SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS—				
	Special Research Fund—				
39 14 0	As per last Balance-Sheet		39 14 0		
	Maudsley Bequest—				
	As per last Balance Sheet	169 18 3			
169 18 3	*Less* Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date as per detailed Account	27 7 2	142 11 1		
	The Gaskell Memorial Fund—				
	As per last Balance-Sheet	175 12 0			
175 12 0	*Add* Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Account	40 10 9	216 2 9		
				398 7 10	
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—GENERAL FUND—				
15,402 7 6	As per last Balance-Sheet		15,402 7 6		
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Revenue Account		10 19 1		
				15,413 6 7	
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—MAUDSLEY BEQUEST—				
2,086 5 10	As per last Balance-Sheet			2,086 5 10	
£18,508 13 10				£18,648 7 1	

1934.	Assets.				
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, 11, CHANDOS STREET, W.1—				
	As per last Balance-Sheet	376 14 9			
	Additions during year to date	25 4 11			
		401 19 8			
	Less Depreciation	40 4 0	361 15 8		376 14 9
	LIBRARY—				
	As per last Balance-Sheet		146 3 4		146 3 4
	INVESTMENTS—				
	General Fund—				
£12,482 14 10	3½% Conversion Loan	10,470 15 2			
1,864 1 2	3½% War Loan	1,919 19 7			
634 8 3	New Zealand 3½% Stock 1940	564 12 6			
320 14 8	New Zealand 3½% Stock 1940 (Hack Tuke)	285 9 0			
103 7 2	Victoria 3% Stock 1929–49 (Dr. Paul)	56 6 6			
405 18 1	New South Wales 3½% Stock 1930–50	221 4 3			
213 18 1	Manchester Corpn. 3% Stock 1891	143 6 3			
386 0 0	London, Midland and Scottish Railway 4% Preference Stock	239 6 5			
		13,900 19 8			
	Maudsley Bequest—				
£2,112 13 11	3½% War Loan	2,086 5 10			
			15,987 5 6		15,987 5 6
	Note.—The market value of the above Investments at the date of the Balance-Sheet amounted to £19,672 13s. 4d.				
	DEBTORS—				
	For Subscriptions	378 0 0			360 7 0
	Examination Fees less Expenses	351 5 1			224 8 6
	Sundry	254 14 11			74 17 0
			984 0 0		
	CASH AT BANK—				
	On Current Account	1161 0 10			
	In Hand	8 1 9			
			1,169 2 7		1,318 17 9
				£18,648 7 1	£18,508 13 10

G. W. SMITH, *Hon. Treasurer.*

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet, dated 31st December, 1935, with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion the Balance-Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

3, London Wall Buildings,
London Wall,
London, E.C. 2.
16th June, 1936.

(*Signed*) MYERS, DAVIES & CO., *Chartered Accountants* } *Auditors.*

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REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1935.

1934.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.				
1,128 4 11	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal		1,365 5 0	
2,773 11 11	„ Expenses of Examinations and Prizes		2,619 1 8	
378 5 4	„ Expenses of Annual, General and other Meetings		335 11 6	
43 6 8	„ Library Expenses	50 0 0		
	„ *Less* Interest on £320 14s. 8d. 3½% New Zealand Stock, 1940	8 14 2		
			41 5 10	
	„ *Expenses:* 11, Chandos Street, W. 1:			
330 0 0	Rent	330 0 0		
182 9 9	Salary	207 9 9		
14 6 6	Telephone	13 11 9		
19 17 0	Printing and Stationery	26 9 6		
40 0 0	Postages and Sundries	31 18 3		
			609 9 3	
7 7 0	„ Audit and Accountancy Charges		19 12 6	
322 7 5	„ Miscellaneous Expenses		170 9 5	
				5,160 15 2
5,239 16 6				
41 17 2	„ Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings			40 4 0
319 16 3	„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1935, carried to Capital Account (*see Balance-Sheet*)			10 19 1
£5,601 9 11				£5,211 18 3

	Income.	£ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	1934. £ s. d.
By	Interest on Investments (less Income Tax)		438 4 11	430 10 3
„	Interest on Deposit Account („ „)			10 10
„	Sale of Journal	270 0 0		270 0 0
„	*Sale of Mott Memorial Volumes*	2 2 7		
„	Royalties on Handbook and Manual	116 8 6		120 13 0
„	Sale of Statistical Forms, etc.	1 6 11		15 4
„	Advertisements in Journal	96 13 6		107 15 0
			486 11 6	
„	Examination Receipts		3,166 8 4	3,277 13 5
„	Members' Subscriptions		1,120 13 6	1,393 12 1
			£5,211 18 3	£5,601 9 11

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1935.

1934. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
52 10 0	To Lecturer's Honorarium—Dr. L. C. Bruce	52 10 0
12 16 3	„ Printing and Stationery	22 10 3
8 11 0	„ Sundry Expenses	9 13 2
£73 17 3		£84 13 5

Income.	Cr. £ s. d.	1934. £ s. d.
By Interest on Investment (*less* Income Tax)	57 6 3	57 6 3
„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1935 (*see Balance-Sheet*)	27 7 2	16 11 0
	£84 13 5	£73 17 3

THE GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1935.

