Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association took place at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, and at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 3, 4 and 5, 1935, under the chairmanship in the earlier proceedings of Dr. Daniel F. Rambaut, M.A., and later of Dr. Reginald Worth, *O.B.E.*

Wednesday, July 3.—Morning Session.

Dr. RAMBAUT in the Chair.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the ninety-third Annual Meeting, held at Northampton, having been published in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT said it was his sad duty to record the death of three members: Dr. J. H. Morton, who died last month, Dr. Charles Planck, who also died in June, and Mrs. Ruby Lord.

Dr. MCDOWALL paid a short tribute to the memory of Dr. Morton.

A tribute to the memory of the deceased members was paid by members present standing in silence.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

The following resolutions were put from the Chair and carried:

(*a*) That the Officers for 1935–36 be:

President.—Reginald Worth, *O.B.E.*, M.B.
President-Elect.—Michael Abdy Collins, *O.B.E.*, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Ex-President.—Daniel F. Rambaut, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.
Treasurer.—George William Smith, *O.B.E.*, M.B.
General Secretary.—Reginald Worth, *O.B.E.*, M.B.
Registrar.—Daniel F. Rambaut, M.A., M.D.
Editors of Journal:
Douglas McRae, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.
Maurice Hamblin Smith, M.A., M.D.
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 1935–36 be:

Sir Hubert Bond, Drs. A. Helen Boyle, J. F. W. Leech, T. R. C. Spence, R. B. Campbell, R. M. Macfarlane, T. Saxty Good and H. C. Beccle.

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

(*d*) That the Educational Committee be reappointed, with the addition of the name of Dr. C. J. Thomas.

(*e*) That the Library Committee be reappointed, and that the following be added thereto: Dr. R. Ström-Olsen and Dr. A. J. Lewis.

(*f*) That the Research and Clinical Committee, with the addition of Dr. T. W. Davidson, be reappointed. Drs. H. J. Norman, A. G. Shera and H. Yellowlees have resigned from this Committee.

(*g*) That the Mental Deficiency Committee be appointed. The members of this Committee number 89. The Chairman is Dr. F. Douglas Turner, the Vice-Chairman Dr. W. Rees Thomas, and the Secretary Dr. E. O. Lewis.

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

For England and Wales.—Drs. H. Dove Cormac, S. Edgar Martin.
For Scotland.—Drs. D. McRae, T. C. Mackenzie, R. D. Hotchkis, D. Ross, W. M. Buchanan.
For Northern Ireland.—Drs. F. J. Deane, Dorothy Gardner, N. B. Graham, M. J. Nolan, J. Watson.
For Irish Free State.—Drs. S. Blake, J. O'Conor Donelan, R. R. Leeper, L. Gavin, J. C. Martin.

(*i*) That the Maudsley Lecturer for 1936 be:
Sir Walter Langdon Brown, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge.

Report of the Council.

The Council begs to submit its 39th Annual Report as under:

It is gratifying to note that the number of members steadily increases year by year. In January, 1935, the number of members, as shown in the list of names published in the *Journal of Mental Science*, totalled 912, compared with 895 in 1934.

1933.		1934.
35	Number of new members elected . .	45
895	Number of members registered . . .	912
..	Removed according to Bye-law 17 . .	..
10	Number of members resigned . . .	20
13	Number of deaths	10

Members:	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Ordinary . .	703	700	706	727	753	771	787	801	815	831
Honorary . .	29	30	31	33	35	36	36	37	37	36
Corresponding .	16	15	17	22	31	40	46	45	43	45
	748	745	754	782	819	847	869	883	895	912

The Council do not propose to report on the work of the Standing Committees or of the Officers, as this is covered in full in their respective Annual Reports. The Council desire, however, to place on record their appreciation of the valuable work done by the Committees of the Association during the past year.

Notes of General Interest.

Members will recall that last year a Special Committee was appointed to prepare a Memorandum for submission to the Departmental Committee on the Cost of Hospitals (appointed by the Minister of Health). This was duly prepared by the Committee, and in January last Drs. R. Worth, F. D. Turner and Ian Skottowe gave oral evidence in support of the Memorandum.

The revision of the Bye-laws passed by the Annual Meeting last year was

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sanctioned by the Privy Council in October, 1934. Perhaps the most important alteration relates to the creation of a new Standing Committee, viz., the Mental Deficiency Committee. Many members are deeply interested in this subject, and there is little doubt that the new Committee will become an important part of the Association. Among their other activities the Committee have decided to organize observation visits to mental deficiency institutions each spring. This year, through the courtesy of Dr. N. H. M. Burke, members of the Association were invited to visit Cell Barnes Colony. Many members accepted the invitation and spent an interesting and enjoyable day.

The Mental Health Services Committee, which was appointed at the Annual Meeting, 1934, to consider the relationship of Local Authorities to Mental Hospitals, presented their Report in February last. This Report was later circulated to all members, and at the May Quarterly General Meeting a discussion on the matter was opened by Dr. A. A. W. Petrie. Five representatives—Drs. R. Worth, A. A. W. Petrie, G. W. Masefield, P. K. McCowan and F. D. Turner—were appointed to confer with the Board of Control on the whole question.

In October last Drs. J. Shaw Bolton, H. G. L. Haynes, M. A. Collins and D. Rice represented the Association at a meeting with delegates of the British Medical Association to discuss the Report of the B.M.A. on the Relationship of the Private Practitioner to the Treatment of Mental Disability. The Association took exception to Paragraph 52, iii, of the Report, and after an amicable discussion Part iii of Paragraph 52 was withdrawn and replaced by a new paragraph reading :

> *Paragraph* 53.—If and when the suggestions contained in Paragraph 45 are operative, and in consequence a sufficiency of adequately qualified consultants in mental disability are available, it will be unnecessary for whole-time salaried medical officers to undertake private consulting work.

By the desire of the B.M.A. delegates Paragraph 42 was also re-drafted in order to render its meaning less obscure :

> *Paragraph* 42.—At present in many districts there is a very restricted number of specialists in mental disability, and in order that the public should have a wide field of selection for consultant and specialist services, it is undesirable that any system should be established or perpetuated which would make it increasingly difficult for private practitioners to engage in this class of work.

Following the result of the questionnaire on Sterilization, Dr. Worth was appointed to represent the Association on the Joint Committee of Voluntary Sterilization. The Council, however, still do not feel that there is sufficient unanimity among members to justify them in giving unreserved support to the Joint Committee. It has been decided that a discussion on Voluntary Sterilization shall be held at the Quarterly Meeting in November next, at which there will be a definite opener in support of Sterilization and a definite opposer. It is hoped that members will make every effort to be present at the debate.

The Council has agreed to a proposal that the *Journal of Mental Science* should be published bi-monthly, and that the domestic news of the Association should be printed separately and sent with the Journal only to members of the Association. The Council has every belief that this is a progressive step.

The 1935 Maudsley Lecture was delivered by Dr. L. C. Bruce, *M.C.*, F.R.C.P.E., M.P.C., in February. The lecture, " Observations on the Physical Symptoms of Acute Confusional Insanity ", was illustrated by slides, and was well attended by an appreciative audience.

