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WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

THE WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 14 February, 1957, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. T. Percy Rees.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting, held on 16 November, 1956, to be published in a forthcoming Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, and confirmed and signed by the President.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of:

Dr. JAMES HOGG MACDONALD, formerly Medical Superintendent, Hawkhead Mental Hospital, Glasgow; (Chairman, Scottish Division, 1932-33); an Ordinary Member since 1901.

Dr. DENIS CHARLES CARROLL, Consultant Psychiatrist, Portman Clinic; an Ordinary Member since 1932.

Dr. J. H. PAMEYER, Inspector of State Mental Hospitals, The Hague, Holland; a Corresponding Member since 1929.

Dr. REGINALD EDWARDS JENKINS, formerly Medical Officer, St. Andrew's Hospital, Norwich, and Hanwell and Long Grove Mental Hospitals; an Ordinary Member since 1924.

Professor DOUGLAS ROBERT MACCALMAN, formerly Professor of Psychiatry, University of Leeds; (Chairman, Northern and Midland Division, 1950-53); an Ordinary Member since 1929.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

ANTHONY, ELWYN JAMES, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.M., Senior Lecturer in Child Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, London; Honorary Consultant Physician, Maudsley and Bethlem Royal Hospitals.

Proposed by Professor A. Lewis, Drs. K. Cameron and W. H. Gillespie.

BARLOW, DAVID JOHN HARDING, M.B., B.Ch.(Rand), Senior House Officer, Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge.

Proposed by Drs. F. Houston, R. L. Buttle and D. H. Clark.

BATT, UNA ELIZABETH, L.R.C.P.I.&L.M., L.R.C.P.S.I.&L.M., L.A.H., Senior House Officer, Bexley Hospital, Dartford Heath, Bexley, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. M. Radzan, B. W. Orchard and D. M. Leiberman.

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BOSA, STEPHEN BAYO, L.M.S.(E.A.), Postgraduate Student, Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, A. Harris and I. A. Cameron.

BROOK, ALEXIS, M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Napsbury Hospital, near St. Albans, Herts.

Proposed by Drs. A. M. Edwards, A. H. D. Hunter and G. S. Gladstone.

BROWN, DENNIS GEOFFREY, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Scalebor Park Hospital, Burley-in-Wharfedale, near Leeds.

Proposed by Drs. J. Valentine, E. J. Harrison and F. Lake.

CHAUDHRY, MOHAMMED RASHID, M.B., B.S., Postgraduate Student, Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, S. Benaim and G. Asghar.

DEWAR, MARGARET MCCOMBIE, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Psychiatrist, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

Proposed by Drs. I. MacCammond, J. L. MacDougall and D. L. McNab.

FINKELSTEIN, ZYGMUNT, M.D.(Warsaw), D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.

Proposed by Drs. E. Jacoby, D. Anton-Stephens and A. Walk.

GALLEY, MARGARET WALTON, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Psychiatry, Naburn and Bootham Park Hospitals, York.

Proposed by Drs. W. A. L. Bowen, D. Robertson and G. M. Langham-Hobart.

GLENNIE, RONALD EDWARD, M.D., D.C.H., D.P.M., Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge and the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Howells, E. Beresford Davies and G. L. Davies.

GREEVES, JOHN ANTHONY, M.B., B.S., Senior Medical Officer, Napsbury Hospital, St. Albans, Herts.

Proposed by Drs. A. M. Edwards, G. S. Gladstone and T. Haran.

HUNTER, ISOBEL HENDERSON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. F. McHarg, T. Freeman and A. F. Johnstone.

KAY, WILLIAM WHITTLE, M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.I.C., Group Pathologist, The Mental Hospitals Group Laboratory (South-West Metropolitan Hospital Region), West Park Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, M. M. Glatt and E. H. Hare.

LAVIN, NOEL IGNATIUS, M.B., B.Ch., Senior House Officer, Littlemore Hospital, Oxford.

Proposed by Drs. E. O. Hagedorn, R. W. Armstrong and A. Walk.