1934. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
31 10 0	To Examiners' Fees and Expenses ...	14 16 0
30 0 0	„ Prize	— — —
3 14 6	„ Advertisement	— — —
	„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1935 (*see Balance-Sheet*)	40 10 9
£65 4 6		£55 6 9

Income.	Cr. £ s. d.	1934. £ s. d.
By Interest on Trustee Investments (*less* Income Tax) as follows:		
£370 0s. 0d. 3½ *per cent.* War Loan ...	10 0 9	10 0 9
£1,380 14s. 3d. New Zealand 3½ *per cent.* Stock, 1940	37 9 0	36 16 11
£337 11s. 0d. New South Wales 3 *per cent.* Stock, 1935	7 17 0	7 14 6
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for 1934	— — —	10 12 4
	£55 6 9	£65 4 6

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Report of the Hon. Librarian and Library Committee.

In the absence of the Hon. Librarian and the Secretary of the Library Committee, the Report was read by the President.

During the past year full advantage has been taken of the facilities offered by the Library by members, many of whom have made use of it for regular reading. 287 books were issued during the year and the subscription to Lewis's Library has had to be increased again, so that now 20 books may be had out at a time.

Several new books and new editions have been purchased, and a gratifying number of books presented to the Library. The addition to the circulating journals of the *Zentralblatt für die gesamte Neurologie und Psychiatrie* has been a great success, and fully justified its rather high cost.

There are two branches of our subject, namely, Occupation Therapy and Child Psychology, both of them of much interest to many members, in which the Library is rather weak, and it is proposed to remedy this defect at an early date.

In other respects, however, the Library is not in a satisfactory condition, and the Honorary Librarian has submitted proposals to the Council for remedying those defects.

The President said that the matter mentioned in the last paragraph had been referred to a sub-committee of the Council. He moved the adoption of the Report.

Dr. Campbell seconded.

[**Agreed.**

Report of the Registrar.

The total number of entries for the Preliminary and Final Examinations for the year 1935 was 7,558—an increase of 348 as compared with the year 1934.

Of this number 1,048 were candidates in the Mental Deficiency Section.

The candidates for the Preliminary Examinations number 4,331 and for the Final Examinations 3,227.

There were 4,677 entries for the May, 1935, Examinations (Preliminary 2,714, Final 1,963).

For the November, 1935, Examinations there were 2,881 entries (Preliminary 1,617, Final 1,264).

The details of the Preliminary Examinations for the year 1935 were as follows:

Preliminary Examination.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentages.
English County Mental Hospitals	2,345	1,303	55·56
English Borough Mental Hospitals	387	258	66·66
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	192	111	57·81
Scottish Mental Hospitals	417	277	66·42
Irish Mental Hospitals	359	205	57·10
Federated Malay States	1	1	100·00
Southern Rhodesia	3	2	66·66
Mental Deficiency Section	627	376	59·99
Totals	4,331	2,533	58·48

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The details of the 1935 Final Examinations were as follows:

Final Examinations.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Distinctions.	Percentage of— Passes to entries.	Dists. to entries.	Dists. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,688	930	45	55·09	2·66	4·83
English Borough Mental Hospitals	323	180	10	55·72	3·06	5·55
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	131	74	2	56·48	1·52	2·70
Scottish Mental Hospitals	372	167	5	44·89	1·34	2·99
Irish Mental Hospitals	292	86	1	29·45	·34	1·16
Mental Deficiency Section	421	256	12	60·80	2·85	4·68
Totals	3,227	1,693	75	52·46	2·32	4·43

The Campbell Clark Medal and Prize was won by Thelma Mary Preece, of Powick Mental Hospital, with an aggregate of 176 marks out of a possible 200 in May, 1935, and by Ronald Nears, of Claybury Mental Hospital, with an aggregate of 180 in November, 1935.

In the year 1935 there was only one candidate for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, and the Examiners decided that the requisite standard was not attained by this candidate. There was no candidate for the Examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine. The Bronze Medal and Prize was awarded to Dr. Arthur Guirdham, of Brentwood Mental Hospital.

May, 1936, Examinations.

There were 4,398 candidates for the May, 1936, Examinations—2,577 Preliminary and 1,821 Final.

The analysis of the Examinations is as follows:

Preliminary Examinations.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentages.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,375	698	50·76
English Borough Mental Hospitals	295	195	66·10
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	112	68	60·71
Scottish Mental Hospitals	303	215	70·95
Irish Mental Hospitals	114	48	42·10
Southern Rhodesia	2	2	100·00
India	3	3	100·00
Mental Deficiency Section	373	231	61·93
Totals	2,577	1,460	56·65

Final Examination.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Distinctions.	Percentage of— Passes to entries.	Dists. to entries.	Dists. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	931	492	24	52·84	2·57	4·87
English Borough Mental Hospitals	189	118	11	62·45	5·82	9·32
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	91	66	4	72·52	4·39	6·06
Scottish Mental Hospitals	238	162	3	68·06	1·26	1·85
Irish Mental Hospitals	138	55	—	39·80	—	—
Southern Rhodesia	1	1	—	100·00	—	—
India	8	8	3	100·00	37·50	37·50
Mental Deficiency Section	225	150	16	66·66	7·11	10·06
Totals	1,821	1,052	61	57·77	3·34	5·79

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The Campbell Clark Medal and Prize has been won by Winifred Amelia Hill, of Erdington House, Birmingham, with an aggregate of 192 out of a possible 200.

In the Final Examination three candidates were disqualified at one institution for collusion, and cases of suspected collusion at another institution have been referred by me to the Chairman of the Educational Committee.

Five candidates entered for the Examination for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, but only four sat. The Prize has been awarded.

