prepare a memorandum for the Ministry of Education's Committee on Maladjusted Children and to appoint representatives to support it by oral evidence after it has been approved by the Council.

A letter of sincere thanks has been received from the Treasurer of the Congress of Psychiatry (Paris), 1950, for donations sent by members.

Intimation of the following congresses has been received :

Congress of French Alienists and Neurologists in Rennes from 16 to 22 July, 1951.

International Congress on Psychology in Stockholm from 16 to 21 July, 1951.

A communication is being sent to the Treasury (copies to Lord Moran and the Central Consultants and Specialists' Committee) drawing attention to the fact that the rather arbitrary ruling of the Treasury with regard to superannuation of medical officers over 60 years of age is accentuated by the fact that distinction awards are pensionable and anyone under 70 years of age is eligible for them.

To facilitate necessary reports on the increasing activities of the Study Tours Sub-Committee to the Council and the Association, the Council decided that the Sub-Committee should, as soon as may be, cease to be a Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Section and become a Sub-Committee of the Papers and Discussions Committee. The Research and Clinical Section, the Study Tours Sub-Committee and the Papers and Discussions Committee are being informed accordingly.

The Association's printing has for a considerable time been done at Carlton Hayes Hospital, and for this the Association owes a great debt of gratitude to the President. Circumstances now make it difficult for the more urgent printing of Agenda to be done there, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made with some other hospital to share in the work.

Study Tour in Belgium.

A Study Tour in Belgium from 19 to 27 May, 1951, was announced. Details would be circulated to all members of the Association within the next week or two.

Papers.

"Animal Neuroses : A Critical Survey," by Professor Roger W. Russell.

"Some Observations on Neurotic Behaviour in Farm Animals," by Dr. Phyllis Croft, M.R.C.V.S. (see *J. Ment. Sci.*, **96**, 584).

Discussion.

"The Proposed Establishment of a College of Psychiatry." Opening speakers : Prof. D. R. MacCalman, Dr. Desmond Curran, Dr. T. P. Rees, Dr. E. B. Strauss, Dr. Thos. Tennent.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held on Friday, 20 April, 1951, at Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield, by kind permission of Dr. F. T. Thorpe, the Medical Superintendent, and his Management Committee.

During the morning Members were shown various parts of the Hospital. Members sat down to luncheon, at which a guest was Sir Basil Gibson, Chairman of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Councillor Shaw welcomed the Division on behalf of Middlewood Hospital Management Committee, and Dr. C. M. Ross, acting as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of Prof. D. R. MacCalman, made a suitable speech in reply.

Business Meeting.

Fifty members were present.

The Report of the Divisional Management Committee was presented by the Secretary, who reported that the subject covered by the Division's resolution on the College of Psychiatry would be debated at the Autumn Meeting of the R.M.P.A., having had a preliminary hearing, without a vote being taken, at the last R.M.P.A, Meeting

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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31 December, 1949.

1948.		£	£
	THE GENERAL FUND—		
£	**Creditors—**		
	Journal Account	791	
	Sundry	356	
558			1,147
	Capital Fund—		
16,004	As at 31 December, 1948	16,774	
	Add Proceeds of Income Tax Repayment Claims	1,791	
	Surplus on Redemption of Investments	47	
850	Examination Account—31 December, 1949	820	
16,854		19,432	
	Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income year ending 31		
80	December, 1949	268	
16,774			19,164
	SPECIAL FUNDS—		
	Maudsley Bequest—		
	Income Account, as at 31 December, 1948	454	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure year ending 31 December, 1949	269	
454			723
2,086	Capital Fund		2,086
	Gaskell Memorial Fund		
	Income Account as at 31 December, 1948	407	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure year ending 31 December, 1949	245	652
407			
2,106	Capital Fund		2,106
£22,385			£25,878

1948.		£	£
	THE GENERAL FUND—		
£	**Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings** at cost	117	
94	*Less* Depreciation	12	105
146	**The Library,** at cost		146
	Sundry Debtors		
	Subscriptions	89	
	Examination Fees Account	1,819	
	Journal Account	943	
	Income Tax Claims Account	21	
	11 Chandos Street	1	
2,545			2,873
	Cash at Bank	489	
	Cash in Hand	3	
657			492
	Investments, at cost		
	£12,482 14 10 3½% Conversion Loan	10,471	
	1,864 1 2 3½% War Loan	1,920	
	405 18 1 New South Wales 3½% Stock 1930/50	221	
	213 18 1 Manchester Corporation 3% Stock 1891	144	
	329 15 9 British Transport 3% Guaranteed 1978/88 Stock	239	
	1,700 0 0 2½% Savings Bonds 1964/67	1,700	
	2,000 0 0 3% National Defence Bonds	2,000	
14,751	(Market Value £17,829 11 0)		16,695
	SPECIAL FUNDS—		
	Maudsley Bequest		
	Lloyds Bank Ltd.—Deposit Account		723
	Investment—£2,112 13s. 11d. 3½% War Loan		
2,086	(Market Value £1,954 4 10)		2,086
	Gaskell Memorial Fund		
	Lloyds Bank Ltd.—Deposit Account	638	
	Income Tax Claims Account	14	
			652
	Investments :		
	£370 0 0 3½% War Loan	370	
	356 1 8 Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock 1955/58	356	
	1,380 5 9 3% War Loan 1955/59	1,380	
2,106	(Market Value £2,132 5 5)		2,106
£22,385			£25,878