MCCONNELL, JOAN, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, G. C. Rae and A. A. Baker.

MACDONALD, IAN ALISTAIR, M.D., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Highcroft Hall Hospital, Erdington, Birmingham 23.

Proposed by Drs. M. J. Brookes, A. Shepherd and J. J. O'Reilly.

MIDDLETON, PETER MCKECHNEY, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Lic. Med. Council of Canada, Resident Physician, The Crease Clinic, Essondale, British Columbia, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. W. Sargant, A. Walk and R. W. Armstrong.

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MOLONY, HELEN MARY PHILOMENA, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Senior House Officer, University Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Proposed by Drs. Eleanor Schill, E. W. Anderson and E. H. Kitching.

OAKLEY, DONALD PERCY, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Whittingham Hospital, near Preston, Lancs.

Proposed by Drs. W. A. M. Robinson, M. Silverman and J. M. Cuthill.

O'CALLAGHAN, MAURICE DESMOND MICHAEL, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.

Proposed by Drs. J. McGregor, W. W. Roberts and A. D. M. Douglas.

PETROVSKAIA, BARBARA, Ph.D., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Research Assistant in Neuro-Psychiatry, The Burden Neurological Institute, Stoke Lane, Stapleton, Bristol.

Proposed by Professor F. L. Golla, Drs. I. Skottowe and R. G. McInnes.

ROSENBERG, LOTTE, M.D.(Cologne), D.P.M., Psychiatrist (Senior Medical Officer), Hampshire Child Guidance Service; Psychotherapist, Park Prewett Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. I. Atkin, J. E. A. Bartlet and M. E. Forrester.

ROWLANDS, IRENE PARKER, F.R.F.P.S.(G.), M.R.C.P.(Lond.), M.R.C.P.(Ed.), Assistant Physician to St. Paul's Hospital and De Lancey Hospital, Cheltenham.

Proposed by Drs. C. P. Seager, Brenda Grant and E. G. W. Cross.

SCOTT, DENLEY PAUL ARTHUR LAMBERT, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Proposed by Drs. E. W. Anderson, W. L. Tonge and E. Howarth.

SHELDON, CHARLES SAMUEL, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Psychiatric Registrar, Fulbourn Hospital, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Proposed by Drs. D. R. Davis, D. H. Clark and F. Houston.

SMITH, EDWARD BAXTER OWEN, M.B., B.S., Medical Superintendent, Mental Department, St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Proposed by Drs. W. L. Milligan, P. J. Dally and Marion Woollaston.

STEAD, JOHN SUMNER, M.D., M.R.C.P., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Maudsley and Cane Hill Hospitals.

Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, A. J. Oldham and D. Smedberg.

VALVIS, MARY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., L.A.H., Registrar, Marlborough Day Hospital, Marlborough Place, N.W.8.

Proposed by Drs. E. R. Banner, J. Bierer and R. R. Steinert.

WEST, RANYARD, D.Phil., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., Senior Fellow, Yale University Law School (Department of Psychiatry and Law), New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, M. Radzan and H. S. Capoore.

YERBURGH, JOHN GERALD OSWALD WARDELL, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Claybury Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

Proposed by Drs. J. S. Harris, D. V. Martin and E. F. Carr.

Candidature approved by Council, 15 November, 1956:

VON SALZEN, CHARLES F., M.D., Dipl.Psych. (American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry); Consultant Psychiatrist, Hartford Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Veterans' Administration Hospital, Newington, Newington Home and Hospital, McCook Hospital; 725 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Proposed by Drs. J. Donnelly, A. Walk and R. W. Armstrong.

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Report of Council

The Report of the Council, as follows, was read by the General Secretary:

At yesterday's meeting the Council further considered the question of instruction in psychotherapy for Junior Psychiatrists, and set up a small working party to collect information about those willing and capable of teaching this subject, and the best means of putting them in touch with such members who wish for instruction.

The Council approved that the usual annual grant of 20 guineas should be made to the Mental After Care Association.

Ten members who have been in arrears with their subscriptions over a period of 3 years are to be informed of Bye-Law 23.