There was one candidate for the Examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine—Dr. Ian C. James, of 119, Gloucester Place, London, W. 1. He was awarded the Certificate with credit.

The Bronze Medal and Prize has also been awarded.

DANIEL F. RAMBAUT,
Registrar.

Dr. F. RAMBAUT read the report and moved its adoption.

Dr. REES THOMAS seconded.

[**Agreed.**

The PRESIDENT said that at the Council meeting of the previous day the question of extra help for the Registrar and also for the General Secretary and Librarian was discussed, and a special sub-committee was formed to inquire into the whole situation and to report to the next Quarterly Meeting. Meanwhile a grant of £30 was made to the Registrar to carry over matters in this connection until November, when the question would come up again.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational Committee begs to submit the following Report for the year ending June 30, 1936.

During the year four meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 18 members.

The following institutions have been recognized as Training Centres :

Harmston Hall Colony, near Lincoln.
Cranage Hall, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.
Brunswick House, Mistley, Essex.
Silverton House Certified Institution, Northumberland.

All for Mental Deficiency Nurses.

The question of the appointment of Examiners for the Nursing Examinations has received consideration, and it has been decided that Divisions shall be notified by the Hon. Secretary when nominations are required, and that no Examiner shall be appointed for more than three years, and that no re-appointment shall be made under three years.

Much time and thought have been given to the question of the Association's Certificate in Occupational Therapy. Forms for approval of training centres have been drawn up, and are now available upon application.

Dr. MASEFIELD read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. PETRIE seconded. [**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

During the past year no legislation has been introduced in connection with our speciality.

The very difficult question of Sterilization has been much discussed during the year. Attempts to crystallize the opinion of the members have been made, and two questionnaires have been sent out. The first was of a somewhat complicated character and the result indecisive. The results of the second may be summarized as follows :

" Are you in favour of legislation permitting voluntary sterilization ? "

Yes, 336 ; No, 110 ; neutral, 5. (898 cards sent out, 451 cards returned.)

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The recently-published Report of the Departmental Committee on Coroners has received consideration. In the opinion of this Committee, the Report does not contain anything of especial interest to the Association. The Scottish Division have been asked to consider the report of the Departmental Committee on Nursing in Scotland.

The work of the Parliamentary agent has again proved of great value. It draws attention to points that are not reported in the lay or even medical press. Further, Mr. Sulley is frequently able to give informal but useful information about matters of interest.

Dr. G. W. SMITH read the Report and moved that it be adopted.

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL seconded. [**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE MENTAL DEFICIENCY COMMITTEE.

This is the first year that the Mental Deficiency Committee has functioned as a Standing Committee of the Association. It has 89 members. Dr. Douglas Turner was elected Chairman and Dr. Rees Thomas Vice-Chairman.

During the year the Committee has held three meetings. The first was held at the Quarterly Meeting of the Association in November, when an address was given by Mr. F. J. Caswell on the Mental Deficiency Regulations, 1935. The second meeting on April 23 took the form of a visit, in which about 60 members participated, to the London County Council Manor Certified Institution. The third meeting was held on June 30 at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, at which routine business matters were discussed.

The Committee has appointed a General Purposes Sub-Committee, consisting of ten members, to deal with such matters as can be relegated to an Executive Committee. This Sub-Committee has held three meetings during the year.

Another Sub-Committee of five members was appointed to complete the inquiry of the family histories of abnormal persons. The analysis of the data is almost complete and the report will be submitted in the autumn.

The third Sub-Committee of seven members was appointed to deal with difficulties experienced in the administration of the newer mental deficiency institutions. This sub-Committee has submitted its report, which will be considered at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

E. O. LEWIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Dr. LEWIS read the Report and proposed its adoption.

Dr. DOUGLAS TURNER seconded.

The PRESIDENT said the members of this Committee could be congratulated on having produced this Report and the Association would welcome it. [**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL COMMITTEE.

The Research and Clinical Committee begs to submit the following Report for the year ending July, 1936.

Meetings.

The Committee has met four times during the year, viz., on July 2, 1935, on November 21, 1935, on February 25, 1936, and on May 14, 1936.

Re-appointment of Sub-Committees.

The following Sub-Committees were re-appointed at the November, 1935, meeting:

Clinical Psychiatry.
Psychotherapy and Psychopathology.
Infectious Diseases.
Pathology, Bacteriology and Biochemistry.
Study Tours and Post-graduate Educational Information.
Heredity of Mental Diseases.
Refresher Courses.

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At the request of Dr. Collins, President-Elect, the Research and Clinical Committee made arrangements for the papers and discussions at the 1936 Annual Meeting. It was thought that this arrangement might well continue for the future, and the Council has given its approval to the suggestion.

The Research and Clinical Committee has recommended that the Council approach the Boards of Control for England and Wales, and for Scotland, and the corresponding authorities in Ireland suggesting the adoption of the Association's Classification of Mental Disorders by these bodies, and the Council has decided that a deputation should approach the English Board of Control on the matter.

Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee.

A history form has been drawn up for use in mental hospitals. This has been published in the Journal and is now on sale by Messrs. Adlard & Son, Ltd.

The question of the adoption of pedigree schedules for research on heredity in mental disorders, brought up by Dr. Goodall, is under consideration by this Sub-Committee.

Drs. Fleming, McCartan, Nicol and P. K. McCowan represent this Sub-Committee on the Main Committee.

Psychotherapy and Psychopathology Sub-Committee.

