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AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 14 November, 1957, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. R. W. Armstrong.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting, held on 2 May, 1957, 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. VERA NORRIS, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness (Member of the Parliamentary Committee); an Ordinary Member since 1954.

Dr. W. N. VAN DER SCHEER, of Holland; a Corresponding Member since 1929.

Dr. RICHARD ARTHUR STEWART, Medical Superintendent, Halliford House, Upper Halliford, Shepperton, Middlesex; an Ordinary Member since 1938.

Dr. DERRICK STARLING TROUTON, Research Assistant, Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital; an Ordinary Member since January, 1957.

Dr. FRANK DOUGLAS TURNER, late Medical Superintendent of the Royal Eastern Counties Institution (President, 1933-34; Chairman of the Mental Deficiency Committee, 1935-43); an Ordinary Member since 1906 and an Honorary Member since 1953.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

ANSCOMBE, BERYL GEORGINA, M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C.O.G., Psychiatric Registrar, St. Ebba's Hospital, Epsom.

Proposed by Drs. Rosalind Bearcroft, J. S. Bearcroft and E. F. Carr.

BEVAN-JONES, DAVID HOWELL BEVAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Proposed by Dr. R. Sessions Hodge, Prof. F. L. Golla and Dr. A. Walk.

CAREY, ALBERT STUART, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Assistant Senior Medical Officer, Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

Proposed by Drs. B. Finkleman, G. P. Egan and Ruth Nuss[redacted]

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CLEIN, LEWIS JOHN, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.R.C.P., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. K. Cameron, J. S. Bearcroft and W. H. Allchin.

COHEN, SAMUEL ISAAC, B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. F. K. Taylor, D. J. West and K. Cameron.

DEVLIN, JOSEPH CALLISTUS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Registrar in Psychiatry, Burnley General Hospital, Burnley, Lancashire.

Proposed by Drs. E. T. Downham, N. J. de V. Mather and M. Silverman.

DROMGOOLE, CATHERINE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Central Islip Hospital, New York.

Proposed by Drs. Mary Sullivan, A. Walk and A. B. Monro.

FOSTER, ALAN ROWLAND, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Bristol Mental Hospitals.

Proposed by Drs. C. P. Seager, N. P. Lancaster and E. C. Turton.

FOX, RICHARD HILARY, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

Proposed by Drs. J. S. Stead, A. D. Leigh and B. Ackner.

GRIMSHAW, LINTON, *D.F.C.*, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Proposed by Drs. E. W. Anderson, J. Hoenig and E. H. Kitching.

GUMBRELL, JOHN ANTHONY, M.B., B.S., Registrar, St. Ebba's Hospital, Epsom.

Proposed by Drs. E. F. Carr, Rosalind Bearcroft and M. Reiss.

JEFFRIES, JOHN BLACKETT, B.M., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Powick Hospital, Worcester.

Proposed by Drs. A. M. Spencer, R. A. Sandison and P. O'Dowda.

KEHOE, MICHAEL JAMES, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., Resident, Institute of Living, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sullivan, Mary Sullivan and A. B. Monro.

LANGLEY, GORDON EDWARD, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Runwell Hospital, Wickford, Essex.

Proposed by Drs. R. Strom-Olsen, H. Weil-Malherbe and D. W. Liddell.

MILLER, ALAN DAVID, B.A., M.D.(New York), (temporarily registered with the General Medical Council), Institute of Psychiatry, M.R.C. Unit, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. G. M. Carstairs, J. K. Wing and M. Shepherd.

MORISON, MARY, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, J. C. Baker and B. Cwyner.

MUNRO, MARGARET, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., D.C.H., Part-time Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Surrey County Council.

Proposed by Drs. E. W. Dunkley, D. A. Pond and A. B. Monro.

PRICE, JOHN HARDING, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Hill End Hospital, St. Albans.

Proposed by. Drs. G. V. Stephenson, S. Catterall and A. B. Monro.

ROY, PRABHAT KUMAR, M.B., B.S.(Calcutta), D.T.M., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, Roxburghshire.

Proposed by Drs. G. M. Bell, J. K. W. Morrice and A. B. Hegarty.

