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WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

THE WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING was held in London on 9 and 10 February, 1966, under the Presidency of Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting held in London on 18 and 19 November, 1965, having been published in the Supplement to the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, were approved.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

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Election of Associate Members

The following were unanimously elected to Associate Membership:

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Proposed by Drs. J. Bowlby, J. D. Sutherland, H. V. Dicks.

IRVINE, E. E., M.A., A.A.P.S.W., Senior Psychiatric Social Worker, Tavistock Clinic.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sutherland, J. Bowlby, H. V. Dicks.

PHILLIPSON, N., B.A., M.A.(Psychology), F.B.Ps.S., Chief Clinical Psychologist, Tavistock Clinic.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sutherland, J. Bowlby, H. V. Dicks.

Report of Council Proceedings

The General Secretary read the following report:

It was noted that legal advice had been received about the proposed amended Bye-laws, and these had now been lodged with the Privy Council.

Council confirmed its approval of the Memorandum relating to the White Paper on "The Family, the Child and the Young Offender", prepared by the Child Psychiatry Section.

Draft audited accounts for 1965 were considered and approved. It was noted that the income of the Association for 1965 was £20,565; expenditure was £24,340; leaving a deficit of £3,775. The Journal Account, which had been allotted 20 per cent. of the administrative expenses of the Association for the first time in 1965 in order to cost it more realistically, showed a deficit of £6,375; but it must be borne in mind that this covers the cost of the Journals distributed to the membership. The reasons for the deficit in 1965 included the move to Chandos House, with greatly increased rent, rates and insurance; increased administrative expenses including further secretarial help at a higher cost; increased postage rates, and the advent of a monthly journal.

The Editor-in-Chief in his Report pointed out that the cost per copy of the Journal was in fact almost exactly what it was in the 1920s, and that the cost of the Journal still constituted a similar proportion of the total expenditure of the Association as at that time.

The Education Committee reported that the preparation of a memorandum of evidence for the Royal Commission on Medical Education was proceeding. The Committee recommended that evidence to the General Medical Council should be given by the Vice-Chairman, Professor Trethowan and the acting Secretary, Dr. Pond. Council agreed.

The Parliamentary Committee reported on the results of the enquiries made from Medical Staff Committess of hospitals on the subject of the amalgamation of psychiatric and general hospital groups. The position at present is that more than 60 per cent. of the Committess have expressed themselves opposed to amalgamation. It was felt important to analyse the replies further to discover the grounds on which

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the Committees' opinions were based. Council agreed that when this had been done the results of the enquiry should be made available to the B.M.A.

The question of the standardization of hospital medical records had been considered. Council authorized the Parliamentary Committee to write to the Ministry to obtain a clear statement as to how far the present proposals applied to psychiatric hospitals, and also to ask that there should be adequate psychiatric representation on any Ministry Committee that might consider the matter.

The recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee that the proposal of the Committee on the Safety of Drugs for the full labelling of medicines should be strongly supported was endorsed by Council.

The Central and Scottish Health Services Councils had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor Tunbridge to consider the care of the health of workers in the Health Service. The Parliamentary Committee proposed that a Sub-Committee should prepare evidence for submission, and this was agreed by Council.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that arrangements would be made for the Blake Marsh Memorial Lecture to be held on the evening before the usual scientific papers during the February meeting. It was hoped that the first lecture would be in 1967. The papers at the May meeting in Nottingham would be devoted to a discussion on Forensic Psychiatry. Plans were well advanced for the Annual Meeting in Sheffield.

Council considered memoranda prepared by the Parliamentary Committee on the subjects of Drug Addiction and Abortion. The memorandum on Drug Addiction largely supported the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee under the Chairmanship of Lord Brain, and was approved by Council. As regards the reform of the Abortion Law, the situation had changed as a result of the recent debate in the House of Lords since the Parliamentary Committee's report had been prepared. The Parliamentary Committee therefore recommended that a Working Party should be set up to keep the matter under constant review and to make recommendations at such times as might seem appropriate. This was approved by Council. During the course of the discussion various suggestions were made for future consideration by the Working Party.

PAPERS

The following papers were read:

Symposium on the Treatment of Sexual Disorders

FRIGIDITY

P. L. C. Diggory, Esq.
Dr. C. Ellison
Dr. H. Wolff

IMPOTENCE

Wm. Mack, Esq.
Dr. J. Johnson
Dr. J. P. Farrell opened the discussion

SEMINARS

Seminars were held at the Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital, as follows:

The Camberwell Register, by Dr. J. K. WING.
Mental Health in New Towns, by Dr. E. H. HARE.
Anorexia Nervosa, by Dr. G. F. M. RUSSELL.
Behaviour Therapy, by Drs. M. G. GELDER and I. M. MARKS.

SECTION MEETINGS

The Child Psychiatry Section met at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital. Dr. Portia Holman delivered the Chairman's Address on the subject of **"Child Psychiatry and the Social Setting".** The meeting was followed by the Annual Supper.