The routine activities of this Sub-Committee have continued as usual throughout the year.

Drs. Nicole, Franklin and Hardcastle continue to represent the Sub-Committee on the main Committee.

Infectious Diseases Sub-Committee.

At the meeting of this Sub-Committee held in November the report on the cholecystectomy questionnaire was considered. The questionnaire had been sent to the Medical Superintendents of 68 mental hospitals in England and Wales, asking for information regarding the use of cholecystectomy in the treatment of typhoid carriers in mental hospitals.

At the same meeting a very interesting report on nasal diphtheria carriers was read. The report was mainly concerned with the method employed in detecting carriers in an institution where over 70 diphtheria carriers were discovered.

The Sub-Committee has now completed its investigations regarding the use of vaccination as a prophylactic measure against Flexner dysentery in mental hospitals. At its next meeting it will draw up a report upon the matter based on these investigations.

Drs. McGrath, Rudolf and Davidson represent this Sub-Committee on the main Committee.

Pathology, Bacteriology and Bio-Chemistry Sub-Committee.

Three meetings of this Sub-Committee have been held during the past year, at which papers have been read and discussed, and it is felt that much advantage has accrued to members from this procedure. In each case a general invitation was circulated, inviting members of the Association to be present at the meetings and to take part in the discussions. The subjects dealt with were " The Enzymic Activity of the Brain " by Dr. Quastel, and " Antigens in the Serum Diagnosis of Syphilis " by Dr. Ford Robertson.

Drs. Pickworth, Drury, Shaw and Ford Robertson represent this Sub-Committee on the main Committee.

Study Tours and Post-Graduate Educational Information Sub-Committee.

During the year information has been collected which will be of service in arranging study tours, more particularly bearing on the subject of the family

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care of unrecovered patients. Information has also been given to members and others about to visit foreign hospitals.

Drs. Evans, Forsyth and Haynes represent this Sub-Committee on the main Committee.

P. K. McCowan,
Hon. Secretary.

Dr. P. K. McCowan read this Report and moved that it be adopted.
Dr. R. R. Leeper seconded. [**Agreed.**

Reports of Special Committees.

(*a*) *Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Councils.*

The President said there was no report to present in this matter.

(b) *Mental Health Services Committee.*

Dr. Petrie said that this Committee had met several times during the year, and the most important item, particulars of which had been circulated to members of the Council, was a meeting with the representatives of the British Medical Association. He read the following account of the meeting:

The President of the Association, Dr. R. Worth, together with Dr. F. Douglas Turner and Dr. A. A. W. Petrie, attended on February 28, 1936, at the British Medical Association House and discussed the Memorandum sent by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to the British Medical Association.

Sir Henry Brackenbury presided, and the delegates explained the various points in answer to questions from the Chairman and other members of the B.M.A.

It was particularly emphasized that freedom from undue administrative interference, either lay or medical, was desired, and that each superintendent should have proper access to any committee making important decisions in regard to his own institution.

The Sub-Committee made the following recommendations, which were later adopted by the Public Health Committee of the B.M.A.:

Resolved—

(1) That local authorities should be encouraged to form mental health committees to deal with mental disorder and mental deficiency.

(2) That each local authority responsible for mental health should be advised by a medical officer with adequate experience of mental work, who may be a medical superintendent of one of the authority's institutions; subject to the administrative position of the medical officer of health, and to the right of the medical superintendent to be present and to express his views at meetings at which matters intimately affecting his institution are under consideration.

(3) That adequate medical presentation to the mental health committee of the specialized needs of both mental disorders and mental deficiency is necessary.

Assuming these recommendations were approved by the R.M.P.A., the B.M.A. would then consider putting these proposals into effect.

The question of forming a Mental Health Sub-Committee of the B.M.A. had previously been discussed, and Dr. Anderson, the Secretary of the B.M.A., expressed the view that this would be best effected by forming a special group of the Association such as existed in other branches of work, for example, the practitioners in physical medicine, the pathologists, etc. Such a group would present its view to the Council of the B.M.A. through one of the standing committees of that body. There are printed regulations in regard to the formation of such groups, and presumably if such a group became of sufficient importance it might develop into a committee of the B.M.A. No suggestion as to this last was, however, made by

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the representatives of the B.M.A. Dr. Anderson expressed the view that the formation of such a group would allow workers in the mental field adequate means of expressing their views to the Council of the B.M.A. with a view to the furtherance of their interests.

A recent example of a resolution inimical to the interests of members of the R.M.P.A. suggests the necessity of some means for opposing such resolutions before they have been officially adopted as the policy of the B.M.A.

Dr. Petrie went on to say that the formation of a group would enable its members to counteract any possible development of the B.M.A. which might be inimical to a special class of workers, and it would allow a good representation in developing, for instance, a policy which affected the members of this Association, and, of course, individual members. It would form adequate machinery for dealing with individual grievances of members who might think that the British Medical Association could help them. The suggestion at the meeting of the Council on the previous day was that a summary of the facts stated in this report should be circulated with the papers sent round for the November meeting, and that members of the Association might be asked to express their views as to the formation of such a group, and whether they would be likely to support it. However much this group might be blessed by the Association's Council and members, it could only be formed by individual persons, and unless there was an adequate supply of people who wished such a group formed, the scheme would fall to the ground. But the British Medical Association were holding out an apparently friendly hand, and he thought this Association could only do good to itself by accepting that hand and assuming that members of the speciality took an adequate interest in such a group,, and obtained sufficient representation. It was difficult to see how it could do harm, unless, as some said, it were permitted to fall into the hands of those whose interests were not those of the members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. Presumably the joining of such a group would involve membership of the British Medical Association.