Dr. E. B. Strauss was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee for the ensuing year.

The Council agreed that the Medical Superintendents of all training schools should be circulated and informed of the Association's support of the General Nursing Council's new Psychiatric Nursing Syllabus which has been finally approved.

The Film Sub-Committee are collaborating with the Scientific Film Association in producing a more up-to-date catalogue of Psychiatric films than the one now in use, and members who have any knowledge of relevant films not in general circulation are asked to send details to Dr. Gould, the Committee's Secretary.

Council agreed to a sum of not more than £10 per annum being spent on expenses of hiring films for the Association's film shows.

A Sub-Committee has been formed to give further study to the possibility of creating a Fellowship in Psychiatry.

Subject to their consent, Professor Martin Roth and Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming and D. Hill, were appointed to serve on the Board of the Examining Body of the Electro-Physiological Technologists, together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Education Committee and the Registrar as ex-officio members.

The Parliamentary Committee have considered the progress of the Homicide Bill and have recommended that a further approach should be made to interested members of the House of Lords so that the Association's views, which have already been transmitted to the Home Secretary, may have a chance of being discussed in that House.

The Parliamentary Agent's reports show a shift of interest towards questions of certification and detention, and the Ministry of Health are paying increased attention to matters relating to the management of patients' affairs while in hospital.

The Committee also discussed further the question of mixed hospital groups in relation to the Guillebaud Committee's recommendations and subsequent action by the Ministry of Health and certain Regional Boards, and the Council agreed to a recommendation that the Minister should be written to with regard to the future of mixed groups in which there are major mental hospitals, and should be asked to receive a deputation from the Association.

The Papers and Discussions Committee have announced the following arrangements:

May Meeting, Thursday, 2 May, at Barrow Gurney Hospital.

Morning—three short papers:

(i) **"The Changing Use of Observation Wards"**
By Dr. D. R. Early.

(ii) **"The Development of the Day Hospital"**
By Dr. E. G. W. Cross.

(iii) **"Social Background to Mental Health in a Bristol Housing Estate"**
By Dr. John Spencer and a Psychiatric Social Worker.

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Afternoon:

"Infanticide Depression and the Threat to the Child"
By Dr. R. E. Hemphill.

"The Significance of EEG in Psychiatric Patients over 60"
By Dr. E. C. Turton.

Annual Meeting

The main Papers Session on Thursday, 4 July will be devoted to a Symposium by the senior clinical and research staff of the Warneford Hospital and the programme will be as follows:

Morning:

"The Technique and Applications of Clinical Somatometry"
By Dr. R. W. Parnell.

"The Natural History of Mental Hospital Admissions in Relation to Physique"
By Dr. Ian Skottowe.

Afternoon:

"Physique and Response to Treatment: Recording Progress: a New Technique"
By Dr. R. G. McInnes.

In addition it is hoped to arrange Seminars for Members on the first day of the Meeting, 2 July, and the draft programme is as follows, and subject to confirmation:

"Cingulectomy, Orbital Undercutting and Leucotomies"
By Mr. Walpole S. Lewin, Neurosurgeon at the Radcliffe.

"Animal Behaviour"
By Dr. N. Tinbergen and Mr. J. Cole.

The Study Tours Sub-Committee have reported that the Tour of Swiss Psychiatrists, planned for May, 1957, has been cancelled, as not enough Swiss Psychiatrists had enrolled for the Tour. The Sub-Committee confirmed that a tour of Scotland was planned for 1958, and reported that Dr. Isabel Wilson and Dr. Stern had been appointed as Chairman and Secretary respectively for the ensuing year.

The Council agreed to a suggestion from the British Medical Association that the Standing Joint Committee of their Psychological Medicine Group and of this Association should discuss the responsibilities of Physician Superintendents and Senior Consultant Medical Staff of Mental Hospitals, and appointed Drs. Noel Burke, G. M. Woddis and D. V. Martin to represent the Association on the Standing Joint Committee for this purpose. The findings of the Joint Committee will in due course be reported to Council.