WATERLOW, JUDITH MATILDA, M.B., B.S., Psychiatrist, Chislehurst, Luton and Dunstable Child Guidance Clinics; Part-time Psychiatrist, L.C.C.

Proposed by Drs. D. Hunter, S. F. Lindsay and M. Mackenzie.

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Report of Council

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

At the Council Meeting yesterday, a letter was read from the Ministry of Health, arising out of the Minutes of the previous meeting, which stated that the Minister did not see his way to receiving a deputation on the subject of mixed mental and general hospital groups.

The reports of all Standing Committees were presented and received after discussion.

The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee recommended that the usual annual subscription of ten guineas to the World Health Organization be approved; and it was agreed that the issue of receipts should be dispensed with wherever possible in the terms of the Cheques Act, 1957.

The Editor-in-Chief reported that the Journal Committee had decided to alter the type of wrapping for the *Journal*. The Committee recommended to the Council that the Anglo-American Symposium be published in the *Journal* and that reprints in covers be sold at a suitable price. The Third Volume of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry* will be published early in the New Year. It is hoped to deal with Volume Four at the February Meeting of the Journal Committee.

The Registrar reported that another very successful two-day Maudsley Bequest Lecture Course was held in September in the form of an Anglo-American Symposium. It was organized as a joint meeting with the Psychiatric Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. The main Barnes Hall was crowded and an overflow hall had to be made available. There were nearly 500 applications for tickets for this particular course. Arrangements were in progress to hold another two-day course on 10 and 11 February, 1958.

The Librarian reported that he had in mind the subject of overcrowding in the Library.

The Secretary of the Education Committee reported a discussion which had taken place on the G.N.C.'s new syllabus of training for mental nurses. It was agreed that the most fruitful field of work for the Mental Nursing Sub-Committee would be to consider problems of selection and training of nurse tutors and of encouraging medical staffs of psychiatric hospitals to take a more active part in the training of nurses.

The Films Sub-Committee reported a successful showing of French scientific films and indicated that they were considering further a proposal to collaborate with the Mental Health Film Board of the U.S.A. as regards making a psychiatric film in Great Britain.

Following a considerable discussion on the topic of post-graduate education in psychiatry, it was agreed that the Education Committee should set up a Sub-Committee to consider the whole subject in detail.

The Education Committee were pleased to approve the suggestion that Dr. Minski should be appointed editor of the new edition of the Red Handbook.

The Parliamentary Committee had decided that the appointment of a new Parliamentary Agent was unnecessary at present.

The Committee's attention had been drawn to the unsatisfactory position regarding the allocation of merit awards, and it appeared that the members who had been nominated by the Association to act as advisers had in fact not been consulted. On the recommendation of the Committee the Council had decided to make fresh representations to Lord Moran.

Owing to the illness of Dr. L. C. Cook the report of the Papers and Discussions Committee was presented by Dr. Linford Rees, who will be acting secretary during the absence through illness of Dr. Cook.

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The Papers Session at the February Quarterly Meeting will be devoted to a consideration of the problems of drug addiction. At the May Quarterly Meeting seminars will be held on the first day and the Papers Session will be on the subject of "Mental Health Problems in the Community".

The report of the Public Relations Committee was presented by Dr. Noel Harris. It was agreed that notices of all meetings of the Association should be sent to the *Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, and that facilities should be given to the medical press, but not the lay press, to report them. Various press reports relating to incidents in mental hospitals were considered, and it was agreed that a meeting with representatives of the Press Council would be advantageous. The problem of improving standards of psychiatric practice was deferred for further consideration.

Reports were next received from special committees.

Dr. Noel Burke reported briefly about the Standing Joint Committee with the Psychological Medicine Group of the B.M.A.

The President informed Council of the work of the Committee on evidence to the Royal Commission on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration, and certain comments and guidance were offered to the Association's representatives chosen to give oral evidence before the Commission.

The General Secretary presented the report of the Committee to Review the Mental Health Services aspects of the National Health Service. This was accepted after amendment, and it was agreed that it should form a basis for discussion with the Psychological Medicine Group of the B.M.A. at a meeting to be held in December.