The above is a summary of the activities of the committee on the subject. The suggestion was that details of the main points might be circulated to the members generally, as it was so important that every member should have actually seen copies of (*a*) what had been done, i.e., the resolutions which the British Medical Association had agreed to, and (*b*) the proposal to form a group and the best means of keeping in touch, and maintaining the interest of this group of workers in the mental health field.

The PRESIDENT said that Dr. Petrie had very well explained the position, and before committing itself the Association wanted the views and intentions of the members generally. The members would therefore be circularized and explanations would be given them, and they would be invited to give their opinions, probably in November.

MOTIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

The PRESIDENT moved the voting of the following grants:

(*a*) Grant to the President.

(*b*) Grant to Research and Clinical Committee.

(*c*) Grant to Library Committee.

(*d*) Grant to Mental Deficiency Committee.

Dr. DOUGLAS TURNER reminded members that the Mental Deficiency Committee was now one of the Association's Standing Committees, and therefore a special grant did not need to be voted.

Dr. G. W. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer) said there was some unexpended money, and this motion was to keep the grant alive.

Dr. TURNER agreed that it might be wanted for the purpose of publishing the results arrived at by the Heredity Group.

[**Agreed.**

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Dates of Quarterly General Meetings.

The following dates were agreed to: November 25, 1936; February 17, 1937; May 21, 1937.

Election of Honorary, Corresponding and Ordinary Members.

The President asked if there was any objection to taking the election of the suggested new members all together.

Dr. Collins thought the Honorary and Corresponding Members should be balloted for separately, as required by the Bye-laws.

The President read the Laws to the meeting, and ruled that there was in them no contra-indication to the course he suggested.

Dr. Drury and Dr. Fleming acted as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following were elected:

Honorary Members.

Miss Ruth Darwin, Senior Commissioner, Board of Control; Aubrey Cottage, Campden Hill, W. 8.

Edgar A. Doll, Ph.D., Director of Research at the Vineland Training School, Vineland, New Jersey; President of the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

Prof. Dr. Sigmund Freud, Strassergasse 47, Vienna, Austria.

Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Minister of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 1.

Proposed by Drs. R. Worth, G. W. Smith, D. McRae, F. D. Turner, J. Ivison Russell, R. B. Campbell.

Corresponding Members.

Prof. H. W. Maier, Director, University Psychiatric Clinic, Burghölzli, Zurich, Switzerland.

Prof. Klaesi, Director, University Psychiatric Clinic, Waldau, Berne, Switzerland.

Dr. Clarence O. Cheney, Director, New York Psychiatric Institute, New York.

Proposed by Drs. R. Worth, A. Walk, G. W. Smith and F. D. Turner.

Ordinary Members.

Shaw, David, M.D.Lond., B.S., M.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Claybury Mental Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

Roberts, John Herbert Owen, M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, North Wales Counties Mental Hospital, Denbigh; Carn Ingli, Denbigh.

Proposed by Drs. Daniel F. Rambaut, W. Starkey and N.R. Phillips.

Elphinstone, John Henry, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.S.A.Lond., Civil Medical Practitioner to the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe; 128, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. J. Arthur Topham, R. Worth and H. C. Beccle.

Winners of Prizes.

The President said he had pleasure in announcing that the winner of the Gaskell Prize was Dr. S. W. Hardwick, of Tooting Bec Hospital, and the winner of the Bronze Medal was Dr. D. K. Bruce, of Storthes Hall Mental Hospital. A Medico-Psychological Certificate had been awarded to E. M. C. James. These would be presented at the afternoon meeting.

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Afternoon Session.

Dr. R. WORTH, *O.B.E.*, in the Chair.

WELCOME BY THE DEPUTY-MAYOR OF FOLKESTONE.

The DEPUTY-MAYOR, Alderman Castle, said it was with great regret he had to inform the Association of the illness of the Mayor of Folkestone. In his place it was the privilege and pleasure of the speaker to offer a cordial welcome to Folkestone to the members of this important body which was visiting the town, and the Mayor and Town Council felt deep gratitude to them for the visit. He gave a brief historical sketch of the leading events in the town's history, and wished the members a very enjoyable as well as a professionally profitable time.

The PRESIDENT thanked Alderman Castle for having come to extend such a warm welcome to the Association. He specially wished that gentleman to convey to the Mayor the Association's sympathy, and express hope for his speedy recovery from his illness. When he, personally, visited Folkestone previously it was under war-time circumstances, which precluded a due appreciation of the beauties of the town, but he still had, on arriving in the town, the feeling of having come home, and that was greatly fostered by the warmth of the welcome just given.

The Association visited various parts of the United Kingdom for its annual meetings, and it always appreciated the welcomes it received, which were universally cordial.

Alderman CASTLE expressed his thanks for the President's words, and promised to convey the message to the Mayor.

VOTE OF THANKS TO OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Dr. J. R. GILMOUR said he felt it to be a very great privilege to have been called upon to move this vote of thanks to the Officers and Council who had been officiating during the past year. He had often longed to do so, yet now the opportunity had arisen he felt a certain amount of diffidence and uncertainty as to his ability to do it properly.

