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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on Tuesday, 5 May and Wednesday, 6 May, 1964, at Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff, under the Presidency of Professor Desmond Curran.

Obituary

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

GILLIE, ALEXANDER, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Psychiatrist, Little Plumstead Group of Hospitals and Norfolk County Child Guidance Clinic. An Ordinary Member since 1963.

MACLAY, WALTER SYMINGTON, The Hon., *C.B., O.B.E.*, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., Q.H.P., D.T.M.&H., F.B.Ps.S., Regional Psychiatrist, Wessex Regional Hospital Board. Chairman, South-Western Division since 1963; President-Elect.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were unanimously elected:

BLESSED, GARRY, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Senior Research Associate, Medical Research Council, University of Newcastle: 111 Thornhill Road, Ponteland, Northumberland.
Proposed by Drs. D. W. K. Kay, K. Schapira, C. Nelson.

BRITTON, RONALD SKIRROW, M.B., B.S., D.T.M.&H., Specialist in Psychiatry, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire.
Proposed by Drs. G. G. Wallis, R. J. Wawman, W. Cullen.

CAWTE, JOHN EWART, M.B., B.S., M.D., D.P.M., Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of New South Wales: Staff Psychiatrist, Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay: 25 Byron Street, Coogee, New South Wales, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. L. G. Kiloh, W. S. Rickards, J. D. Russell.

DARBANO, GUILLERMO JOSE DARBANO, Ph.D., M.D., Associate Director, Out-Patient Department, El Salvador Psychiatric Hospital: Professor, School of Psychology, University of El Salvador: Avenida Roosevelt 2737, San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America.
Proposed by Drs. A. Millan, W. G. Burrows, R. Fox.

DOLAN, JAMES, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer, Hartwood Mental Hospital, Shotts, Lanarkshire.
Proposed by Drs. T. Dymock, A. J. Graham, L. N. Cook.

ELLIOTT, JOHN THOMAS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Rochdale and District Hospital Group; West-Ville, Facit, Nr. Rochdale, Lancs.
Proposed by Drs. S. Falk, L. Grimshaw, J. C. Denmark.

FRIGHI, LUIGI, M.D., Libero Docente, Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic, University of Rome, Italy.
Proposed by Drs. D. Leigh, J. P. Dewsbery, B. Ackner.

GARDNER, WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Physician, Provincial Mental Health Service, Essondale: 4075 Yale Street, Burnaby 2, B.C., Canada.
Proposed by Drs. T. J. Hennelly, P. M. Middleton, A. Richman.

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HOSSAIN, MOHAMMED MOZAMMEL, M.B., B.S., Graded Specialist in Psychiatry, Pakistan Army: Military Hospital, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.
Proposed by Drs. M. Shuaib, S. Din Toor, M. Ashraf.

MCQUADE, MARY MARGARET, M.A., M.D., Ph.D., D.P.M., Clinical Teacher in Psychiatry, University of Toronto: Staff Psychiatrist, Toronto Mental Health Clinic: 514 Jarvie Street, Toronto 5, Canada.
Proposed by Drs. W. G. Burrows, R. Fox, H. Jacobs.

MACRITCHIE, KENNETH JOHN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Ross Clinic, Aberdeen, and Bilbohall Hospital, Elgin; Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen.
Proposed by Drs. J. Leckie, J. G. Henderson, Professor W. M. Millar.

MALLON, GERARD, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Hawkhead Hospital, Glasgow, S.W.3.
Proposed by Drs. R. H. Park, M. Vallance, D. H. Nimmo.

NELSON, WILLIAM MCCLURE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Registrar, Department of Child Psychiatry, Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, N. Ireland.
Proposed by Drs. S. J. Knox, W. B. McConnell, G. B. Plunkett.

POWER, JOSEPH MATTHEW, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.C.H., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Fintan's Hospital, Portlaoise, Eire.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Hill, Mary Sullivan, A. Walk.

TOUGH, HARRY GORDON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Kingseat Hospital, Newmachar, Aberdeenshire.
Proposed by Drs. S. S. Sutherland, R. A. T. Stewart, G. E. Faulkner.

WADUD, ABDUL, M.B., B.S., Clinical Assistant, St. John's Hospital, Stone, Aylesbury, Bucks.
Proposed by Drs. D. C. Watt, J. L. Crammer, I. Shribman.

Election of Associate Members

The following candidates for Associate Membership, having previously been approved by Council, were unanimously elected:

HAMILTON, MARIAN WATLING, B.A., Lecturer in Psychiatric Social Work, University of Manchester.
Proposed by Professor E. W. Anderson, Drs. J. Hoenig, G. Hopkinson.

