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### QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 23 February, 1949, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. W. REES THOMAS.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting held on 12 November, 1948, published in the Supplement to the January, 1949, issue of the Journal, were approved and signed by the President.

#### OBITUARY.

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

F. M. COWAN, M.D., 109, Perponcherstraat, The Hague, Holland ; a Corresponding Member since 1896.

GIULIO CESARE FERRARI, Director, Manicomio Provinciale, Imola, Bologna, Italy ; a Corresponding Member since 1907.

FREDERICK HENRY HEALEY, B.S., M.D., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich ; an Ordinary Member since 1927.

COLIN FRANCIS FREDERICK MCDOWALL, M.D., 18, Byng Road, Tunbridge Wells ; an Ordinary Member since 1906 ; Secretary, Library Committee, 1922–27 ; Chairman, South-Eastern Division, 1943–45.

HANS ROEMER, Doctor of Medicine, Stuttgart ; a Corresponding Member since 1931.

E. D. WIERSMA, late Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the University Psychiatric Clinic, Groningen, Holland ; a Corresponding Member since 1929.

#### ELECTIONS.

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

BENDIT, LAURENCE JOHN, M.A., M.D.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., 12, St. Leonard's Terrace, London, S.W.3.
*Proposed by* Drs. Doris M. Odlum, M. B. Brody and R. M. Riggall.

BLACKETER-SIMMONDS, DENNIS ARTHUR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Stoke Park Colony ; Highfield, 7, Stoke Lane, Stapleton, Bristol.
*Proposed by* Drs. R. M. Norman, D. S. Fairweather and R. F. Barbour.

BRYAN, HUGH STANFORD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., County Child Psychiatrist, Derbyshire ; 18, Evans Avenue, Allestree Park, Derby.
*Proposed by* Drs. W. H. Whiles, D. Macmillan and I. J. Davies.

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HARDENBERG, HERMAN EDWARD WILLIAM, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital; Fellow in Child Psychiatry, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children; 25, Salisbury Avenue, Harpenden, Herts.

*Proposed by* Drs. T. A. Munro, L. C. Cook and D. N. Parfitt.

KRAPF, E. EDUARDO, M.D.Leipz., Buenos Aires, F.R.F.P.S.G., Professor of Psychiatry, University of Buenos Aires; Hon. Neuro-psychiatrist, Buenos Aires British Hospital; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Maipu' 1266.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. S. Maclay, D. Curran and K. K. Drury.

LENNON, ROBERT WILSON, L.R.C.P.S.&L.M.Irel., D.P.M., Physician, Menston Mental Hospital, Leeds; Visiting Psychiatrist, St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Sutton, J. S. Johnstone and J. Valentine.

MCDONALD, ROBERT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Physician, Menston Mental Hospital, Leeds.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Sutton, J. S. Johnstone and J. Valentine.

MATHESON, JOHN CAMPBELL MCINTYRE, *D.S.O.*, M.B., Ch.B., Principal Medical Officer, H.M. Prison Service; 95, King's Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W. 4.

*Proposed by* Sir W. Norwood East, Drs. F. Hayden Taylor and H. T. P. Young.

MONRO, ALAN BENTLEY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., First Assistant Medical Officer, Barming Heath Hospital; Visiting Psychiatrist, Farnborough Hospital; Barming Heath Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.

*Proposed by* Drs. R. G. McLaren, J. A. Kelleher and D. E. Sands.

PARKER, RICHARD HENDERSON, M.D.Manitoba, Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada; House Physician, Menston Mental Hospital, Leeds.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Sutton, J. S. Johnstone and J. Valentine.

SAGAR, VIDYA, M.B., B.S.Punjab, Deputy Medical Superintendent, East Punjab Mental Hospital, Amritsar, India.

*Proposed by* Drs. R. M. Lloyd Still, W. H. Gillespie and K. C. Dube.

SMYTH, REGINALD OSBORN, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.

*Proposed by* Drs. M. J. Brookes, F. Kane and C. M. Gibb.

SYM, JESSIE CRAWFORD BROUN, M.D.Edin., D.P.H., Voluntary Assistant Psychiatrist at City of Edinburgh Child Guidance Clinic; 22, Chester Street, Edinburgh.

*Proposed by* Drs. Kate Fraser, Margaret M. Methven and E. J. C. Hewitt.

UYTMAN, CAMILLA MARION, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant, Psychiatric Out-Patient Department, Royal Infirmary, Dundee; 10, Windsor Street, Dundee, Angus.

*Proposed by* Drs. John D. Uytman, R. Gibson and E. J. C. Hewitt.