The fact that the President for the past year was also the General Secretary diminished the number of separate people to be thanked, but it increased the responsibility of the President in his dual role, and the Association could but express its thanks. Dr. Worth had been a most successful President, always cheerful and alert, and his many social gifts had helped to introduce many young members into the Association. During his term of office Dr. Worth had certainly increased the prestige of the position he had occupied. It was more difficult to speak of Dr. Worth as General Secretary. He took over that post seventeen years ago, and he had been ever since that date a power for the Association, and had given to it his spare energies, and whole-heartedly. It would be impossible adequately to thank him for the way in which he had managed the Association during that long period in which he had been Secretary. His, Dr. Gilmour's, duty in this matter was, he felt, greatly helped by the fact that there was a strong and spontaneous feeling among the Association's members that an occasion of this kind could not be suitably met by a mere vote of thanks, and at an early opportunity it was hoped to give expression to it in a more efficient and adequate manner.

With regard to the Hon. Treasurer, he always thought that the Treasurer and Registrar ought to be taken together, on the principle " You give, I take ". Dr. Smith had proved himself to be a worthy successor to a long line of former Treasurers and the finances of the Association were in a most prosperous condition. At the morning meeting Dr. Smith made admissions such as the speaker had never previously heard a treasurer make as to future prospects.

For Dr. Rambaut he felt sure members had nothing but thanks for the very able way in which he got through the enormous amount of work which he did in

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connection with the Association's examinations. When considering the thousands of schedules which had to pass through the Registrar's hands, it was regularly felt, twice a year, that better would be done next time, and that Dr. Rambaut should be spared much of the trouble he had. Yet six months later the same thing happened again.

Next there were the Editors of the Journal, Drs. McRae, Walk and Fleming. The Journal was becoming even more important than in the past, and was now issued bi-monthly. When he read it he was filled with admiration for the amount of work the Editors did. He had a certain amount of regret at the more frequent appearance of the Journal, because it took him all his time to get through it even when it appeared quarterly.

Also there were the members of the various Committees—Parliamentary, Educational, Research, Mental Deficiency, and so on—and these also the Association would wish to thank. They would convey their sympathy to Dr. Haynes, the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee, who was at present ill, and express the hope that he might soon be restored to health. The Educational Committee had got through a large amount of work, and Dr. Masefield had been rewarded by being given still more work as the new General Secretary.

In addition, the Secretaries of Divisions must be gratefully remembered for their quietly efficient work in the Provinces. He was sure all members present were glad of this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of their services during the past year, and he asked that the motion be carried by acclamation.

This was done.

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the members very cordially for the way in which they had shown their appreciation of the work which had been done for the Association. He also had to thank, as both President and General Secretary, all the Officers of the Association for the very great help they had given him. He was now retiring from the post of Honorary Secretary after some years, as he had the feeling that it was time for him to make room for another.

INDUCTION OF DR. M. A. COLLINS TO THE PRESIDENCY.

Dr. WORTH said it was now his pleasure to induct Dr. Collins into the post of President of the Association. As was well known, Dr. Collins was a very old friend of them all. For some years previous to the war, and also during the war, Dr. Collins held the post of General Secretary of the Association, and he did so very successfully. Since then Dr. Collins had done quite a lot of things. He had just recently retired from a mental hospital—Chartham—which was not far from this town, and he was sure that he would be greatly missed in that hospital, both by his patients and by his staff and his Committee. With his retirement from that institution he had taken up a post as Visitor under the Ministry of Pensions, in the carrying out of which duties he would be required to travel all over the country. As Dr. Collins told him he liked travelling, it could be hoped that he would thoroughly enjoy his new post.

He felt sure that in Dr. Collins the Association would have a great President; he had gifts, such as a readiness in expression, which were denied to some of his fellows.

He had known Dr. Collins personally for a great many years, and if he was as good a friend to the Association as he had been to him, Dr. Worth, it could only spell success for his term of office as President.

Dr. Worth then invested Dr. Collins with the Presidential Badge and inducted him into the Chair.

Dr. MICHAEL ABDY COLLINS in the Chair.

Dr. COLLINS, in taking the Chair, said he first wished to thank the Association very heartily for his election.

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His initial duty was the pleasant one of presenting to Dr. Worth his Past-Presidential Badge. As members knew, he had well earned it by his dignity as President, and also by the large amount of work he had done for the Association as its General Secretary. As Dr. Gilmour had already said, the privilege would be afforded of showing, on a future occasion, how much Dr. Worth's work was appreciated. At present, in bestowing this Badge, he wished Dr. Worth good luck.

Dr. G. W. SMITH introduced to the President and to the meeting Dr. Helgi Tómasson, of Reykjavik, Iceland, and the President gave him a cordial welcome, expressing the hope that he would find material of interest in the discussions, and that he would have a pleasant time at the meetings and in the town.

Dr. TÓMASSON thanked the President for the warmth of his welcome.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The PRESIDENT presented the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize to Dr. S. W. Hardwick, of Tooting Bec Hospital, and the Bronze Medal to Dr. D. K. Bruce, of Storthes Hall Mental Hospital. He hoped that both gentlemen would go on from success to success.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his Address, entitled **"The Law and the Present Position of Psychiatry,"** (see p. 478).