Dr. Gould presented the report of the Committee to study the Teaching of Psychological Treatment and indicated satisfactory progress. Prospective students have been notified of suggested tutors, and it is anticipated that 28-30 tutors will supervise the work of 50 trainees.

Dr. Walk presented a memorandum prepared by the Evidence Committee, embodying provisional comments in the Report of the Royal Commission on Mental Health Law. This was considered in preparation for this morning's discussion by the Association as a whole, and it was agreed that the memorandum should be submitted to the Ministry subject to any modification to be made in the light of the discussion.

Nominations were made for membership of Regional Hospital Boards, and the General Secretary was instructed to express the concern of the Association at the lessening representation of psychiatry on these bodies.

Nominations were also made for membership of the Central Health Services Council, the Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee, the National Association for Mental Health and the Board of Governors of Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

Important memoranda were presented by the Child Psychiatry Section on the "Welfare of the Ill Child in Hospital", and on the proposals of the Ministries of Health and Education regarding child guidance. After minor amendments these were given general approval.

A report from the Geriatric Committee was presented by Dr. Linford Rees and approval was given to the proposal to publish this memorandum as a clinical paper in the *Journal of Mental Science*.

The dates and places for meetings in 1958 were approved:

Spring Meeting, 30 April and 1 May, 1958 at Cheadle Royal.
Annual Meeting, 1, 2, 3 and 4 July, 1958, at Bexley and London.
Autumn Meeting, 12 and 13 November, 1958, in London.

A letter from the Ministry of Health was read outlining the proposal to set up a Committee to review the treatment of drug addiction. It was agreed to nominate Dr. Partridge for membership of this Committee.

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PAPERS

Subject: **"Discussion on the Report of the Royal Commission on the Law Relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency"**

Opening Speakers: Dr. Alexander Walk
Dr. Noel H. M. Burke, *O.B.E.*

The Association's Memorandum of Comments on the Report is printed on page 9.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Goodmayes Hospital, Ilford, Essex, on 29 October, 1957, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. George Somerville, the Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association and guests were received by Dr. Somerville and the Medical Staff. Parties were shown round various wards and departments of the hospital. Of particular interest were the Gloucester Occupational Therapy Clinic which had been formally opened the previous Thursday by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, the Day Hospital under the direction of Dr. T. P. Riordan and the EEG Department under the direction of Dr. J. E. Glancy.

About 80 members and guests were entertained to lunch. The Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Dr. J. A. Moody, welcomed the party and expressed the satisfaction of the Hospital Management Committee that this meeting was being held at Goodmayes. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. Walk, thanked the Chairman and Dr. Somerville for the hospitality extended to the Division and recalled the first meeting of the Division at Goodmayes in 1904. At that time the Medical Superintendent was Dr. Hunter, who later became Divisional Secretary; the then Secretary was Dr. Ernest White, of Stone House, and the main paper was by Dr. Thomson, a Cane Hill man; to-day their Secretary was again a Goodmayes man, the Assistant Secretary came from Stone House and the Chairman from Cane Hill. Dr. Somerville also spoke and said that the medical staff deemed it an honour that this meeting should be held at Goodmayes. He referred to the new Occupational Therapy Clinic, the gift of the King Edward's Hospital Fund, which he hoped everyone would visit.

1. *The Minutes of the last meeting* held at Banstead Hospital on 18 April, 1957, were confirmed and signed.

2. *Apologies for Absence* were received.

3. *The names of those present* were recorded.

4. *Divisional Committee of Management.* The Secretary reported on nominations for Regional Boards as follows:

East Anglian	Drs. J. V. Morris and D. H. Clark.
North-East Metropolitan	Drs. E. B. Strauss and G. Somerville.
North-West Metropolitan	Drs. J. B. S. Lewis and O. W. S. FitzGerald.
South-West Metropolitan	Drs. T. P. Rees and A. B. Monro.

and for the Board of Governors of Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals—Dr. J. G. Hamilton. Dr. T. P. Riordan was nominated as Divisional Representative for the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section Executive Committee.

Arrangements for Future Meetings:

Spring, 1958	Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge.
Autumn, 1958	Hellingly Hospital, Sussex.

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