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Accounts with the books and vouchers. In our opinion the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Association at date thereof and the Accounts properly disclose the Income and Expenditure for the period under review. We have received all the information and explanations required by us.

REGENT HOUSE, 45, SHEEP STREET,
NORTHAMPTON; 3 *May*, 1950.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1949

1948	Dr. Expenditure.	£	£	£
£				
3,206	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal		3,306	
83	,, Expenses of Annual General and other Meetings		86	
129	,, Library Expenses		165	
3,418			3,557	
	,, Expenses—11 Chandos Street, London W.1 :			
455	Rent	400		
629	Salaries	748		
22	Telephone	18		
50	Printing and Stationery	83		
18	Electric Light and Gas	13		
8	Water	9		
124	Removal of Library, Decorating and Repairs	–		
223	Postage and Sundries	177		
1,529			1,448	
68	,, Audit and Accountancy Charges		68	
235	,, Miscellaneous and Clerical Expenses		417	
				5,490
11	,, Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings			12
£5,261				£5,502

1948.	Income. Cr.	£	£
£			
320	By Interest on Investments		577
966	,, Sales of Journal	988	
51	,, Royalties on Handbooks, etc.	12	
234	,, Advertisements in Journal	211	
1,251			1,211
3,359	,, Members' Subscriptions		3,446
331	,, Deficit to Capital Fund		268
£5,261			£5,502

EXAMINATION ACCOUNT.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31 December, 1949.

1948.	Dr. Expenditure.	£
£		
1,707	To Expenses of Examination	1,371
849	,, Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 1949	820
£2,557		£2,191

1948.	Income. Cr.	£
£		
2,557	By Examination Receipts	2,191
£2,557		£2,191

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31 December, 1949.

1948.	Dr. Expenditure.	£	1948.	Income. Cr.	£
£26	To Lecturer's Honorarium	52	£40	By Interest on Investments	74
13	,, Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1949	269		,, Repayment of Income Tax 1942/49	247
£39		£321	£40		£321

THE GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31 December, 1949.

1948.	Dr. Expenditure	£	1948.	Income. Cr.	£
£54	To Prizes and Medals	38		By Interest on Investments	51
	,, Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1949	245		,, Repayment of Income Tax 1942/49	218
				,, Income Tax Claim	14
£54		£283			£283

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The Secretary also reported that the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee was making progress with a collection of data on " Mixed Groups."

Election of Divisional Officers.—In accordance with Bye-law 34, the following having been nominated by the Committee of Management, and no other nominations having been received, were duly elected as Officers of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Prof. D. R. MacCalman.
Hon. Sec.: Dr. G. M. Woddis.
Asst. Hon. Sec.: Dr. M. J. Brookes.
Jnr. Rep. on Council: Dr. P. McCauley.

Election of Committee of Management.—In accordance with Bye-law 34, no other nominations having been received, the following names were put to the Meeting *en bloc* and elected: Drs. C. C. Beresford, J. S. Johnstone, Donald Macmillan, Duncan Macmillan, C. M. Ross, F. T. Thorpe.

Election of Candidates to Ordinary Membership.—The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Douglas, Alexander Dalrymple McLean, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Proposed by Drs. J. S. McGregor, Duncan Macmillan and W. W. Roberts.

Egan, Thomas Olivar Timothy, M.D., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Proposed by Drs. J. S. McGregor, W. W. Roberts and Duncan Macmillan.

Fabisch, Walter, M.D.(Berlin & Palermo), M.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.
Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, H. Fisher and W. L. Jones.

Curran, James Noel, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Prestwich Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. G. Talbot, S. Falk and Alice McGlashan.

Martlew, Robert Howard, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatric Registrar, Walton Hospital, Liverpool.
Proposed by Drs. C. M. Vaillant, S. G. James and R. W. Armstrong.