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

> Dr. G. W. B. James at the 38th Congrès des Médecins Aliénistes et Neurologistes de France et des Pays de Langue Française held at Lyons in July last.

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Dr. F. Douglas Turner at the Conference on Mental Welfare, November, 1934.
Dr. Doris Odlum at the Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Bournemouth, July, 1935.
Dr. J. Ivison Russell at the Annual Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health, Harrogate, June, 1935.
Dr. G. W. B. James at the Centenary Celebrations of Magnan, Paris, 1935.

Obituary.

The Council regrets to report the sad loss of many well-known and respected members of the Association who passed away during the year.

Honorary Members: René Semelaigne, Thomas I. Considine.

Ordinary Members: Eric D. Macnamara, Hugh Kerr, Sir Maurice Craig, H. T. S. Aveline, Samuel Gilfillan, J. P. Sturrock, J. H. Morton.

Dr. WORTH read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. HAYNES seconded.

[Agreed.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER.

Dr. G. W. SMITH said that the Annual Balance-Sheet of the Association was being passed round. It was made up to December 31, 1934, and would be published in the Journal in due course. The Association's Capital Account shows a slight increase owing to an appreciation in the market value of the investments. Receipts from subscriptions had increased, and there was an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £319 16*s.* 3*d.* The Maudsley Bequest was in a solvent condition, also the Gaskell Memorial Fund. He thought the Association could congratulate itself on its financial position.

He moved the adoption of the Report.

[Agreed.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library has been used extensively during the past year by members and some visitors, both for reading and reference purposes. The issue of books during the past twelve months has exceeded that of any previous year.

The Committee has decided to add to the number of foreign journals for the use of members, namely:

Zentralblatt für Neurologie und Psychiatrie,
Der Nervenarzt,

at a total annual cost of approximately £26 13*s.* 6*d.*

A number of books, both recent and historical, have been added to the Library, and the Library Committe wishes to thank those members who have been so good as to present books.

Dr. J. R. WHITWELL read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. MCDOWALL seconded.

[Agreed.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR.

The total number of entries for the Preliminary and Final Examinations for the year 1934 was 7,210—an increase of 290 as compared with the year 1933. Of these 7,210 candidates, 884 were candidates in the Mental Deficiency Section. The candidates for the Preliminary Examinations numbered 4,052, and for the Final Examinations 3,158.

There were 4,434 entries for the May, 1934, Examination—2,486 Preliminary and 1,946 Final. For the November, 1934, Examination there were 2,778 entries—1,566 Preliminary and 1,212 Final.

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ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31st December, 1934.

1933. £ s. d.	Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	CREDITORS—			
398 2 5	Printing and distribution of Journal		259 5 2	
268 5 0	Examiners' Fees		268 5 0	
17 6 6	Subscriptions received in advance		7 17 6	
116 11 7	Sundry		99 8 7	
800 5 6				634 16 3
	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	186 9 3		
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date as per detailed Account	16 11 0	169 18 3	
186 9 3				
	The Gaskell Memorial Fund—			
	As per last Balance-Sheet	186 4 4		
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date as per detailed Account	10 12 4		
186 4 4			175 12 0	
				385 4 3
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—GENERAL FUND—			
15,082 11 3	As per last Balance-Sheet		15,082 11 3	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Revenue Account		319 16 3	
				15,402 7 6
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—MAUDSLEY BEQUEST—			
2,086 5 10	As per last Balance-Sheet			2,086 5 10
£18,381 10 2				£18,508 13 10

	Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1933. £ s. d.
	FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, 11, CHANDOS STREET, W.1—				
	As per last Balance-Sheet	379 5 0			
	Additions during year to date	39 6 11			
		418 11 11			
	Less Depreciation	41 17 2		376 14 9	379 5 0
	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 £20,226 12s. 1d.				
	DEBTORS—				
	For Subscriptions	380 7 0			369 10 8
	Examination Fees less Expenses	224 8 6			181 16 6
	Sundry	74 17 0			
			679 12 6		61 6 8
	CASH AT BANK—				
	On Current Account		1,318 17 9		1,256 2 6
			£18,508 13 10		£18,381 10 2

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

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet, dated 31st December, 1934, with the books and vouchers relating thereto. The Examination Receipts and Expenses received and paid by the Registrar are in accordance with Accounts submitted by him but these have not been audited.

Subject to this, in our opinion, the Balance-Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Association at 31st December, 1934.

3, London Wall Buildings,
London, E.C. 2.
18th June, 1935.

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

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REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1934.

Dr. Expenditure.

1933. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,171 12 10	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal		1,128 4 11	
2,660 0 1	„ Expenses of Examinations and Prizes		2,773 11 11	
311 15 11	„ Expenses of Annual, General and other Meetings		378 5 4	
54 3 0	„ Library Expenses	51 18 0		
	„ *Less* Interest on £320 14s. 8d. 3½% New Zealand Stock, 1940	8 11 4		
			43 6 8	
	„ *Expenses:* 11, Chandos Street, W. 1:			
330 0 0	Rent	330 0 0		
157 11 8	Salary	182 9 9		
15 8	Telephone	14 6 6		
24 18 2	Printing and Stationery	19 17 0		
22 8 0	Postages and Sundries	40 0 0		
			586 13 3	
11 11 0	„ Accountancy Charges		7 7 0	
242 4 0	„ Miscellaneous Expenses		322 7 5	
				5,239 16 6
5,001 13 2				
42 2 2	„ Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings			41 17 2
498 3 0	„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1934, carried to Capital Account (*see Balance-Sheet*)			319 16 3
£5,541 18 4				£5,601 9 11

Income. Cr.

1933. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	By Interest on Investments (less Income Tax)		430 10 3	401 9 10
	„ Interest on Deposit Account („ „)		10 10	14 10
	„ Sale of Journal	270 0 0		255 0 0
	„ *Sale of Mott Memorial Volumes*	— — —		2 16 9
	„ Royalties on Handbook and Manual	120 13 0		90 15 0
	„ Sale of Statistical Forms, etc.	0 15 4		1 3 2
	„ Advertisements in Journal	107 15 0		93 17 4
			499 3 4	
	„ Examination Receipts		3,277 13 5	3,522 6 9
	„ Members' Subscriptions		1,393 12 1	1,173 14 8
			£5,601 9 11	£5,541 18 4

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1934.

1933. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
78 15 0	To Lecturer's Honorarium—The Rt. Hon. Lord Macmillan	52 10 0
39 2 4	„ Printing and Stationery	12 16 3
5 4 2	„ Sundry Expenses	8 11 0
£123 1 6		£73 17 3

Income.	Cr. £ s. d.	1933. £ s. d.
By Interest on Investment (*less* Income Tax)	57 6 3	55 9 7
„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1934 (*see Balance-Sheet*)	16 11 0	67 11 11
	£73 17 3	£123 1 6

THE GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1934.