MCKERRACHER, DANIEL WALLACE, M.A., Dip.Ed., Clinical Psychologist and Research Psychologist, 115 Woodbeck, Retford, Nottinghamshire.
Proposed by Drs. A. J. I. Dacre, L. J. Segal, I. N. S. Heald.

Report of Council Proceedings

The General Secretary read the following report:

Council met at Whitchurch Hospital yesterday.

The President referred to the death of Dr. W. A. Maclay, the President-Elect. He paid tribute to his work for the Association and said that Dr. Maclay's death was a great blow to the Association, particularly at this time. The question of the action to be taken by the Association had been referred to the Ad Hoc Committee. This Committee had had the benefit of legal advice and also considered a precedent of 60 years ago when the Association was also faced with the death of a President-Elect. In the light of advice the Ad Hoc Committee recommended to Council that the Annual Meeting should continue with as little modification as possible at Basingstoke under a new President. It is unusual for the name of the President-Elect to be read out at a Quarterly Meeting, but in view of the circumstances it seems right that the Association should be informed now that the Council approved the nomination of Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe to become President at the July Meeting this year.

Arising out of the Minutes of the previous meeting the Honorary General Secretary reported that the Joint Consultants Committee had not acceded to the request that the R.M.P.A. should be empowered to nominate one member of the Joint Consultants Committee. The reason was stated to be that the Joint Consultants Committee ought to consist of doctors able to act as spokesmen for the profession as a whole and not merely for a specialty or sectional interest. Council agreed that this contention raised an extremely important matter of principle which should be considered carefully both by Council and the whole membership of the Association with a view to formulating effective action for the future.

A reply had been received from the Ministry stating that they were not able to agree that the R.M.P.A. should nominate a member to the Ministry Committee on the Safety of Drugs. In view of this reply the proposal was made that the R.M.P.A. should form its own Committee on Drugs to comment on the psychiatric aspects of the use of Drugs where the conclusions of the Ministry's Committee might make difficulties for psychiatrists. Council postponed further consideration of this matter until July, by which time a paper giving the full implica-

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tions of the proposals might be made available to them.

Council noted with satisfaction that the Ministry had made a substantial increase in the pay of clinical psychologists.

Council considered the Ministry's reply to their letter about anomalies arising from Section 30, Sub-section 2 of the Mental Health Act. This reply was considered to be quite unsatisfactory and the Chairman and Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee were authorized to pursue the matter energetically with the Ministry.

Council confirmed that a Joint Meeting with the American Psychiatric Association should be held in Edinburgh in the second week in May, 1965. A Special Committee including Scottish members was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Treasurer submitted proposals for the revision of subscription rates for membership. These were approved by Council and will be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Association in July.

The Education Committee reported that they agreed with the recommendations regarding the examination for the D.P.M. by the Psychological Medicine Committee of the Royal College of Physicians with a number of minor amendments. They also submitted a Memorandum for the Salmon Committee on Senior Nursing Staff Structure. The Report was approved.

A Report was submitted by the Organizing Committee for the International Congress of Psychotherapy. Registrations were still coming in, but had not yet reached a level which would ensure that the R.M.P.A. could avoid financial loss in sponsoring the Congress. Council therefore wishes to point this out to Members and ask as many as possible to register for the Congress so that it may be a success and avoid financial loss.

The Special Committee on the Future of Organized Psychiatry reported that the Special Supplement would be posted overseas on 8 May, and to Great Britain and Ireland on 11 May. The ballot papers would be posted overseas on 11 May, and on 13 May to Great Britain and Ireland. Ballot papers would have to be returned by 29 May. Full arrangements have been made for a punch-card analysis of the results. Legal advice suggested that if effective action were to be taken by the Association in response to any given vote it would be highly desirable that the course voted for should obtain the support of more than half of the Members of the Association, not merely more than half of those who voted. Council wishes to stress that it is therefore very important that there should be a comprehensive ballot. They decided that a further circulation to stimulate possible laggards should be sent round between the 13 and 29 May. Council thought it would be unwise to deprive the next meeting of Council of freedom of action to make decisions on the results of the ballot. but they felt that the lawyers' advice on insisting on a majority of the total membership should be given very great weight. They noted with interest that when the College of Pathologists was founded a majority of this order was insisted on. The Pathologists said in advance that they would act on nothing less than a 70 per cent. ballot and a 75 per cent. majority. Council decided against making any special circulation relating to the recent decisions by the Royal College of Physicians regarding changes in the Examination for the M.R.C.P., but resolved that a letter should be sent to the medical press stating that any member who wished to obtain information on this subject should refer to publications on the subject in the medical press.