XAVIER, CEDRIC MELVILLE, M.B., B.S.Rangoon, D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Cherry Knowle Hospital, Ryhope, Sunderland.

*Proposed by* Drs. F. Back, S. J. Frewin and John A. Ewing.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The GENERAL SECRETARY read the Report of Council.

Since the last report the Council had met on three occasions, two Special Meetings held on 25 November, 1948, and 18 January, 1949, and the Ordinary Meeting.

The Special Meetings were called first to consider in detail the Memorandum on the Problem of Social Workers in the field of Mental Health to be placed before the appropriate Committee of the Ministry of Health for their consideration; the second Special Meeting was held to consider a request from the B.M.A. to discuss confidential proposals on the terms and conditions of service of hospital medical staff. The Association's views were requested so that they might be placed before the Consultants and Specialists Committee of the B.M.A. The proposals of the

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Council had been incorporated in a Confidential Memorandum which was at present under discussion at the Ministry. The introduction of the new record cards was discussed in detail.

The question of the boundaries of the Divisions of the Association compared with the areas of the Regional Boards was discussed, and it was agreed that if any hospital wished to be affiliated with any special Division of the Association the Council would consider the matter, and one such adjustment was agreed to—St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, to the South-Western Division.

The Council agreed that the name of the Social Psychiatry Section be now changed to " Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section," and to the appointment of a second Secretary to deal with matters of Psychotherapy.

It was agreed on the motion of the Editor that the cost of the Journal to subscribers would be £2 10s. per annum on and after 1 January, 1950.

The Registrar reported that the Campbell Clark Prize had been won by Mr. Thomas Stanley Smith, of Broadmoor, Crowthorne, Berkshire, with 89 per cent. marks.

The numbers entering for the Examinations were, of course, falling, and the Council had approached the General Nursing Council to ask them to supply figures of passes so that the Association might estimate the strength of nursing personnel available for the specialty.

It was reported that Dr. Isabel Wilson had placed on permanent loan in the Library her most interesting collection of paintings of " The Famous Insane," designed and executed by herself to serve as table mats at the Annual Dinner of the Gaskell Club.

In commemoration of the Centenary of James Cowles Prichard, Ethnologist and Psychiatrist, a small Exhibition of his books was on view in the Library.

The Council agreed to meet the General Nursing Council and the Ministry of Education on 18 March to discuss the question of Psychology in the G.N.C. syllabus.

The Council agreed that certain hospitals, as set out in the Appendix to this Report, be approved as training schools for the Association's D.P.M., the first examination for which would be held in November of this year.

The Parliamentary Committee recommended that a Special Sub-Committee remain in being to discuss future legislation with the Board of Control. It was also resolved on their recommendation to write to the Ministry of Health asking that a copy of all " H.M.C." circulars be sent to the Chief Officer of the Mental Hospital or Institution, it having come to notice that in certain cases these circulars were not reaching the Medical Superintendents.

The Handbook Committee reported that the new edition was progressing most satisfactorily, and arrangements were actively in hand for its publication.

The General Secretary reported that appropriate messages had been sent to the Princess Elizabeth on the birth of her child, and to H.M. the King in sympathy with his illness, and in loyal hope for his speedy and complete recovery; replies had been received in each case thanking the Association, and expressing appreciation of the message.

The application of the Association for founder membership of the World Federation for Mental Health had been approved by that body.

Dr. T. P. Rees was re-elected as the Association's representative on the National Association for Mental Health.

Dr. W. McCartan was appointed a delegate from the Association to the Royal Sanitary Institute Health Congress at Brighton in May, 1949.

The Association had been asked to send a delegate to a Central Conference convened by the Home Secretary and the Minister of Education to discuss measures to be taken to combat juvenile delinquency. Dr. Denis C. Carroll was appointed.

After writing to Corresponding Members abroad and asking for information regarding other members from whom no communication had been received in reply to letters, it was found that four members had died, and their names were included in the Obituary list which had just been read; that four other members were unknown; the names of these four latter were being removed from the list of Corresponding Members.

In discussion upon the Report the President stated that, though the address of the patient might be omitted from or generalized in Hospital Index Cards at

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the discretion of the Medical Superintendent, the Ministry particularly wanted this information, and hoped that in most cases it would be available.

The question of Psychiatric Social Workers was still under consideration at the Ministry.

The Report was approved.

### Scandinavian Study Tour.

Dr. A. Shepherd raised the question of the Ministry's refusal to grant study leave and payment of expenses in respect of participants in the Scandinavian Study Tour, and asked whether the Association would be prepared to approach the Ministry of Health directly on this matter. There was a full discussion, and attention was drawn to the question of granting Study Leave apart from the payment of expenses.