1933. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
30 0 0	To Prize	30 0 0
35 2 0	„ Examiners' Fees and Expenses ...	31 10 0
— — —	„ Advertisement	3 14 6
32 14 11	„ Gold Medals and Engraving	— — —
£97 16 11		£65 4 6

Income.	Cr. £ s. d.	1933. £ s. d.
By Interest on Trustee Investments (*less* Income Tax) as follows:		
£370 0s. 0d. 3½ *per cent.* War Loan ...	10 0 9	9 14 7
£1,380 14s. 3d. New Zealand 3½ *per cent.* Stock, 1940	36 16 11	36 4 10
£337 11s. 0d. New South Wales 3 *per cent.* Stock, 1935	7 14 6	7 12 0
„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1934 (*see Balance-Sheet*)	10 12 4	44 5 6
	£65 4 6	£97 16 11

The details of the Preliminary Examinations for the year 1934 were as follows:

Preliminary Examination.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentages.
English County Mental Hospitals	2,228	1,195	53·63
English Borough Mental Hospitals	366	231	63·11
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	177	107	60·45
Scottish Mental Hospitals	478	270	56·27
Irish Mental Hospitals	297	163	54·88
Federated Malay States	1	0	—
Mental Deficiency Section	505	311	61·58
Totals	4,052	2,277	56·19

The details of the 1934 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	1,725	972	36	56·34	2·02	3·70
English Borough Mental Hospitals	352	193	10	54·82	2·84	5·23
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	128	79	9	61·71	7·03	11·39
Scottish Mental Hospitals	337	260	6	77·15	1·77	2·30
Irish Mental Hospitals	236	122	4	51·69	1·59	3·27
Federated Malay States	1	1	0	100·00	—	—
Mental Deficiency Section	379	268	4	70·71	1·05	1·49
Totals	3,158	1,895	69	60·00	2·18	3·64

In the year 1934 there were 5 entries for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize. Dr. William Blyth, of Paisley District Mental Hospital, was the winner.

There were 3 entries for the Bronze Medal and Prize, which was awarded to Dr. Harold G. Beccle, of Springfield Mental Hospital.

The Divisional Prize for 1934 was awarded to Dr. E. J. Fitzgerald, of Winwick Mental Hospital.

The Campbell Clark Medal and Prize was won by Nurse Cissie Morris, of Bexley Mental Hospital, in May, 1934. She obtained an aggregate of 185 marks out of a possible 200. In November, 1934, it was won by Male Nurse John Humphries, of Belfast Mental Hospital, who obtained 182 marks.

May, 1935, Examinations.

For the May, 1935, Examinations the entries numbered 4,677, the highest number on record. Of these, 2,714 were Preliminary and 1,963 Final candidates.

The analysis of the Examinations is as follows:

Preliminary.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentages.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,442	833	57·76
English Borough Mental Hospitals	243	170	69·95
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	148	85	57·42
Scottish Mental Hospitals	276	181	65·58
Irish Mental Hospitals	248	129	52·01
Ingutsheni, Southern Rhodesia	3	2	66·66
Mental Deficiency Section	354	209	59·03
Totals	2,714	1,609	59·28

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Final.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Distinctions.	Percentage of— Passes to entries.	Dists. to entries.	Dists. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,009	584	23	57·87	2·27	3·93
English Borough Mental Hospitals	212	107	6	50·47	2·83	5·60
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	90	43	2	47·77	2·22	4·65
Scottish Mental Hospitals	226	79	0	34·95	—	—
Irish Mental Hospitals	163	33	0	20·25	—	—
Mental Deficiency Section	263	138	3	52·47	1·14	2·17
Totals	1,963	984	34	50·12	1·73	3·45

The Campbell Clark Medal and Prize was won by Nurse Thelma Mary Preece, of Powick Mental Hospital, with an aggregate of 176 out of a possible 200.

In the Preliminary Examination three candidates were disqualified from the Examination because their respective Medical Superintendents found they were obtaining external aid when writing their papers.

Some cases of suspected collusion in the Final Examination were reported to me by the Examiner and referred by me to the Chairman of the Educational Committee.

In 1935 there were two entires for the Examination for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, but only one candidate took the examination. In the result no award was made.

There was no candidate for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The Bronze Medal and Prize for 1935 has been awarded, and the name of the winner will be announced later.

No entry was received for the Divisional Prize.

DANIEL F. RAMBAUT,
Registrar.

The PRESIDENT and REGISTRAR (Dr. Rambaut) read this Report, and moved its adoption.

[**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE EDITORS.

The cost of the Journal for 1934 again shows a reduction compared with previous years. The total net cost to the Association was £750 9*s*. 11*d*., a reduction of £50, and the cost per copy stands at 3*s*. 1*d*. as against 3*s*. 4*d*. Both figures are the lowest since 1924, when the size of the Journal was much smaller.

During the year the Journal was honoured by a contribution from Prof. Pavlov. Among other outstanding contributions may be mentioned Dr. A. J. Lewis's exhaustive historical and clinical study of melancholia, and the investigation of cancer mortality in mental hospitals by Drs. Rudolf and Ashby. The first monograph under the scheme approved last year will be published with the forthcoming July number.

As a result of a conference between the Editors and representatives of the Research and Clinical Committee held with a view to devising means for increasing the usefulness and prestige of the Journal and for meeting certain criticisms, the following proposals were approved by the Council:

(1) That the Journal should be published bi-monthly, instead of quarterly.

(2) That the section dealing with the internal affairs of the Association should be printed as a supplement to be issued to members only.

It is estimated that the more frequent issue of the Journal will not involve any appreciable increase in its cost to the Association.

It is also proposed to publish regularly brief reviews of recent work in various fields.

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At a later date the Editors hope to take steps to bring the Journal more prominently to the notice of potential subscribers, especially abroad.

The Editors have again to express their cordial thanks to those who have supported the Journal by contributing extracts and reviews during the past year.

Analysis of Cost of Journal, 1933-34.

1933. £ s. d.	1933. £ s. d.	*Debit.*	1934. £ s. d.	1934. £ s. d.
959 4 9		Printing, Illustrations, Paper, Binding	925 17 3	
144 16 6		Reprints and dispatch . .	140 6 11	
26 8 4		Stationery, postage and index	21 5 6	
41 3 3		Publishers' fees	40 15 3	
	1,171 12 10			1,128 4 11
		Credit.		
276 17 6		Sale of Journal, etc. . .	270 0 0	
93 17 4		Advertisements . . .	107 15 0	
	370 14 10			377 15 0

Cost of Journal.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.
800 18 0	Net cost to Association	750 9 11
4*s.* 10½*d.*	Cost of production per copy . . .	4*s.* 8*d.*
3*s.* 4*d.*	Cost to Association per copy . . .	3*s.* 1*d.*
	Size of Journal in pages	824
872 new format, equal to about 1,030 old format.		

Dr. WALK read the Report and moved that it be adopted.

[**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

During the past year there has been no legislative action of outstanding importance to the Mental Health Services. At the meetings of this Committee discussion has taken place on the subject of the control of the mental health services by the medical officer of health, or even in some cases by a lay official. This subject, however, has been referred to a special committee.

The question of sterilization continues to be a thorn in the flesh of the Association, and the difficulty of getting an authoritative opinion from the Association appears to be insurmountable. An open discussion on the subject has been arranged for the Quarterly Meeting in November.

The reports of the Parliamentary Agent continue to be useful, though this year they have not been of the paramount importance they are when the Legislature is occupying itself with our speciality.

Dr. HAYNES read this Report and moved that it be adopted.

[**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational Committee begs to submit the following report for the year ending June 30, 1935.