Sir HUBERT BOND said that from such approval applause it was quite apparent that those present had not only been listening to, but enjoying this remarkable Presidential Address. By an unwritten law of this Association a presidential address was not open to criticism, but it was not denied to someone, on behalf of those present, to propose a vote of thanks to the President for delivering it. He regarded it as a privilege. Exactly why it had been entrusted to him he did not know, but he could advance one reason, and he was very proud to give it. Namely that among those in this body he perhaps was the President's oldest living friend; it was a friendship which had proceeded uninterruptedly for thirty-four years. He could call to memory Dr. Collins in December, 1902, first joining the staff of Bexley Mental Hospital, where the speaker was also a member of the staff at that time. Dr. Collins undoubtedly got there in virtue of his high medical qualifications; but he also had a love of games, and it was at an event of that sort that the acquaintance started.

Dr. Collins had quoted the saying, "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country"; but probably Dr. Collins did not know—because it was not voiced in his hearing—what a high opinion was formed of his capacity as a physician during those years at Bexley. He, Sir Hubert, knew it quite well, as also he remembered that gentleman's advancement in July, 1910, to the medical superintendentship of Ewell Colony, and how that, like so many official posts, was interrupted by the onset of the war. But a most important event occurred while Dr. Collins was at Ewell, for he believed he was right in saying it was there—or, to be more accurate, it was close by in his (the speaker's) house at Long Grove—that he met the lady who became Mrs. Collins. That was an important event for this Association, because, like Dr. Collins himself, Mrs. Collins was a very faithful friend to these meetings, and many members knew they would be the poorer meetings without her. It was hoped she would continue to attend them. Then came Dr. Collins's appointment to Chartham. He, the speaker, would not dwell on that, as Dr. Worth had said what was necessary. Everyone at that institution, including the Committee, must feel his departure enormously.

He must now come to his task, which was really a pleasure. Dr. Collins had come forward and given the Association the fruit of those thirty-four years of thought and observation in this delightful address. When he said it had been easy to listen to, and a delight, it did not mean that it had not been an erudite address, or that it was light and was lacking in depth. Were it not that he had been warned that

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the stay in this room must not be too long, he would have been able to touch on many of the points with which the address dealt. Members would turn at leisure to the address when it was printed in the Journal.

He would only say it was delightful history which was given concerning the Association, which was itself approaching its centenary, a fact that must not be forgotten. Dr. Collins gave a memorable cavalcade of names, of which members had every right to be proud, and mention had been made of many topics, which he, Sir Hubert, would not go through. One was the one-portal system of entry for nurses. In listening at the Council on the previous day it seemed to him that he saw the silver lining to a somewhat ugly cloud which had been hovering over that matter.

Truly delightful was the quotation from Sir James Wilcox about the Boers and the telegraph wires. He liked the remarks about the problem of the so-called chronic insane. The meeting knew the President's answer, and he would not repeat it.

In some quarters there was a good deal of abuse of the Lunacy Act of 1890. What a lot one could say about that! Reference was also made to voluntary patients. The lesson to him was this—who would have thought, in 1850, when the powers of that day attempted to cater for the relatives of the mentally ill who might wish to board temporarily in a hospital, that this would develop into the modern voluntary system which, in turn, had led up to the Mental Treatment Act?

Lastly, there was the kindly reference of the President to the Board of Control. Might he ask members to see possible comfort in the fact, especially with regard to research, that there was a wish on the part of the Board to—he was going to say revive, but it had never been properly set in motion—the Committee which was once established as an Advisory Committee on research?

Members were extraordinarily pleased to see Dr. Collins in the Chair, and he now concluded by asking the meeting to accord to the President a most hearty vote of thanks for his address.

Dr. J. H. MacDonald said it gave him very much pleasure to second this vote of thanks. He was almost persuaded merely to say that he agreed with everything Sir Hubert had said, and to leave it at that. But he would not dismiss the matter so lightly, as he wished to say he was glad the President had chosen such a subject for his address and that he had alluded in it to so many present-day problems. Particularly glad was he that Dr. Collins had shown courage in expressing his own opinions on many of them—a trait which was very desirable; often, among themselves, members had not shown the courage they ought in expressing their opinions.

One or two of those problems were of intense interest to those engaged in this speciality, and to the public also. It was desirable that the President should speak with the voice of authority; this address would be widely read and commented upon, and was bound to exercise a good deal of influence.

He had been particularly glad to hear the reference to the Mental Treatment Act, because that Act did not apply to Scotland, though he hoped one would be given to that country soon. He had taken note of the shortcomings of the English Act, in the hope that in the Scottish Act these would be avoided, and benefits gained from the working of the Act put into the new measure.

He was glad to hear the reference to the necessity for the Association's Divisional meetings taking a somewhat different shape, and for assistant medical officers being encouraged to take a larger part in them.

He was equally pleased to hear reference to the disadvantages of concentration. In these days, the speaker felt, concentration had gone too far; many difficulties arose from it. In certain local authorities the tendency to run on similar lines was very strong, and he was glad to hear the President voicing his opinion on the matter.

It was strange that two of the matters to which the President referred, and which used to be particularly Scottish, should have fallen into disuse to some extent in Scotland. One was the boarding-out system. He agreed with the

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President that it was an excellent system. It was good to hear the President say he thought it should be encouraged. He was also glad to hear Dr. Collins speak of encouraging research, and of the need for expenditure by the Treasury for providing means of securing more co-ordinated results, as that was a feature in which the administration in this country was a little deficient.

He was sure that all present had listened with great pleasure to this address, and he wished to thank the President and to assure him that all those at the meeting had listened to it with great pleasure, and with even more benefit.

The resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT very briefly thanked the proposer and seconder for their remarks, and the meeting for passing the motion.