### Burlingame Prize.

The President announced the decision of the Assessors that the Burlingame Prize be awarded to Dr. W. R. Ashby, Barnwood House, Gloucester, for his paper entitled **"The Effects of Convulsive Therapy on the Excretion of Cortins and Ketosteroids,"** and congratulated Dr. Ashby on behalf of the Association. [The paper was published in the *Journal of Mental Science* for April, 1949.]

The Assessors had specially commended the paper entitled **"A Study of 57 Cases of Affective Disorder subjected to Prefrontal Leucotomy,"** submitted under the nom-de-plume "Belof." The General Secretary was requested to convey this commendation to the author, and ask for his permission to publish the paper in an early issue of the Journal.

### Papers.

**"The Effect of Glutamic Acid and Other Amino-Acids in Hypoglycaemia,"** by W. Mayer-Gross, M.D.

**"Some Observations on the Mechanism of the Glutamic Acid Effect in Insulin Hypoglycaemia,"** by R. Ström-Olsen, M.D., and H. Weil-Malherbe, M.B., D.Sc.

**"Electronarcosis,"** by A. Spencer Paterson, M.D., F.R.C.P.; and by W. Linford Rees, M.D., M.R.C.P.

### Appendix to Report of Council from their Meeting on 22 February, 1949.

## THE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

The first examination for the Association's Diploma in Psychological Medicine will be held in November of this year and thereafter annually in May and November. The examination comprises :

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| Part I | (*a*) | Psychology. |
| | (*b*) | Anatomy and Physiology in their relation to nervous and mental diseases. |
| Part II | (*a*) | Psychiatry. |
| | (*b*) | Psychosomatic Medicine and Neurology. |

Fees are eight guineas for Part I and twelve guineas for Part II, and are payable to the Registrar, R.M.P.A.

Prospective candidates should apply to the Registrar at least two months before the examination at which they wish to sit.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, R.M.P.A., 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, on receipt of stamped, addressed envelope. (Price 3d., postage 1d.)

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*Approved Training Schools.*

*Mental Hospitals.*—Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove; Bexley; Cane Hill; Carlton Hayes; Clifton, York; N. Wales, Denbigh; Tone Vale, Somerset; Warlingham Park; Winson Green; Riccartsbar, Paisley—this after inquiry of Scottish Division.

*Mental Deficiency.*—Cell Barnes; Fountain (with complementary experience at Manor and Earlswood); Gogarburn, Edinburgh; Meanwood Park; Pewsey; St. Lawrence, Caterham.

*Adult Clinics.*—Birmingham, Stourbridge (Barnsley Hall); Lewisham, St. Alphage, Guy's (Bexley); Leicester R. Infirmary, Loughborough Gen. Hosp. (Carlton Hayes); Bangor, Rhyl, Wrexham (N. Wales, Denbigh); Taunton, Tavistock (Tone Vale); Mayday Hosp., Croydon Gen. Hosp. (Warlingham Park); R. Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley (Riccartsbar); Tavistock Clinic.

*Child Clinics.*—Humberstone (for Carlton Hayes); Leicester (Carlton Hayes); Bangor, Rhyl, Wrexham (N. Wales, Denbigh); Warlingham Park; R. Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley (Riccartsbar); Tavistock Clinic.

## Second List of Approved Training Schools for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

*Mental Hospitals:*

St. Bernard's, Southall.
Netherne, Surrey.
The Retreat, York.
St. Nicholas, Gosforth.
Central, Hatton.
Saxondale, Nottingham.
Broadgate, Beverley.
Littlemore, Oxford.
Bootham Park, York.
Cardiff City.

*Mental Deficiency Institutions:*

Monyhull, Birmingham.
Claypenny and Whixley Colonies, York (as one unit).

*Adult Clinics:*

Epsom, St. Helier, Redhill } (Netherne).
City Hospital, York (The Retreat).
Nottingham, Mansfield, Worksop } (Saxondale).
Coventry, Warneford, Leamington, St. Cross, Nuneaton, Solihull } (Central, Hatton).
Cardiff Royal Infirmary (Cardiff City).
Radcliffe Infirmary (Littlemore).
St. Thomas, Newcastle, Blackhill, Consett } (St. Nicholas, Gosforth).
Clifton, Catterick, Scarborough } (Clifton, York).

*Child Clinics:*

Nuneaton (Central, Hatton).
Cardiff Royal Infirmary (Cardiff City).
Oxford (Littlemore).
Gateshead (St. Nicholas, Gosforth).
Catterick, Scarborough } (Clifton, York).

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