During the year four meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 21 members.

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Much time of the Committee has been devoted to the subject of a Certificate in Occupational Therapy for Mental Nurses. Syllabus and regulations for the training and examination of candidates for such certificate have been drawn up and adopted.

The following institutions have been recognized as Training Centres:

Jersey Mental Hospital, for mental nurses.
Pewsey Colony Certified Institution, for female M.D. nurses.
Stoke Park Colony, for M.D. nurses.
Leybourne Grange Colony, for male M.D. nurses.

Serious consideration has been given to the question of alleged collusion of candidates at a recent nursing examination. It was agreed that a candidate proved guilty of collusion or of obtaining any other form of illicit aid should be disqualified at the examination, and, in addition, prohibited from entering for any examination of the Association for a period of two years. The Committee reserved the right to take further action with regard to the recognition of any training centre where sufficient supervision has not been carried out.

The question of the mode of appointment of examiners for the Association's examinations is receiving special attention.

It has been noted with gratification by the Committee that an increasing number of candidates enter for the Association's examinations.

Dr. PETRIE (in the absence of the Secretary of the Committee) read the Report and moved its adoption.

[**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL COMMITTEE.

The Research and Clinical Committee begs to submit the following Report for the year ending July, 1935:

Meetings.

The Committee has met four times during the year: viz., on July 3, 1934; on November 19, 1934; on February 27, 1935; and on May 15, 1935.

Changes in Personnel.

The changes in representative members of Sub-Committees are referred to in the reports of the Sub-Committees.

Re-appointment of Sub-Committees.

The following Sub-Committees were re-appointed at the November, 1934, meeting:

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

At the February meeting a Sub-Committee was formed to draw up a scheme for a "refresher course" for medical officers of mental hospitals. It is proposed to hold the first course during the first two weeks of November at the L.C.C. Central Pathological Laboratory, Maudsley Hospital. The Chairman of the Board of Control and the corresponding officials for Scotland, the Free State and Northern Ireland will be asked to advise the Visiting Committees of their mental hospitals to pay the expenses of medical officers attending "refresher courses", on the grounds that the bringing up to date of the psychiatric knowledge of such medical officers would be to the direct benefit of the patients under their care.

A Sub-Committee to meet the Editors of the Journal was formed during the

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year, and, as a result of its activities, the following recommendations were adopted by the Council:

(1) That the Journal should be published bi-monthly.

(2) That the reports of Association meetings should be printed in a separate supplement to the Journal, to be issued to members only.

Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee.

This Sub-Committee has been occupied in the bringing out of a History Form for use in mental hospitals.

During the year Dr. Yellowlees resigned.

Drs. McCartan, Nicol, McCowan and Fleming now 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.

In addition, the Bibliography on War Psychology, now being circulated by the War Prophylaxis Sub-Committee of the Dutch Medical Association, has been corrected and enlarged.

Drs. Franklin and Hardcastle represent this Sub-Committee on the main Committee.

Infectious Diseases Sub-Committee.

This Sub-Committee met twice during the year. At the meeting in November, 1934, a discussion took place upon the value of cholecystectomy in the treatment of typhoid carriers in mental hospitals. As a result of this discussion it was decided to send out a questionnaire on the subject to various mental hospitals. The Sub-Committee drew up the form of questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent to sixty-eight mental hospitals in England and Wales, and the replies received were considered by the Sub-Committee at its meeting in May, 1935. After a general discussion, it was resolved that Dr. Ashby be asked to analyse the replies and to submit a report to the Sub-Committee at its next meeting.

The Sub-Committee has also had under consideration for some time the value of vaccination as a prophylactic measure against Flexner dysentery. One of the members is at present engaged in various experiments dealing with this subject, but it will be some time before these can be completed.

The oral administration of Flexner and typhoid vaccines is a matter of considerable importance, and the Sub-Committee propose to make it the subject for a special inquiry shortly.

Drs. Rudolf and Davidson were elected as representatives to serve on the main Committee.

Dr. McGrath was re-elected Secretary.

Pathology, Bacteriology and Biochemistry Sub-Committee.

This Sub-Committee continues to hold meetings, at which special problems are discussed. Three meetings have been held in the past year, and papers have been read on focal sepsis and on the pituitary gland, followed by interesting and instructive discussions.

One new member has been co-opted on the Sub-Committee, and Drs. Shaw and Ford-Robertson have been re-elected as representatives on the main Committee. Drs. Pickworth and Drury have been re-elected Honorary Secretaries.

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

Last October twenty-one members and others took part in an organized tour of the following mental hospitals: North Riding and The Retreat at York, Chester, Swansea, Cardiff, Devon at Exminster, and Dorset House, Bristol.

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They witnessed valuable demonstrations of various methods of developing manual and other occupations in the treatment of illness, the steadying of behaviour and the advance of hospital administration. The party was received throughout the journey with generous hospitality in the hospitals.

Other activities of the Sub-Committee include arrangements for single visits to foreign hospitals and correspondence with the American Medical Association of Vienna on the subject of special courses in psychiatry.

Information has been collected which will assist in the organization of future tours bearing on the question of " family care " and other subjects.

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

Heredity of Mental Diseases Sub-Committee.

This Sub-Committee has been in touch with the Medical Research Council throughout the year, and, as a result, Dr. Munro, of the Royal Edinburgh Mental Hospital, was appointed to pursue the research on consanguineous marriages in relation to mental disease, and Dr. Slater, of the Maudsley Hospital, will probably be appointed soon to carry out a research into the heredity of the manic-depressive psychoses.

P. K. McCowan,
Hon. Secretary.

Dr. McCowan read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. Campbell seconded. [**Agreed.**

Reports of Special Committees.

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

Dr. Worth announced that there was no Report to submit.

Dr. M. Abdy Collins said that, as far as England was concerned, the General Nursing Council had declined to summon this Committee. He believed that Dr. Worth had seen someone at the Ministry of Health, but the Association did not appear to have had any reply. He, the speaker, did not know whether it was consistent with the Association's dignity to go on appointing this Committee. It would not be summoned unless the Minister intervened.

Dr. Worth said it was decided at the meeting of the Council on the previous day that a further letter be written to the General Nursing Council calling attention to the fact that this Association, as stated by the Minister of Health, should nominate examiners for the General Nursing Council. They had not done so for many years, and he thought it was now time that the General Nursing Council was slightly called to order on the matter. The Council yesterday decided that the letter to be sent should give them a hint that they ought to remember a past resolution emanating from the Ministry of Health.

(b) *The Mental Deficiency Committee.*

Dr. Douglas Turner reported that during the year a visit had been paid to the Cell Barnes Colony, and was very much enjoyed. Other meetings had been held, and three papers had been read, and they were well discussed.

The Report was agreed to.

(c) *The Mental Health Services Committee.*

Dr. Petrie said that this Committee had met on several occasions and had prepared a tentative report, which was circulated and discussed at the May meeting of the Association. As directed by the Council, that Committee had interviewed the members of the British Medical Association, and a delegation had interviewed the Board of Control. Broadly, it could be said that both those bodies approved of the policy the Committee put before them, but were rather inclined to say that

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a closer linking-up than some members of the R.M.P.A. desired with the Medical Officers of Health seemed to be inevitable. On the previous day the Council appointed a delegation for the purpose of getting more exact terms from the Secretaries of the British Medical Association. That delegation, it was decided, should consist of the Secretary, the President-Elect, Dr. Masefield, Dr. McCowan, Dr. Petrie, Dr. Brander and Dr. Douglas Turner, the last-named to represent mental deficiency. This deputation would again report to the Association as a whole.