Thursday, July 2.—Morning Session.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANIC-DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSES.

PART I.—**" Prognosis and Treatment "** (see p. 488).

Afternoon Session.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANIC-DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSES.

PART II.—**" Heredity and Relation to Mental Deficiency"** (see p. 626).

Friday July 3.—Morning Session.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANIC-DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSES.

PART III.—**" Psychopathology "** (see p. 654).

VOTES OF THANKS.

The PRESIDENT said he wished to thank all those who had read papers, and those who had contributed to the discussions. Particularly he wished to thank the Research and Clinical Committee and the Mental Deficiency Committee, who had collaborated in providing this programme. It was with very great pleasure that the Association had got into touch with some of its younger members who had spoken at that meeting ; that, he considered, was a very great advantage. Members would be pleased to know that the Council had added to the duties of the Research and Clinical Committee that of arranging for the papers to be read at future annual meetings. He thought that the Association would benefit greatly from this arrangement. He wished especially to thank Dr. McCowan and Dr. Lewis for their help and the trouble they had taken in making the symposium a success. Personally he had only one disappointment : thirty years ago he thought he knew what manic-depressive insanity was, but now there seemed to be a good deal of difference of opinion.

He also thought it would be the general wish to pass a resolution thanking the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone for their hospitality, the way in which they had entertained the Association, and the excellent rooms which they had placed at their disposal for the meetings.

The Association not only gave thanks for what it had received, but also for what it was going to receive. The Visiting Committee of Chartham Mental Hospital had extended an invitation to members to visit that hospital. Also, Miss Babington and the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral had offered to show ladies round that Cathedral. On the following day members would have an opportunity of visiting

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the magnificent gardens at Hole Park, and Col. Barham had kindly invited them to tea. Members would no doubt wish to extend their thanks to all those he had mentioned.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT said he also wished to mention that a great deal of the success of the meetings was due to the Treasurer, who was a great organizer. He, the President, had been away a great deal, and Dr. Smith had done a wonderful amount of work for him.

Dr. Smith was also thanked by acclamation.

THE DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Association took place at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone, the President occupying the Chair, and the guests included The Lord Bishop of Dover (the Rt. Rev. A. C. W. Rose), Sir George Chrystal, *K.C.B.* (Ministry of Health), Sir Laurence Brock, *C.B.* (Chairman of the Board of Control), Alderman Stainer, (representing the Mayor of Folkestone), Lt.-Col. J. A. Purefoy Robinson (Chairman, Chartham Mental Hospital Committee), Rutley Mowll, Esq. (Coroner for East Kent), Miss Ruth Darwin (senior Commissioner of the Board of Control), P. Barter, Esq. (Secretary, Board of Control), C. F. Nicholson, Esq. (Town Clerk, Folkestone), Dr. Helgi Tómasson (of Reykjavik, Iceland), Dr. Austin Priestman (Medical Officer of Health for Folkestone), Dr. H. Wacher (Senior Hon. Physician, Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Mr. A. B. Beresford-Jones (Surgeon, Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Mr. T. A. Clarke, (Surgeon in Charge Ear, Nose and Throat Dept., Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Mr. J. A. Pringle, (Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon, Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Mr. P. S. C. Sutcliffe, (Hon. Dental Surgeon, Kent and Canterbury Hospital), Mr. and Mrs. A. Cressall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Colthup (Chairman, Finance Committee, Chartham), and the Editors of the *Kentish Express* and *Kent Messenger*.

The PRESIDENT submitted the toast " His Majesty the King ", and it was loyally honoured.

Dr. J. H. MACDONALD, in proposing the toast of " H.M. MINISTRY OF HEALTH ", said he was comforted by the thought that it needed no oratory to commend itself to the present gathering to ensure its cordial acceptance. But he had a confession which he thought he ought to make. When, ten days ago, he returned home after a not too successful day's fishing, a telephone message was awaiting him somewhat to the following effect : " If coming to the dinner will you propose the health of the Minister ? " In Scotland, when speaking of " the minister " one thought of the clergyman of the district. Only two days before that he had been present at a wedding, at which he had the privilege of proposing the toast of the health of the clergyman who officiated ; and he thought his task at this dinner to-night would be easy, firstly because he now knew what to say about the clergy, secondly because, not being as regular an attender at church, as he ought to be, he was glad to seize any opportunity whereby he might gain the good opinion of his spiritual guides. But in the morning he found a confirmatory telegram before him, and it was not the health of the Minister, but the health of the Ministry he had to propose. (Laughter.)

Why should the immediate Past-President ask a Scotsman to propose the toast of the Ministry of Health, seeing that in Scotland there was no Ministry of Health, but only a Department of Health, acting under the Secretary of State for Scotland ? And he said, " Can it be that my English colleagues, or rather my colleagues in England—(Laughter)—want me to fire off some of their bullets ? " Therefore when he arrived at his hotel yesterday morning he said to Dr. Worth, " What do you want me to say ? " He replied, "Anything you like ". That made his job much easier.

It was appropriate, in a body like this, keenly interested as the members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association were in the mental health of the people, and therefore in their physical health and all that pertained to the comfort, pleasure and good living of the people, that an occasion like the present one should be seized to propose the health of the Ministry of Health. It would be needless for him even to recapitulate the great achievements which had been carried out in the past few decades by the Ministry of Health and the very wise legislation which it had projected. It would be futile, and yet he could not do less than allude to such matters as the prolongation of the expectation of life which certainly had occurred in the last

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