A peripatetic system of Registrarship would appear to have certain advantages, although apt to involve domestic difficulties.

(*d*) *Relationship between Medical Staff and Other Departments* was discussed by Dr. Weeks's group. It was felt that, in the past, relationships with members of the lay staff were not as good as they might have been. To some extent this was due to inadequate means of communication between the parties concerned, and while Medical Superintendents should act as co-ordinators the situation could be improved by freer exchange of ideas between other members of the Medical Staff and Departmental heads. The help which could be afforded by the lay departments in the rehabilitation of patients was also discussed, and it was suggested that every newcomer to the hospital staff should have opportunities to become fully acquainted with the functions and aims of all the various departments of the hospital.

The general discussion which followed the presentation of these reports emphasized the interest of the meeting in the teaching of psychotherapy, and concern over the D.P.M. examination. Dr. Atkin referred to the Association's Organizing Body for training in psychological treatment, and it was hoped that he might be able to report progress at the next meeting. Dr. McInnes was particularly critical of the D.P.M. examination in Psychology. He referred to the "chaotic situation" involving differing disciplines with which candidates had to contend, and suggested that it might be well to dispense with this section of the examination in favour of an extended examination in Psychiatry.

Finally Dr. Bailey congratulated Dr. Pilkington and his colleagues on the design of the meeting which had facilitated active and useful participation by all those present.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge, on Tuesday, 1 April, 1958, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. D. H. Clark, Medical Superintendent.

Members of the Association and guests were received by Dr. Clark and his medical staff, and parties were shown round the hospital. There was apparent everywhere evidence of a progressive and enlightened hospital policy.

About 60 members and guests were entertained to lunch. The Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. H. R. Mallett, extended a welcome to the party and expressed his appreciation of the honour bestowed upon the hospital by this visit of the R.M.P.A. Dr. A. Walk, the Divisional Chairman, appropriately thanked the Chairman and Dr. Clark for their generous hospitality.

MEETING

The Minutes of the last Divisional Meeting held at Goodmayes Hospital on 25 October, 1957, were accepted and confirmed. Apologies for absence were received and the names of those present were recorded.

The Secretary gave the report of the Meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management held that morning. It had been decided that the Autumn Meeting in 1958 would be held at Hellingly Hospital, Sussex, and the Spring Meeting, 1959, at Friern Hospital, New Southgate. An invitation to hold the Autumn Meeting, 1959, at St. Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, was subject to confirmation.

Election of Officers. In accordance with the Bye-Laws the Division elected the following:

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CHAIRMAN: Dr. George Somerville.

SECRETARY: Dr. S. W. Hardwick.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Dr. E. P. H. Charlton.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE ON COUNCIL: Dr. Rosalind Bearcroft.

Election of Divisional Committee of Management. The following were elected in replacement of retiring members:

Drs. A. Walk, D. H. Clark, Doreen Firmin, J. Gould, J. C. Sawle Thomas and Nydia Panton.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

AMBROSE, ANNE, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.

Proposed by Drs. Constance Roberts, E. A. Burkitt, F. W. Klinghardt.

ANDERSON, KENNETH HAROLD, M.B., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Springfield Hospital, London, S.W.17.

Proposed by Drs. H. C. Beccle, M. Markowe, M. S. de Mowbray.

BUCKMAN, JOHN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Marlborough Day Hospital, London, N.W.8.

Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, J. Bierer, Mary Valvis.

CAWLEY, ROBERT HUGH, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. F. K. Taylor, F. Post, J. Stead.

GAGE, ALBERT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. K. Cameron, I. C. Lodge Patch, S. Benaim.

FITZPATRICK, IVOR GOWRAN, M.B., B.Ch., *M.C.*, Senior House Officer, Claybury Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex.

Proposed by Drs. D. V. Martin, F. D. Kelsey, G. A. Heasman.

HEALD, IVAN NEAL SHACKLETON, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatric Registrar, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.

Proposed by Drs. E. A. Burkitt, W. J. Abel, C. D. Roberts.

LOTINGA, KATHLEEN HILDA MAY, M.D., M.B., B.S., Junior Medical Officer, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Morrissey, J. Towers, P. Sainsbury.

LYNCH, ROSALEEN, M.B., Ch.B., 47 Porchester Road, London, W.2.

Proposed by Drs M. S. de Mowbray, M. Markowe, J. W. Yerburg.

LYONS, JAMES ALOYSIUS, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar, Springfield Hospital, London, S.W.17.

Proposed by Drs. H. C. Beccle, C. Friedman, M. S. de Mowbray.

MCGLASHAN, AGNES MARGARET, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Napsbury Hospital, nr. St. Albans, Herts.

Proposed by Drs. T. F. Rodger, H. I. Clapham, J. R. Roy.

RICHARDS, HILARY, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

Proposed by Drs. Portia Holman, J. Stead, C. M. B. Pare.

SKARBEK, ANDREW CHARLES, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. J. T. Hutchinson, H. Dale Beckett, D. Smedberg.

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PAPERS

"Psychiatry in a University City"

By D. Russell Davis, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Psychiatry was recognized relatively early by the University of Cambridge as an important branch of medicine. Clifford Allbutt, Regius Professor of Physics before the first world war, promoted research in it, and his successors, Rolleston, Langdon Brown, Ryle and Whitby, each gave their support to its development. Largely due to Rivers, a Lectureship in Psychopathology was established in 1923, MacCurdy being the first holder. Psychoanalytic discoveries were keenly debated in the early twenties, and interest in psychopathological matters has continued in many faculties.

"The General Hospital Aspect of a Combined Psychiatric Service"

By Beresford Davies, M.D., D.P.M.

An attempt has been made to build up a comprehensive Out-Patient Department of Psychiatry in a grossly overcrowded teaching hospital, in an area where psychiatric services before 1947 were very meagre.

In nine years the department has been differentiated into general psychiatry and sub-departments, psychotherapy, child psychiatry, University mental health, psychiatric social work research, and psychological testing. Facilities have also been provided for all modern psychiatric out-patient techniques, with social care and group therapies. There is an Alcohol Clinic, and meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held.

The numbers of patient attendances have risen from 2,500 in 1949 to over 11,000 in 1957. It is thought that much more could be done in the way of additional saving of hospital beds by increasing the scope of the psychiatric out-patient polyclinic.

"Building a Therapeutic Community"

By D. H. Clark, M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M.

The W.H.O. Third Report of the Expert Committee on Mental Health laid down what a therapeutic community should be. We have been trying to build this at Fulbourn for over the last five years. We have concentrated on the opening up of communications, frequent conferences, and re-organization of wards. Considerable attention has been given to developing the general public opinion locally, and within the hospital full occupation preceded the opening of nearly all the ward doors. We are attempting to develop the patient responsibility with Committees and self-government, though this is going rather more slowly. Nursing staff teaching and learning has been stepped up very considerably and there is a unique opportunity for Medical Officers' training. The results of this regime have shown mostly in increased morale, lowering of tension and improvement of atmosphere, but there are also certain definite figures showing a rise in the admission rate with a fall in the number of residents, and an increased number of discharges of chronic patients.

The Chairman, Dr. G. Somerville, concluded the proceedings by tendering the thanks and appreciation of the Division to Drs. Clark, Russell Davis and Beresford Davies for their most interesting and informative papers, and Dr. G. W. B. James, as a senior member of the Association, graciously proposed a vote of thanks to all at Fulbourn who had contributed to a most successful meeting.

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