He concluded by moving that the Report be adopted.

[**Agreed.**

Motions Involving Expenditure of Funds.

Dr. G. W. Smith (Hon. Treasurer) asked for a grant of £150 to cover the President's expenses incurred in fulfilment of his office, as decided by a former general meeting. [**Agreed.**

The Chairmen of the Research Committee and of the Library Committee made application for a grant of £50 for the work of their respective committees, and the amounts were unanimously granted.

On mention being made of a similar grant for the Mental Deficiency Committee Dr. Douglas Turner said he did not think a grant of money was now necessary for that Committee, as it had become one of the Association's Standing Committees.

Dr. Smith said that a grant was made to that Committee; he believed it was £200.

Dr. Turner replied that only 9*s*. 6*d*. had been used.

Dates of Quarterly General Meetings.

The President said the dates proposed for Quarterly General Meetings for the ensuing year were: Friday, November 22, Wednesday, February 26, and Thursday, May 14.

These dates were approved.

Election of Members.

The following were voted upon by ballot, the scrutineers being Dr. M. Abdy Collins and Dr. Whitwell, and were unanimously elected:

Honorary Members.

John Keay, *C.B.E.*, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P., "Champions", Beaminster, Dorset. (President 1918; Chairman, Educational Committee, 1920–27.)

Hamilton Marr, *C.B.*, M.D., C.M., F.R.F.P.S., M.P.C., Commissioner, General Board of Control for Scotland: 10, Succoth Avenue, Edinburgh. (Secretary, Scottish Division, 1907–10; President, 1927–28.)

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

They were unanimously elected.

Corresponding Members.

Prof. Pierre Combemale, Médecin-Chef à l'Asile de Bailleul, Nord, France.

Prof. W. Mayer-Gross, Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Heidelberg; Rockefeller Research Fellow at the Maudsley Hospital.

Dr. Thordur Sveinsson, Medical Superintendent, Gamle Kleppur Asylum, Reykjavik, Iceland.

Dr. Helgi Tómasson, Medical Superintendent, Nýja Spitalanum á Kleppi, Reykjavik, Iceland.

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

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Ordinary Members.

TAYLOR, MOORE, Major I.M.S., M.D., D.P.H., Medical Superintendent, Ranchi European Mental Hospital, Bihar and Orissa, India.
Proposed by Drs. D. F. Rambaut, N. R. Phillips and I. McLeman.

DANBY, THOMAS ANYAN, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., D.P.H., Capt. R.A.M.C. (T.A.), Medical Superintendent, Sandhill Park, Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton; "Wayside", Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton.
Proposed by Drs. J. W. W. Adamson, E. O. Lewis and G. W. Mackay.

ARNOTT, DESMOND WILLIAM HENRY, M.B., Ch.M., D.P.Sydney, Secretary of Section of Neurology and Psychiatry, B.M.A., N.S.W. Branch; "Harley", 143, Macquarie Street, Sydney, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. R. Noble, R. Worth and H. C. Beccle.

LLOYD, JOHN ERNEST SETON, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Barrister-at-Law, Assistant Medical Officer, Cane Hill Mental Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. G. A. Lilly, O. P. Napier Pearn and G. J. Bell.

These also were elected.

WINNERS OF MEDALS AND PRIZES.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Bronze Medal and Prize had been won by Dr. A. Guirdham, Assistant Medical Officer, Brentwood Mental Hospital. The Gaskell Medal had not been awarded. Dr. Guirdham would unfortunately not be able to attend that afternoon to receive the prize.

HONOURS CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY.

The PRESIDENT said that members had been glad to learn that the King had conferred a Baronetcy on Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur Rose, D.S.O., the Chairman of the Board of Control for Scotland, and a Knighthood on Mr. L. G. Brock, the Chairman of the English Board of Control. If the meeting approved, it was proposed to send letters of congratulation to those two gentlemen.

It was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

Afternoon Session.

At the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster.

Dr. DANIEL RAMBAUT in the Chair.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Dr. MACALISTER, in proposing the vote, said that he had never at any time held any office of any description in the Association, and could therefore claim to speak for that great silent mass of the membership who, though seldom vocal, still took an active interest in the affairs of the Association. He wished to say that the gratitude of the members was really very deep and very sincere.

First among those he wished to thank came Dr. Rambaut. For many years they had been accustomed to look upon Dr. Rambaut as one of the most efficient servants the Association ever had; his work as Registrar had placed the whole Association under a deep debt of gratitude to him. When it came to the point of selecting a President for last year, it was no mere matter of routine promotion which secured for Dr. Rambaut the Presidential chair.

Another to whom he felt he must specially refer was Dr. Worth, who was about to combine in his one person the two offices of General Secretary and President. Nobody but a super-man would lightly tackle two such heavy offices; but he had no doubt that Dr. Worth was eminently fitted to carry the twin responsibility, with that fine air with which he has so long performed the duties of the single office.

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Then he would like to mention the services which had been given to the Association by the Divisional Secretaries; and he would like especially to refer, in this connection, to a compatriot of his own, Dr. Buchanan, who was, for many years, the life and soul of the Scottish Division. Unfortunately he had been laid aside by sickness, and had had to resign his office. It was opportune, he thought, to refer to his splendid work for the Scottish Division, and to express the hope that Dr. Buchanan would be at least sufficiently restored to take again an active part in the work of the Scottish Division.

He must refer, also, to the distinguished work which had been done by the General Treasurer. That morning he had presented to the members a budget which might well have done credit to his opposite number across the way in the House of Commons. It showed that the financial condition of the Association was an exceedingly prosperous one, so prosperous, indeed, that at a secret conclave of the Scottish members after this morning's meeting the hope was piously expressed that the day would soon come when the Association would declare a dividend in cash, and not merely in the form of an intellectual stimulus!

Then there were the Editors of the Journal and the Librarian. The Journal was becoming a much more valuable production than it had been, and the new steps which were forecast that morning as to the future development would place them, in future years, still more under a debt of gratitude to their distinguished Editors.

There were so many committees associated with the work of the Association that he could not, on such an occasion as this, speak about them in detail. The increase in the number of committees, especially in reference to research and other departments in psychiatry, was a sign that the Association was renewing its youth; it had once again become, what it should always be, a live Association.

The members of the Council equally deserved their thanks, and he asked the meeting to accord them and all the Officers an exceedingly hearty vote of thanks for their work of the past year.

Dr. M. ABDY COLLINS seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT (Dr. Rambaut), in returning thanks on behalf of the Officers and the Council of the Association, said that he, personally, had had a very happy and very harmonious year of office, and had enjoyed every minute of it. He had had the honour of the office, while the General Secretary and the Treasurer, the Editors and the Registrar had done the bulk of the work. If on occasion he had been in any doubt he had always consulted Dr. Worth. Dr. Worth would have nobody to consult now that he was President, but he would not need a consultant; he was a host in himself.

