Gift of a Presidential Hammer by Dr. Hamilton Marr.

The President said he would like, before commencing the actual business of the meeting, to exhibit a very old ivory hammer which Dr. Hamilton Marr had presented to the Association for use by its presidents. He understood it had been in Dr. Marr's family for many years. In the name of the Association he cordially thanked Dr. Hamilton Marr for the gift.

The Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having already been published, were taken as read and approved.

Obituary.

The President said the next duty was always a painful one, namely, to refer to those of the Members who had passed away since the last meeting. The first was Dr. Hamblin Smith, who had been one of the Editors of the Journal since 1931. Probably no member of the Association had a greater knowledge of the criminal side of human nature than did Dr. Hamblin Smith. Many obituary notices about him had appeared in various journals, and he was sure many members would miss him, and especially his fellow-editors.

Another member who had died was Dr. John Mills, a very old friend of many members, a most capable Irish superintendent, always full of fun and ready to tell a story, and a man who always thoroughly enjoyed life.

Another was Dr. Ronald Clark, who was formerly medical superintendent of the Lancashire Mental Hospital, Whittingham, and who had retired a short time ago.

Lastly he had to mention a famous superintendent, Dr. Cassidy, who he thought was the oldest superintendent ever to have held office. He was the father of Sir Maurice Cassidy, one of the most prominent heart specialists in London.

The members stood in solemn silence as a token of respect.

Matters Arising at the Council Meeting.

The President said that he had to report that it had been decided to form an Indian Division of the Association. The initiating steps had been taken by Dr. Benarsi Das, Medical Superintendent of Agra Mental Hospital. The Council welcomed the idea, and it was felt that it might lead to bigger things in the future. The Hon. Treasurer was dealing with the financial side of the matter.

The Research and Clinical Committee had arranged for a second "refresher" course to be held in 1937. The first course of the kind was a great success, and was attended by many members of the Association and others.

It had been decided to form a sub-committee to continue investigation into the establishment of seminars, to be conducted from time to time by a prominent member of the specialty from any part of the world.

It was also agreed that a letter should be sent to Dr. Litteljohn, at the Manor Institution, cordially thanking him for his hospitality in connection with the visit which members of the Association, under the auspices of the Mental Deficiency Committee paid to that institution in April, where they were entertained at Dr. Litteljohn's expense.

The Council had been in conference with the British Medical Association with regard to the organization of Mental Health Services, and that body suggested that the following resolutions should be adopted :

(1) "That local authorities should be encouraged to form Mental Health Committees to deal with both Mental Disorders 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

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