The Council proposes to set up a Standing Committee to deal with the question of public relations in mental health matters with the object of making information available to the press and B.B.C. and I.T.A. on all matters to do with the field of psychiatry. It is proposed also that members of the Association should be circulated from time to time with information about the latest developments and treatment and in-patient management, because the Committee which has considered the question of public relations feels that it would be impossible to correct popular misapprehensions about psychiatric matters unless arrangements for psychiatric treatment throughout the country were of uniformly high standard.

The setting up of this Standing Committee will be brought before the Association at their Annual Meeting for confirmation.

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The Child Psychiatry Section's Memorandum on In-Patient Accommodation for Children and Adolescents was approved, with minor amendments, for circularization to the Ministries concerned, Regional Hospital Boards and the medical press. Similarly their report to the Maternity Services Committee was approved for submission to the Committee.

The Council took note of the following meetings and conferences:

(1) The World Federation for Mental Health, special meeting of Member Associations in Copenhagen on Saturday, 10 August.

(2) The United Kingdom Committee for the World Health Organization, Second Annual Meeting on Saturday, 6 April.

(3) The Congress of Alienists and Neurologists of France are holding their 55th Annual Meeting in Lyons from 9 to 14 September, and the Association has been invited to send a representative. Members attending are invited to submit their names with a view to being appointed as the Association's representative.

(4) The Royal Society of Health is holding its Health Congress at Folkestone from 30 April to 3 May.

(5) We have also received notice of an International Symposium on "Psychotropic Drugs" in Milan from 9 to 11 May.

(6) Lecture by Professor V. Frankl (University of Vienna) on "Collective Neuroses of the Present Day", Thursday, 21 February, at the Austrian Institute at 8.30 p.m. Members of the Association are invited to attend.

After reading the Report of Council, the General Secretary pointed out that the item concerning the proposed discussion of the responsibilities of Physician Superintendents and Consultants in Mental Hospitals by the Standing Joint Committee of the Association and the British Medical Association's Psychological Medicine Group ought to be considered in relation to Dr. Frost's motions which together formed the next item on the Agenda.

Dr. Frost stated that he hoped that the minority view would be represented on this Committee, and it was proposed by Dr. Sargant and seconded by Dr. Frost that Dr. J. T. Hutchinson should represent the Association in these discussions, in addition to those already appointed by the Council. This motion was carried and the Report of the Council was approved.

The following two motions submitted by Dr. I. Frost then came up for the consideration of the Meeting:

(i) That arrangements be made for the Association's members to continue discussion of the medical administration of mental hospitals at the first possible opportunity;

(ii) That in any memorandum on medical administration submitted in the name of the R.M.P.A. the views of any significant minority be put in as a minority report.

In proposing these motions, Dr. Frost said that a learned discussion on the subject of Medical Administration of Mental Hospitals had been held at the November, 1956 Meeting. He felt that an academic discussion was not enough, and wished the matter to be discussed fully from the floor, and the issues fully debated in an attempt to decide the future policy of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association on this matter. This question of administration was not confined to psychiatry only, but was a matter which was being discussed in a far wider field at all levels. The current practices in all administrative fields were being called into question, and it was up to the R.M.P.A. to give an example to the whole country by fully discussing new administrative ideals and their relation to the efficient running of mental hospitals.

With regard to his second motion, Dr. Frost said that he felt that the Association's Committees were overweighted with Medical Superintendents, and that this might lead to a lop-sided expression of opinion, and that however fairly they might try to

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interpret the Association's views, they might find it difficult to word these in a way which would be acceptable to those whom he felt formed a significant minority among the Association's Members.

Dr. Frost's motions were seconded by Dr. M. Sym, and their discussion was invited by the Chairman. Dr. Gould then suggested that if this matter was to be discussed in relation to the wide context suggested by Dr. Frost, then the Association's policy could scarcely be decided upon as the result of a morning's free discussion among members, but the whole matter should be carefully studied by a working party whose report could then be taken into consideration by all members and could perhaps form the basis of a free discussion among them.