INDUCTION OF DR. REGINALD WORTH, *O.B.E.*, TO THE PRESIDENCY.

Dr. RAMBAUT said that Dr. Worth was well known to all as the great administrator of a large mental hospital, Springfield—one of the most up-to-date mental hospitals in England. They all knew the splendid work which Dr. Worth had done for their Association. For sixteen years he had acted as its Honorary General Secretary, and the Association owed him a great deal for his zeal and for his continual attention to its interests, for his sound common sense, his bonhomie and his good humour. Addressing Dr. Worth he added: "We are all grateful to you for your work for the Association, we are proud to have you as our President, and in investing you with this Badge of Office I hope you will have as pleasant and harmonious and as fruitful a year as I have had." (Loud applause.)

He then invested Dr. Worth with the Presidential Badge.

Dr. R. WORTH in the Chair.

Dr. WORTH, on taking the Chair, expressed his warm thanks for the kind words which Dr. Rambaut had used concerning him.

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PRESENTATION OF FOREIGN DELEGATES AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Dr. G. W. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer) presented to the President the following gentlemen:

Prof. M. Laignel-Lavastine, representing the Société de Neurologie de Paris.

Dr. Jaques de Busscher, representing the Société Belge de Neurologie et de Psychologie and the Société Belge de Médecine Mentale.

Dr. Robert Largeau, representing the Société Medico-Psychologique de Paris.

Dr. Med. Jens Chr. Smith, President of the Association of Danish Alienists.

Prof. A. J. Westerman-Holstijn, representing the Netherlands Association of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Prof. W. Mayer-Gross, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Heidelberg, Rockefeller Research Fellow at the Maudsley Hospital, and Corresponding Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

The PRESIDENT, in welcoming the delegates, said that they had travelled long distances in some cases in order to be present, and to give their British colleagues the benefit of their experiences. He hoped that their example would bring such associations in other countries into closer communication with each other. In England workers were handicapped by their lack of acquaintance with foreign languages, but that was a difficulty which, he felt sure, was not insurmountable. English workers could test the feelings of their own countrymen, and though French, German and Scandinavian representatives might have different view-points, yet there was a common basis for all the knowledge. They wished the delegates to understand that this Association felt very grateful to them for coming.

Some expressions of regret had been received from members of the profession overseas who were unable to attend. One was from Dr. Robert M. Elliott, the President of the American Psychiatric Association, who regretted that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, he was unable to be present. The President of the Medico-Psychological Association of Sweden sent his cordial thanks for the invitation to the Annual Meeting, but regretted it was impossible to send a delegate. The Swedish Association would be delighted to have a closer association and co-operation with the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. The Swiss Society of Psychiatric Medicine regretted being unable to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting, but they hoped for a very successful meeting. The Congress of Alienists and Neurologists of France also were unable to send a delegate, but they sent cordial greetings and good wishes for a successful meeting.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his address, entitled **"Four Decades of Psychiatry"** (see p. 755).

Sir HUBERT BOND, in thanking the President for his Address, said: Upon me has been cast the pleasurable duty of moving a vote of thanks for the address which has just been delivered by our newly installed President. You will wish me at once to place on record your especial satisfaction, as indeed the applause which punctuated his induction indicated, at seeing Dr. Worth at last in this Chair. I say "at last", because it is common knowledge, I think, that this position, which is the highest honour the Association has in its power to confer on any of its members, might have been his long ere this could he have been prevailed upon to take it. Now that he has done so, I am safe in saying that not only we wish him a very happy and successful year of office, but that he can count upon the best efforts of every member of the Association to make it so for him.

To look back is the privilege of old age; evidently, as this address has taught us, it is likewise the privilege of perennial youth. If for a moment I too may indulge in reminiscence, let me mention that not quite forty years ago found Dr. Worth and myself both young doctors, I a junior member of the medical staff at Banstead, and he in a like position at the hospital of which for the past twenty-two

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years he has been the distinguished head. I shall assume that he has included us both among those to whom he has alluded as "desperately in earnest". For my part I believe I was imbued with a cocksuredness which I hope I long since have shed; I know, for instance, that I thought, and said so, that the Commissioners of the day were unaccountably blind in not regarding general paralysis as an entity, whereas my maturer belief—*pace* Dr. Nicol next Friday—is that they were nearer the truth on that point than many of us are to-day. I now recognize that Dr. Worth, in avoiding any such dogmatisms, probably was taking the wiser course; indeed, in him we, this afternoon, have had a reminder that silent water is apt to be deep. The whether-or-not of all this is, however, really of no moment. My particular reminiscence is of our exchange of calls, and of the acquaintance we made of each other in those early days of the first of his Four Decades of Psychiatry; of the fact that we had tastes in common, though I never could rival him in sport; of his geniality and hospitality; of the liking for him which I so swiftly formed and which I fain hope was mutual; and of the growth of that liking into a firm friendship which I greatly value.

It is fortunate for Dr. Worth that he has a pair of shoulders on which responsibility sits—it would be wrong to say "lightly", because to every matter that calls for his attention his consideration is both prompt and serious—so let me say, sits with equanimity. This remark is apropos the fact, doubtless known to most of us, that for the nonce, and notwithstanding the weight of affairs that the occupant of our Presidential Chair has to bear, Dr. Worth is retaining the post of Honorary General Secretary, so to speak *in commendam*.

Thus it comes about that this is the first time during the long period of sixteen years since, on this annual occasion, we have been free from the vigilance of Dr. Worth's secretarial and proctorial eye. Knowing that he would be immersed in the delivery of his address and, despite his "down" on academic philosophy, being himself a philosopher—disown it though he may—and moreover being obedient to his own precepts, instead either of "don'ting" us or of admonishing us to listen and to be otherwise attentive, he just bade us please ourselves and not hesitate to indulge any feeling of drowsiness that should assail us. Having had, Sir, some experience myself of the post of Secretary to the Association, I have ventured in this particular matter to deputize for you, and can assure you that, throughout the exactly forty minutes during which you were occupied in delivering your address, there was neither nod or yawn nor so much as a wink of sleep on the part of any member of your audience. I am not concerned to deny that that alertness on their part may have been in some measure the negativistic response which you adroitly foresaw would be the sequence to your grant of licence; but in truth, and as I do most positively assert, its main explanation has been the total absence of any of the Pavlovian allurements to sleep which you, Sir, seemed to suggest we should find in your remarks.

On the contrary—as you, Ladies and Gentlemen, will agree—we have been favoured with an address which, begotten of that modesty and that generosity towards the views of others, both of which belong to the true sportsman, and delivered with a robust simplicity and, as its author said was his intention, with an entire absence of oratorical effect, has riveted our attention at every point; and, with its deft turns, its homely phrases—satirical but never cynical—with its quips and its apophthegms, it has been a delight to listen to.

"Four Decades of Psychiatry" is the title which the President has chosen for his address. By custom that is becoming time-honoured, criticism of it is out of order; no very long time, however, for, not further back than the 'eighties, while the President himself never was treated otherwise than with full respect, and while his address never failed to secure the thanks due to at least its preparation, it nevertheless seems to have been regarded as fair game, even for polemical discussion, especially if the President had been rash enough, either by design or accident, to broach a contentious topic. With a wholesome respect for convention, custom shall rule me; but I need not, I trust, feel thereby estopped from one or two endorsements.