The Special Committee on Accommodation reported to Council that it had proved impossible to get further information from the Royal College of Physicians regarding details of the proposal to rent accommodation in the new Royal College of Physicians building. They also reported that there was a possibility of obtaining a suite of rooms in Chandos House, which had been recently acquired by the Royal Society of Medicine. The total accommodation to be rented from the R.S.M. would have to have a larger floor area than that at the Royal College of Physicians, but the accommodation was spacious and dignified and the rate per square foot would be the same as at the College. Council therefore empowered the Special Committee to pursue negotiations with the Royal Society of Medicine and to close the deal, subject to satisfactory terms being negotiated.

Papers

The following papers were read:

Social Aspects of Psychiatry

"Symptoms and Attitudes in a Rural Population"
Dr. K. Rawnsley

"Mental Health on a New Housing Estate"
Dr. E. H. Hare

Symposium on Indications and Side-effects of the Drug Treatment of Depression
Dr. P. J. Dally
Dr. C. M. B. Pare
Dr. B. Blackwell

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Seminars

Seminars were held on Tuesday, 5 May, and the following papers were presented:

"In-Patient Treatment of Psychiatric Disorders in Children"
Dr. G. Crosse.

"Suicidal Attempts in Children"
Dr. P. H. Connell.

"Glucose Metabolism in Depressions"
Dr. I. G. Pryce.

"Rehabilitation of Long-Stay Schizophrenics"
Dr. Myrddin Evans.

Film Show

The first of the R.M.P.A. sponsored films were shown. These were "Paraphrenia", made at Kingsway Hospital, Derby, and "The Subnormality Picture", made at Cranage Hall and introduced by Dr. T. L. Pilkington.

Hospitality

On Tuesday evening Members and their wives were entertained at a most enjoyable Civic Dinner at the City Hall, by invitation of the Cardiff City Council. On Wednesday Members and their wives were invited to Luncheon at Whitchurch Hospital by the Hospital Management Committee.

Section Meetings

The Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee arranged an Open Meeting at which Professor C. Knight Aldrich from the University of Chicago read a paper on "A Model for the Teaching of Dynamic Psychiatry to Medical Students".

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting was held at Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke on 7-10 July, 1964. Professor Desmond Curran presided over the earlier proceedings and Dr. Ian Skottowe took the Chair after his induction on 8 July.

TUESDAY, 7 JULY, 1964

Committees and Council met at Park Prewett Hospital, and Seminars were arranged as follows:

More About Research Methods

"Effect of Experimenter on Subject and Doctor on Patient in Research." Dr. J. Knowles.
"Analysing the E.E.G." Dr. J. Shaw.
"Operational Research." Dr. P. Sainsbury.

Family Psychiatry

"Psychiatric Aspects of Marriage." Dr. N. Kreitman.
"Effects on the Family of a Mentally Ill Member." Dr. J. C. Grad.

The film show arranged by the Films Sub-Committee in the evening included "Industrial Rehabilitation", one of the R.M.P.A. sponsored films, introduced by Dr. W. V. Wadsworth; and "World of the Schizophrenic".

In the evening Dr. Ian Skottowe, the President-Elect, gave a Dinner to members of Council at the Royal Hotel, Winchester.

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, 1964

Morning Session

Professor Desmond Curran in the Chair.

The Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Annual Meeting held in London in 1963, having been published in the Supplement to the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, were confirmed and signed by the President.

Obituary

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

Graves, Thomas Chivers, late Medical Superintendent, Rubery Hill Hospital, Birmingham. An Ordinary Member since 1915; President, 1940-1944.

Harper, Raymond Sydney O. St. John, Neuropsychiatrist, Ministry of Pensions. An Ordinary Member since 1920.

Jacobs, Joshua James Morris, Physician, Tavistock Clinic, London. An Ordinary Member since 1940.

Leviten, Samuel, Medical Director, Preston Child Guidance Clinic. An Ordinary Member since 1947.

Millman, Cyril Guy, Medical Superintendent, Northgate and District Hospital, Morpeth. An Ordinary Member since 1938.

Stewart, Roy Mackenzie, late Medical Superintendent, Leavesden Hospital. An Ordinary Member since 1914; Chairman, South Eastern Division 1937-1938; Chairman, Mental Deficiency Committee 1943-1964 and of Mental Deficiency Section 1946-1947.

Thomas, Cyril James, late Medical Superintendent, Knowle Hospital, Fareham. A former member.

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