Dr. Walk said that Dr. Frost's motion was too narrow in that it dealt with only one single relationship within the mental hospital administrative set-up—that of the Medical Superintendent and his colleagues of Consultant rank. He would like the scope of future discussion to be widened to include every aspect of personal relations in mental hospital administration, such as that between Consultants and their juniors; between the medical, nursing and administrative staff; and between the different professions working in the mental hospital. He therefore proposed as an amendment that the following be added:

> "That at the meeting at which the discussion is to be continued priority should be given to those aspects of medical administration which were not discussed in November, 1956."

Dr. Walk's amendment, having been seconded by Dr. I. Atkin, was put to the Meeting by the Chairman and carried.

The motions as amended were then put to the Meeting by the Chairman and carried.

The General Secretary then stated that in arranging for further discussion of the matter he would take "at the first possible opportunity" to mean *after* the Joint Committee had reported its findings to the R.M.P.A. and the British Medical Association.

Papers

The following Papers were read:

"Practical Applications of Psychotherapy in Mental Hospitals and Out-Patient Clinics"

Morning Session

"The Role of the Psychiatric Clinic in Meeting Therapeutic Needs"
By Dr. J. D. Sutherland.

"Group Therapy with In- and Out-Patients"
By Dr. F. Kraupl Taylor.

Afternoon Session

"The Scope and Limitations of Psychotherapy in a Provincial Centre"
By Dr. Stephen MacKeith.

"The Place of Psychotherapy in a Teaching Hospital"
By Dr. Denis Leigh.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The Autumn Divisional Meeting was held at Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, on 16 October, 1956, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. J. M. Crawford, the Physician Superintendent.

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Members of the Association and guests were received by Dr. Crawford and parties were escorted to various departments of the hospital by members of the medical staff. Of particular interest were the School of Occupational Therapy and the teaching departments for educable children. About forty-five members and guests were entertained to lunch. The Chairman of the Management Committee, Miss D. Weeding, gave a gracious welcome to the party which was acknowledged by the Chairman of the Division, Dr. Alexander Walk.

The following were duly elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

BEARCROFT, JOHN STEPHEN, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Senior House Officer, Maudsley Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. E. Marley, J. L. Davies and L. S. Hersov.

BOWMAN, ROBERT MACKENZIE, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Psychiatric Registrar, Warlingham Park Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, R. C. Gledhill and E. H. Hare.

KAMAL, MUHAMMAD SAID, B.A., M.D., Medical Officer, Warlingham Park Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sullivan, R. C. Gledhill and M. M. Glatt.

MCLOUGHLIN, LUKE EUGENE, L.R.C.P.&S.I., Psychiatric Registrar, Springfield Hospital, Tooting.
Proposed by Drs. M. Markowe, J. Lomas and R. H. Boardman.

POLLITT, JOHN DERYK, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. W. Sargant, E. D. Barlow and H. J. Shorvon.

ROPER, PETER DIGBY LEWINGTON, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, R.A.F. Hospital, Halton.
Proposed by Drs. P. R. Doherty, J. J. Bradley and J. L. Swift.

ROSIE, ROBERT JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., Commissioner of the Board of Control.
Proposed by Dr. T. P. Rees, Mr. N. C. Croft-Cohen and Dr. A. Walk.

ZANKER, ARTHUR, M.D.(Vienna), Psychiatrist, Warlingham Park Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, W. H. Shepley and E. H. Hare.

The Report of the Divisional Committee of Management was received.

It was agreed that Dr. W. G. Masefield should be recommended to continue to serve on the South-East Metropolitan Board and Dr. G. Somerville on the North-East Metropolitan Board.

The meeting re-asserted the previous decision of the Section to ask the Council to nominate an additional psychiatrist member for the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and it was recommended that the name of Dr. L. T. Hilliard should be put forward for nomination.

Queen Adelaide's Fund. The Chairman explained that the administration of this Fund was limited and hampered by out-of-date regulations, and it was agreed that the Chairman, together with Drs. Charlton and Hilliard, with the authority of the Division, should approach the Trustees of the Fund with the object of suggesting that the conditions for administration of the Fund might be extended and brought into line with present-day Mental Hospital practice.