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That, for instance, he has used the word " psychiatry " I am glad. For while I have no personal liking for this kind of word, it gives me an opportunity of noting with satisfaction that he uses it in the broad and full sense which I believe to be correct, and as having little, if any, less scope than psychological medicine instead of limiting its meaning, as some are unfortunately beginning to do, to the psychoses —a practice which is likely to give rise to confusion and even to schism.

Again we shall be permitted, I feel sure, a ready endorsement of the remarks made concerning the progressive policy pursued, through its Mental Hospitals Committee, by that great body, the Middlesex County Council, in providing up-to-date accommodation and other requirements for cases of mental disorder and mental deficiency. The forwardness of their policy, not even forgetting the wonders of Shenley, is not least seen in the link they have helped to forge between their mental hospitals, especially Springfield, and Westminster Hospital with its medical school; and the lead which, within the last twelve months, they have given in taking advantage of the Mental Treatment Act by making a substantial grant towards the cost of providing beds for mental cases in the new Westminster Hospital about to be erected.

As to our Association's calendar of events, until their marshalling in the way in which Dr. Worth has reminded us of them, it may be doubted whether there are many of us who realized how numerous and stirring are the events in which, during the past sixteen years, the Association has taken effective part. Worthy as that part may have been, I am inclined to doubt whether members, including not a few superintendents, take as full advantage of such opportunities as they might. No doubt their position is sometimes one of delicacy. Nevertheless, upon their clear thinking and firm expression of opinion may depend to no small extent the wise shaping of future administrative policy. As his remarks teach us, Dr. Worth has the courage of his convictions.

Dr. Worth's topics are many and important. They have been welded into an address the charm of which is not less because, as we may be sure it was meant to be, it is so provocative. That we do not agree either with all he postulates or with all the opinions he expresses, or that we even could prove these to be wrong, matters not in the least. That some of us, for instance, might question there being any increase at all in the amount of adolescent psychosis—might confront, for instance, such an allegation by statistics showing that the ratio of admissions under 25 years of age to the general population between, say, 15 and 24 years of age was, to a decimal point, the same in 1931 as it was in 1921, would be beside the point, and would miss the purport of the address. Its value—and great, I am sure, it will be found to be—lies in the fact that here is a physician who for nearly forty years has occupied a position of unrivalled opportunity for observation, who so clearly has availed himself of it, and who now, by no means pressing it upon us, but at our request, comes forward and gives us the fruit, as he puts it, of his maturity. For his doing so we are grateful; and this vote of thanks, which I now have the honour formally to move, will find, I am convinced, a ready seconder and a hearty response. (Applause.)

Dr. HAMILTON MARR, in seconding, said: When I knew on what subject the new President would address us to-day I was reminded of the information once given me by a bee-keeper. The life-work of a bee is forty drops of honey. The review which our new President has given us has been a living personal review of forty years, distilled from his life work. Those forty years might be broadly placed in two divisions. The first of these divisions, and to me the most attractive, were the twenty years which might be called the years of the scientific attitude towards mind; the past twenty years represent the philosophical or psychological attitude.

In the first twenty years, if any of you entered any mental hospital in England, Scotland or Ireland, say, in 1897, you would have found 95% of all the medical officers working from early morning to late at night at the Bevan Lewis method of demonstrating the wonderful detail in nerve-cells. As a Scotsman I should like

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to say how this scientific work was initiated and perfected by three Englishmen. The first of these was Bevan Lewis, the second, Prof. Shaw Bolton, and the third, Dr. Goodall; we should have been working in the dark if we had not had that wonderful handbook of Dr. Goodall, whom I am pleased to see here to-day, on laboratory methods. The first of these three has died; the two others are still active members of the Association. All three have been Presidents of our Association.

With regard to the second twenty years, which might be described as that with a philosophical and psychological aspect, you, Mr. President, have dealt with it in a lucid manner. I am glad it is not the custom to criticize the President's address, though I do not think it requires criticism. Of philosophy and philosophical systems in general, I would quote what Maudsley wrote about them. He said they reminded him of Humboldt's Etrurian parrot, which spoke in the language of an extinct tribe to a people that knew it not, and the phrase is certainly most applicable to the new psychology.

I second Sir Hubert Bond's motion with much pleasure, and I thank you, Mr. President, personally, and in the name of the Association, for the stimulating and thoughtful address which you have given us to-day.

The resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT: I sincerely thank Sir Hubert Bond and Dr. Marr for their very kind words. They have been very judicious in their remarks about my address. I have felt that they have said what they could, and they have said it very well. I feel that they might have said other things. I have looked forward to this ordeal of giving this address as the greatest one in a President's career; it means great anxiety, and practically the spoiling of a whole day. I am very grateful to you.

Thursday, July 4.—Morning Session.

At 11, Chandos Street.

The PRESIDENT in the Chair.

PAPER.—**"Modern Endocrinology and Mental Disorder,"** by Dr. THOMAS D. POWER, D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Essex County Mental Hospital, Brentwood.

[For paper and discussion see p. 783.]

PAPER.—**"Recent Investigations in the Hæmatology of the Psychoses,"** by Dr. H. C. BECCLE, Springfield Mental Hospital.

[For paper and discussion see p. 840.]

Friday, July 5.—Morning Session.

At 11, Chandos Street.

The PRESIDENT in the Chair.

PAPER.—**"Some Clinical Aspects of General Paralysis,"** by Dr. W. D. NICOL and Dr. E. LILIAN HUTTON, Horton Mental Hospital, Epsom (read by Dr. Nicol).

[For paper and discussion see p. 804.]

Dr. DAVID RICE.

The PRESIDENT said he had received a very sad letter from Dr. David Rice, who was extremely ill, and he was sure members would wish to convey to Dr. Rice their great sympathy in his illness. In the letter much regret was expressed at his inability to come to the annual meeting, and Dr. Rice sent his best wishes

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for a happy week. He was sure members would agree to a message being sent at once.

Vote of Thanks for Hospitality.

Dr. MacCowan said that this task of proposing a vote of thanks was to him a very pleasant one. He thanked, in the name of the Association, all those who had helped to render the week as pleasant to members as it had been. Those who, like himself, knew Dr. Worth well would not be surprised at the high level at which he had kept up the hospitality. Members must put Dr. Worth first on the list of those they had to thank, because, in his usual thorough way, he had arranged everything delightfully. (Applause.) They also wished to convey their thanks to the Visiting Committees of the two Middlesex Mental Hospitals for their hospitality on the preceding day at Springfield, and for the visit to be paid at the end of this meeting to Shenley Mental Hospital. If the Clerk of the Weather happened to be listening, it was hoped that he would accept their thanks for what he had done to make the meeting a success. In this vote of thanks he wished to include the authors of the various papers, which everyone would agree had been most instructive.

