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QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 10 May, 1950, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton (by kind invitation of the Board of Governors and Dr. T. Tennent, Medical Superintendent), under the Presidency of Dr. J. IVISON RUSSELL.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 22 February, 1950, to be published in a forthcoming issue of the Supplement, were taken as read, approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT announced with regret the death of the following members of the Association :

MARY F. ANDREWS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.(N.U.I.), D.P.M., 4, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin ; an Ordinary Member since 1944.

HAROLD FREIZE STEPHENS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Coleshill Hall, near Birmingham ; an Ordinary Member since 1914 ; Chairman of the Northern and Midland Division since 1947.

ELECTIONS.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

BUCHANAN, JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Registrar, Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife.

Proposed by Drs. Wm. Boyd, James Milne and E. J. C. Hewitt.

DAVIES, TERENCE STANLEY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Hensol Castle Mental Deficiency Institution, Pontyclun, Glamorgan.

Proposed by Drs. S. R. Shaw, E. W. Rees and T. M. Ling.

MACDOUGALL, ALLAN ALEXANDER, M.A., L.R.C.P.&S., Assistant Medical Officer, Gartloch Mental Hospital, Gartcosh, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Ronald Stewart, R. A. Y. Stewart and E. J. C. Hewitt.

MACRAE, MALCOLM MACMILLAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife.

Proposed by Drs. Wm. Boyd, James Milne and E. J. C. Hewitt.

ZAUSMER, DAVID M., M.B., B.S., B.Sc.(Psychology), Junior Medical Officer, Roffey Park Rehabilitation Centre, Horsham, Sussex.

Proposed by Drs. S. R. Shaw, E. W. Rees and T. M. Ling.

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Report of Council.

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

The Treasurer reported a deficit of £268 on the general working of the Association over the year, though there was an over-all surplus of £552 due to monies received from examinations.

Three members in arrears with subscriptions were being struck off the roll of members.

The Editor reported that a new edition of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry* would be available at the end of the year, a volume of some 700 pages.

The Council agreed to enter into a contract with University Microfilms of Michigan, U.S.A., to microfilm the Journal ; these microfilms would be subject to a 10 per cent. royalty to the Association, and they would only be sold to bona fide subscribers to the Journal ; the agreement would be terminable at one year's notice on either side.

The Registrar reported that his thanks were due to the Area Examination Secretaries for their help in keeping down the costs of the examinations, despite the falling number of entrants. He hoped the results of the May examinations would be to hand shortly.

The next examination for the D.P.M. would be held at Chandos Street on 8 and 9 June, 1950, and there were eight entries. Two candidates had entered for the Gaskell Medal and Prize, one for the Bronze Medal and Prize and one for the Divisional Prize.

The Librarian reported that the third Book-list had been issued containing the names of books recently added to the Library. The Library Committee had agreed that duplicate copies of certain valuable reference books should be bought so that these would always be available in the Library.

The Report on Working Conditions of Mental Nurses by the Whitley Council was considered, and it was agreed that the Council's observations on this report should be sent to the Whitley Council and to the Minister.

It was also agreed that the special Committee appointed by the Council to consider the training and recruitment of mental nurses should continue in being and make further recommendation.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that the papers at the Annual Meeting would be :

Thursday, 13 *July : Two sessions on Juvenile Delinquency.*

Papers by Dr. Emanuel Miller and Dr. John Bowlby in the morning, and by Dr. Peter Scott and Mrs. Dorothy Bates in the afternoon.

Friday, 14 *July : One session on " The Use of Electroencephalography in Forensic Medicine."*

Papers by Dr. Denis Hill and Dr. Desmond Pond.

The provisional subject for the November, 1950, meeting would be " The Szondi Test."

The Council approved a further list of training schools for the D.P.M. (see Appendix).

It was agreed to write again to the Australasian Association of Psychiatrists inviting their members visiting this country to attend meetings of the Association here.

The Council approved a letter written to the *American Journal of Psychiatry* welcoming American Psychiatrists this summer.

Dr. J. R. Rees had undertaken to act as official representative of the Association at the American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting, and also at the Annual Meeting of the Mexican League of Hygiene.

Dr. T. P. Rees was appointed official delegate to the Annual Conference of the World Federation of Mental Health in Paris from 31 August to 7 September, 1950.

The Association's representatives, the President and Dr. Desmond Curran, gave verbal evidence in support of the Association's Memorandum before the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment on 4 May. The Association's Memorandum will be circulated to members with the papers for the Annual Meeting.

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HOSPITALITY.

Members of the Council and of Standing Committees were entertained to a most excellent lunch and tea on 9 May, and the same generous hospitality was extended to the members of the Association on 10 May. The President, on behalf of the Association, thanked most sincerely the Board of Governors, the Medical Superintendent and Staff of St. Andrew's Hospital for their great hospitality and for the excellence of their arrangements and the trouble they had taken to make the meeting an outstanding success. Sir Frederick Robinson, Bart., Chairman, replied on behalf of the Board of Governors.

PAPERS.

"**Physical Constitution in its Relation to Psychiatry,**" by Dr. J. M. TANNER.

This paper was warmly welcomed and discussed by many members. It put forward various aspects of the subject, and showed what an amount of work was being done at various centres.

Symposium on: "**Indications for Shock Treatments.**"

This was given by Drs. W. MAYER-GROSS, W. SARGANT, E. STENGEL, E. C. DAX and T. P. REES, and was discussed by several members.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held on Friday, 28 April, 1950, at Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. D. K. Bruce, the Medical Superintendent.

During the morning members were shown round various parts of the hospital. Members sat down to luncheon at 1 p.m., the Vice-Chairman of the Management Committe being present. Dr. K. K. DRURY expressed the thanks of the R.M.P.A. for hospitality, and the Vice-Chairman replied, welcoming the Northern and Midland Division and wishing success on their deliberations.

The Chair being vacant owing to the recent death of the Chairman, this vacancy was filled by Dr. K. K. Drury, who expressed the sorrow all must have felt at the sudden death of Dr. Freize-Stephens. Members stood in respectful silence.

Forty members and one visitor were recorded as present, and apologies were received from eighteen members.

Professor MACCALMAN being the only nomination for the Office of Chairman, Dr. DRURY proposed from the Chair that Professor D. R. MACCALMAN be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Dr. G. M. WODDIS. Professor MacCalman then took the Chair and was invested with the Badge of Office.

The election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee took place in accordance with Bye-Law 34, as follows:

Secretary: Dr. G. M. WODDIS.
Assistant Secretary: Dr. M. J. BROOKES.
Junior Representative on Council: Dr. P. MCCAULEY.
Committee of Management: Drs. C. C. BERESFORD, W. A. S. FALLA, J. S. JOHNSTONE, DONALD MACMILLAN, DUNCAN MACMILLAN and C. M. ROSS.

Three candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

BACHTIN, CONSTANCE, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Registrar, Hollymoor Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham, 31.
Proposed by Drs. C. M. Ross, Frances A. Roberts and Janet Calder.

STREET, DAVID RICHARD KILVINGTON, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Clifton Hospital, York.
Proposed by Drs. J. Ivison Russell, W. Fraser and J. J. O'Riordan.

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