Model, Alfred, M.D.(Heidelberg), L.R.C.P. & S.E., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.M., 235, Wellington Road North, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire.
Proposed by Drs. R. M. Young, P. M. Crowe and J. T. Leyberg.

Porcher, Henry Iestyn Hugh, M.D., B.S., D.P.H., Senior Registrar, Rampton Hospital, Retford, Notts.
Proposed by Drs. G. W. J. Mackay, J. H. McDougall and Adelaide E. Rattray.

Clinical Session.

Dr. F. T. Thorpe read a paper on " **A Clinical Evaluation of 250 Prefrontal Leucotomies, with Particular Reference to the Lower Vertical Incision.**"

This was a lengthy paper, replete with many diagrams which it was difficult to digest. His main points were that the vast majority (all but 8) were done under local analgesia, without anaesthetic; that experience suggested better results in chronic depressive states if the cut were limited to the lower two-thirds of the normal cut; and that in his series, schizophrenics did as badly as in other series.

Mr. James Hardman then spoke on " **Observations on Selective Gyrectomy in the Treatment of Mental Disorders.**"

He said that he was going to discuss " cingulectomy," in which he did a bilateral removal of the anterior portion of the cingular gyrus by suction. He presented, in person, 10 cases out of a series of 11, in which the removal of obsessive fears, tension states and severe depression were marked. He demonstrated that these patients, in marked distinction to the prefrontal leucotomized patient, preserved a great deal of the social conscience, and often wondered whether they were doing as well as they ought or could.

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The discussion was contributed to by Mr. BAILEY, who had been doing cingulectomy with similar results, and Dr. TORRIE, who paid tribute to the high scientific standards of the two papers.

Dr. THORPE, in reply, stated that his criteria for leucotomy were that the patient was a failed E.C.T. case or that E.C.T. was contra-indicated for physical reasons.

Mr. HARDMAN, in reply, claimed that his criteria were that the psychiatrist recommended operation and he did what he was told !

After a vote of thanks, proposed by the CHAIRMAN and carried with acclamation, the meeting concluded with an excellent tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1951, MEETING of the South-Western Division of the Association was held on Thursday, 15 March, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, by kind invitation of the Board of Governors and Dr. T. Tennent.

Twelve members and one guest were present.

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Tennent was unanimously elected to occupy the Chair for the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Autumn, 1950, Meeting were read and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from eight members.

The Committee of Management reported that they had agreed to nominate Dr. S. M. Allan, of Exminster Hospital, as Chairman of the South-Western Division for the next year, and Dr. R. G. McInnes as Secretary. These nominations were agreed to by the Meeting.

The Committee of Management asked the Meeting to suggest names for a Junior Representative on the Council, and it was decided to appoint Dr. Philip R. H. Davis, of St. John's Hospital, Stone, Aylesbury, to this office.

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Committee of Management that Dr. J. M. C. Speer of Roundway Hospital, Devizes, should be asked if he could have the South-Western Division at his hospital for the Autumn Meeting, the date of the meeting to be arranged between the Chairman and the Secretary with Dr. Speer.

A letter from the General Secretary of the Association, giving the views of the Council on the resolution forwarded from the South-Western Division on the subject of the prevention of psychiatric illness and the provision of after-care, was received. A brief discussion followed, and the thanks of the Division were expressed for the Council's consideration of the matter.

Under " Any Other Business " it was suggested by Dr. DELFUN LEWIS that younger members should be given greater encouragement to attend meetings by setting aside a day or meeting for junior members only. Other members pointed out that it really rested with individual hospitals to arrange that their junior colleagues should get adequate opportunities for attendance at meetings. It was agreed that Dr. Delfun Lewis's suggestion should be considered by the Committee of Management, with a view to seeing how the idea contained in it might usefully be applied in practice.

A paper was read by Dr. PATRICK A. ADAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., of St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, on " **The Selection of Cases with Physical Disease for Convulsive Treatment.**" He said that his experience with curare and pentothal had led to the adoption of a rather bolder policy in the use of electrical shock therapy in patients who might otherwise have been thought physically unsuitable for this treatment. He cited many cases of cardiovascular disease, organic nervous disease, or respiratory disease, who had done well on electrical shock threapy with curare and pentothal, and concluded that the danger of electrical shock therapy in many of these conditions had been over-rated. He thought that with careful selection and a highly developed technique for the administration of curare and pentothal, the usefulness of electrical shock therapy could be greatly extended to patients suffering from physical disease. He said that the dangers of pulmonary and nasopharyngeal infections were considerable in the use of electrical shock therapy, and it was also thought that an examination of the skeletal musculature was a more important preliminary than X-ray of the spine.

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