Prof. A. J. Westerman-Holstijn (Holland), in seconding, said: When we return home we shall have much to say about the very interesting papers we have heard, besides telling of what we have seen of your wonderful hospitals. But I know that the cordiality with which you have received us, and the kindness which has enabled us to make the personal acquaintance of several English and other colleagues, will have a value of a special kind, for we feel that there is a love for science and human understanding which binds us, and is above all differences between nations or psychological schools. I stand here representing the Dutch psychiatrists and psychologists; but in Holland I am a representative of psycho-analysis. It is a centre of interest there, and is of preponderant value in the treatment of neuroses. The programme of these meetings has given us biological organic facts, and I applaud that, because knowledge of organic disease must be based on pathology, while the psycho-analyst cannot dive into that aspect, I would like to remind you of one single biological observation. You remember that the learning capacity of animals is studied in several ways—for instance, in the case of rats, having to find their way into a chamber in which food is placed. There is the question of the absence of sex hormones in animals which have been castrated, and the consequent decrease of their capacity to learn; whereas, on the other hand, a supply of sex hormones stimulates in a striking way the activity and the learnability of the rat. We could show that in man things are much the same, only a little more complicated. There, in man, the primitive instincts are differentiated or sublimated into friendships, human understanding, cordiality, etc., and every act which stimulates cordiality, friendship, etc., stimulates the libido. And we could show that, if there are no conflicts, anything which stimulates the libido increases intellectual attainment in man. Furthermore, when you put rats which have received these hormones on to a revolving drum, they will march and revolve the drum for hours. And it has been shown that the energy of the march, the number of miles they run is directly dependent on the activity of the sex hormones arising from the libido. You stimulate the libido by your love for science and by your facility in learning. When we go home we shall be returning with a greater love for science, with a greater friendship for our English colleagues, and our stimulated libido will urge us towards greater intellectual accomplishments, and at the same time our capacity for learning will be increased. When we return to the treadmill of daily life, to the revolving drum of our practice, then, like the rats, we will work with greater activity and energy, and we will be grateful to your Association not only for the many new ideas we have received from you, but, above all, for the stimulus exerted by everything which you have given us with your kind hospitality. Therefore I second this vote most heartily.

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The PRESIDENT said that members of the Association would feel very much obliged, and he personally would have been glad to have heard Prof. Westerman-Holstijn a little longer. He hoped that when that gentleman paid another visit he would be prepared to read a paper to the Association. Possibly some scientific papers were on the dull side, but he was sure such a paper from such a source would be listened to with a smiling face. The foreign delegates were very welcome, and he hoped they would be seen at these meetings again.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner took place at Claridge's Hotel, Brook Street, W. 1, and was very largely attended. The guests included: The Rt. Hon. Lord Macmillan, *K.C.*, LL.D. (Lord of Appeal), The Rt. Hon. Lord Wakefield of Hythe, The Rt. Hon. Lord Blanesburgh, *G.B.E.* (President, Child Guidance Council), Sir Claud Schuster, *G.C.B.*, *K.C.* (Clerk of the Crown), Sir Arthur Robinson, *G.C.B.* (Permanent Secretary, Minister of Health), Sir W. J. Collins, *K.C.V.O.*, M.D., Sir C. F. de Salis, *K.B.E.* (Chairman, Springfield Hospital Committee), Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Bond, *K.C.B.*, F.R.C.P. (Medical Director-General of the Navy), Sir Stanley Woodwark, *C.M.G.*, *C.B.E.*, F.R.C.P., Sir Francis Fremantle, *M.P.*, Sir Laurence Brock (Chairman, Board of Control), Sir Squire Sprigge (Editor, *The Lancet*), Sir Ernest Hart, Prof. M. Laignel-Lavastine (representing the Société de Neurologie de Paris), Dr. Jacques de Busscher (representing the Société Belge de Neurologie et Psychiatrie and the Société Belge de Médecine Mentale), Dr. Jens Chr. Smith (President of the Association of Danish Alienists), Dr. R. Largeau (representing the Société Médico-Psychologique de Paris), Prof. Rüdin (President of the German Association of Psychic Hygiene and Eugenics), Dr. Westerman-Holstijn (representing the Association of Psychiatrists of the Netherlands) and Mrs. Westerman-Holstijn, Prof. William McDougall, S. P. Vivian, Esq., *C.B.* (Registrar-General), Lt.-Gen. J. A. Hartigan, *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.* (Director of Medical Services, Aldershot), Lt.-Col. B. T. Hodgson, *C.M.G.*, *D.L.* (Commissioner of the Board of Control), Dr. Charles S. Myers, *C.B.E.*, D.Sc., F.R.S., Major J. H. Hebb, *C.B.E.*, M.B., Mr. Alderman Button (Chairman, Middlesex County Council), Dr. A. Salusbury MacNalty, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health), S. J. Fraser Macleod, Esq., *K.C.* (Senior Commissioner of the Board of Control), J. Kirkland, Esq., *O.B.E.*, F.R.I.B.A. (Architect, Middlesex County Council), Miss Ruth Darwin (Senior Commissioner, Board of Control), F. W. Rattenbury, Esq. (President, Institute of Municipal Corporation Treasurers), A. H. Evans, Esq., *O.B.E.*, F.R.C.S., Miss E. D. Vickers (Secretary, Mental After-Care Association), Dr. Robert Hutchison, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P. (President, Royal Society of Medicine), Col. Hayes Newington, Dr. S. A. Kinnier Wilson, M.D., F.R.C.P., Surgeon-Captain A. D. Cowburn, R.N.V.R. (President, Coroners' Society of England and Wales), Dr. S. Watson Smith, M.D., F.R.C.P. (President, British Medical Association), Dr. G. C. Anderson (Medical Secretary, B.M.A.), Dr. N. G. Horner (Editor, *British Medical Journal*), John Lea, Esq., M.A. (University of London Extension Registrar), Prof. E. D. Adrian, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.S., G. Gibson, Esq. (Secretary, Mental Hospitals and Institutional Workers' Association), A. Seabridge, Esq. (President, Incorporated Association of Clerks and Stewards of Mental Hospitals).

Prof. D. K. HENDERSON, M.D., in proposing the toast of "Mental Health", said: I wish, in the first place, to say what peculiar pleasure it is to me to have been asked to propose this toast, and to say how much I feel honoured by having been invited to do so. This topic which I have to propose, "Mental Health", is a topic which is very comprehensive, very general in its application, and extremely important. Psychiatry, the technical name which we use to describe the study and investigation of mental health problems, has often been described as the Cinderella of the medical sciences. She is a Cinderella who is gradually getting on more easy terms with her step-sisters medicine and surgery. Psychiatry cannot claim brilliant epoch-making advances such as have marked the progress of her sister sciences, the advances which appeal so much to the popular imagination. But psychiatry, too, has been making advances in the way of becoming reconstituted, and has become a vital factor in the life of the community. The maintenance of the mental health is one of the greatest, if not the greatest problem of the age, and if we fail to deal with this problem adequately, it means an individual, a family and a racial wastage which is enormous, a social and economic burden which is becoming more and more overpowering. It will not avail us much to control physical disease, to increase the expectation of life, to improve the environmental conditions under which the people will live, unless, at the same time, we can see to it that we are going to have a well-constituted, a well-balanced race. If we are unsuccessful in this respect, it means that by our improved physical and environmental conditions we shall merely increase the potentiality for the development of nervous and mental illness. Under these

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