At the meeting of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section, Dr. Irving S. Kreeger read a paper on **"The Suicidal Patient in Psychotherapy".**

The following papers were presented at the meeting of the Research and Clinical Section held at the Institute of Psychiatry:

Recent Developments on Classification of Affective Psychoses, by Dr. G. HOPKINSON.
Experimental Work on Classification of Affective Psychoses, by Professor M. HAMILTON.
Habituation and Withdrawal in five Patients Taking Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors, by Dr. D. C. TAYLOR and Dr. B. BLACKWELL.
Concentration of 5-Hydroxyindole Compounds in the Cerebro-Spinal Fluid of Depressed Patients, by Dr. G. W. ASHCROFT.
Some Observations on Depression, by Dr. A. A. ROBIN.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

An Adjourned Annual Meeting was held at Manson House, Langham Place, W.1, on Friday, 11 February, 1966. Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, the President, was in the Chair.

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The proceedings of the Meeting were opened by an explanation by the General Secretary of the documents which had been circulated and those which were available at the meeting. These referred to the Bye-laws, the inception procedure for a collegiate structure, and the higher qualification.

The General Secretary stated that the Bye-laws, having been scrutinized by the Association's legal advisers, had been lodged with the Privy Council.

On the question of inception procedure, a considerable discussion centred on the possibility that there should be a ten year period following either inception or the holding of the first examination, during which those who obtained Collegiate Membership by examination should automatically proceed to the Fellowship after an interval of five years. Various points for and against this proposal were mentioned, and finally Dr. Christie, seconded by Dr. G. O'Gorman, put a motion as follows:

> That during a transition period of 10 years following inception, members of the Association who are already Collegiate Members and have been members of the R.M.P.A. for 10 years shall proceed automatically to Fellowship on the fifth anniversary of their appointment as a consultant in open competition on advertisement.

The motion was defeated by 26 votes to 16.

A question was put as to whether consideration had been given to the usage of the word 'consultant' in different countries. The General Secretary indicated that this had been considered, and it was felt that it would be for the Court of Electors to decide whether qualifications of doctors outside the Health Service of this country corresponded with the level of experience required of consultants in this country.

A question was asked as to whether the Year Book would provide sufficient information for the Court of Electors to make their decisions. It was indicated that it would be necessary for all members to provide completely up-to-date information at some stage, and it was anticipated that this would be done by way of a questionnaire. This had not yet been drafted, but Council had the matter in mind.

In opening the discussion on the higher qualification the President drew attention to the fact that the Council had agreed, in response to some of the objections raised at the last session of the Adjourned Annual Meeting, that candidates might take some part of the examination, but not the final clinical, before they had three years experience of psychiatry.

A speaker suggested that there would be hardship if people devoted three years to training for the higher qualification without knowing whether they were likely to be able to achieve it. He suggested that there should be some form of primary examination, such as the Surgeons and Anaesthetists had instituted. During the discussion it was also suggested that the first part of the examination should be more severe in its standard in order to ensure that candidates passing it would be unlikely to fail the final part. These suggestions were not put to a motion, most speakers having opposed them.

A member of Council explained that the intention of the Association was to ensure that proper training facilities were set up in training centres throughout the country and that the selection of suitable candidates for Collegiate Membership should take place at this stage. The candidates so selected should, if they applied themselves, have a reasonable expectation of passing the Collegiate Membership examination. Whereas other Colleges, such as the Physicians, examined candidates to ascertain their fitting for training, it was intended that the Association's Collegiate Membership should indicate that a person had achieved a standard of craftsmanship in the subject of psychiatry.

A speaker proposed that the D.P.M. should provide exemption from part of the examination for Collegiate Membership. A number of speakers pointed out the difficulties that would arise if this course was followed in deciding which of the diplomas could be accepted as equivalent to the first part of the examination for the Collegiate Membership. In any case it was felt that the principle could not be sustained that the examining body of the R.M.P.A. should accept examinations conducted by other bodies, except as provided for in the discretionary powers given to the Court of Electors.

The suggestion was put that for people who undertook three years of training in a hospital in this country, the Association should award a certificate although they might not be able to pass the full membership examination. This was finally put as a motion by Dr. Zilliacus and seconded by Dr. Dunn, as follows:

> That a diploma or certificate be awarded as a first step to a membership examination which will be recognition of having reached a standard of training in psychiatry of a lower standard than the membership examination.

This was defeated by a large majority.

More than one speaker felt that consideration might be given at a later stage to the introduction of some lower qualification if this seemed desirable, and they wished Council to have this in mind. There was also support for the main examination to be instituted as early as possible and even before the inception date if the regulations allowed this.

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A wide-ranging discussion took place covering other aspects of the examination, such as the likely percentage pass rate, the nature of the final interview, and the need to maintain standards if Collegiate Membership was to have the status of a qualification which all consultants would be expected to possess. No formal resolution emerged, but it was agreed that the maintaining of a high standard was essential. It was also agreed that the final viva should be described as "formal" instead of "ceremonial". The question of pass rates was left to the Court of Electors, but the general view was that it would be undesirable to bring about a situation in which there were two classes of consultant, namely those with and those without the qualification.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again immediately prior to the 1966 Annual General Meeting or before then if Council thought this to be expedient.

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