(Note: Shortly after the meeting it was announced by the Trustees of Queen Adelaide's Fund that an order had been obtained altering the terms of the Trust in such a way as to remove to a large extent the restrictions referred to.)

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The following Papers were delivered:

(*a*) "The Control of Dysentery by Vaccine in a Mental Deficiency Institution"

By Dr. D. S. Sharpe.

The essence of this paper was a review of the results over a period of five years of the use of a Dysentery Vaccine. The vaccine was made up of the known strains of Flexner Dysentery and was administered by subcutaneous injection. The total population of Botleys Park Hospital was used (approximately 1,500). The results showed clearly that by using the vaccine acute clinical dysentery had practically vanished, but there were still a number of cases of so-called "silent" dysentery without any clinical signs.

It was concluded that it should be possible, with the use of suitable vaccine and isolation of known carriers, to remove dysentery from institutions.

(*b*) "A Survey of Tuberculosis in a Mental Deficiency Institution Over 18 Years"

By Dr. D. Magrath and Dr. J. D. F. Thornton.

Dr. D. Magrath and Dr. J. D. F. Thornton submitted a paper surveying the tuberculosis situation at Botleys Park. Records had been carefully combed and during the last twenty years 113 cases of significant tuberculosis were traced, 104 pulmonary and 9 non-pulmonary. Of these 46 had died, 41 pulmonary and 5 non-pulmonary. The gross mortality of 40·7 per cent. fell in closely with that in the County of Surrey (38 per cent.) and in England and Wales (40 per cent.) over the same period. The number of deaths from all causes at Botleys Park in the 20 years under review was 456, so that tuberculosis mortality was 10·08 per cent. of the whole, whereas in England and Wales the figure was 4 per cent.

The peak year was 1942, and the middle three years of the war were found also to be the peak years in larger populations, viz. mental hospitals, Surrey County and England and Wales.

Female cases and deaths exceeded males, although there had been more males in the population for some years. Adult cases and deaths exceeded those in children under 16 years in about the same proportion as adults exceeded children in the population. The third and fourth decades appeared to be the most productive of cases, and deaths fell mostly in the second, third and fourth decades.

Antibiotic treatment had proved very effective in those cases submitted in an early stage. While the existing situation was favourable, there must be no complacency about the future. Practical measures included tuberculin testing of all patients, thorough and regular surveillance by radiography including some miniature radiography, and B.C.G. vaccination of negative reactors to tuberculin. New admissions would receive full attention in these respects.

Botleys Park was one of a number of Mental Deficiency Hospitals in which selected patients had received the Vole Bacillus Vaccine between 1950 and 1953. None of the vaccinated cases, 227 at present, had developed the disease.

In the discussion which followed the paper, Dr. E. P. H. Charlton (Banstead) emphasized the importance of regular radiography, however laborious and expensive this might be. The importance of clinical vigilance had been stressed in the paper, but this must be backed by radiography.

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The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Members to Drs. Sharpe and Magrath for their most interesting papers and to Dr. Crawford and his staff for the organization of a most successful Divisional Meeting.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. H. C. Beccle.

NOTICES BY THE HON. LIBRARIAN

The Library is open to members between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Books are issued to borrowers during these hours.

The Hon. Librarian will endeavour to obtain, as far as possible, any books on psychiatry and allied subjects required by members.

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8. All communications should be addressed to "The Librarian, Royal Medico-Psychological Association, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1."

Circulation of Journals

The following journals are available at the Library:

Acta Psychiatrica et Neurologica.

American Journal of Mental Deficiency.

American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.

American Journal of Psychiatry.

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Annales Médico-Psychologiques.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Brain.
British Journal of Addiction.
British Journal of Delinquency.
British Journal of Medical Psychology.
British Journal of Psychiatric Social Work.
Bulletin of World Federation of Mental Health.
Digest of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Excerpta Medica, Neurology and Psychiatry.
Howard Journal.
International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.
Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.
Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.
Journal of Psychology.
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