Divisional Committee of Management: Drs. H. C. Beccle, W. P. Berrington, J. M. Crawford, R. Macdonald, R. G. A. McLaren, S. D. Mitchell, A. B. Monro, G. S. Nightingale, H. A. Palmer, J. H. Patterson, T. P. Rees, D. E. Sands, G. Somerville, E. D. Taylar, Maeve Whelen.

No nomination for the post of Junior Representative on the Council having been received in accordance with Bye-Law 34 (ii) the meeting was asked for proposals. Unfortunately the doctor proposed, seconded and agreed to, was not a member of the Association and the vacancy remains unfilled.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

ANTON-STEPHENS, DEREK, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., First Assistant Psychiatrist, Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.
Proposed by Drs. G. S. Nightingale, R. Vereker and N. Copeland.

EARLE, BRIAN VIGORS, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Woodside Hospital; 44, Grand Avenue, Muswell Hill, London, N.10.
Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, J. A. Hobson and A. J. E. Duddington.

GREENBERG, HARRIS PHILIP, M.B., B.S.Sydney, D.P.M., Registrar, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. R. E. Dobson, S. Bockner and R. W. Armstrong.

HOENIG, JULIUS, M.D., L.R.C.P.S.E., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, The Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals; The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. Arthur Harris, D. H. Clark and Felix Post.

MURPHY, JOHN FRANCIS DESMOND, M.B., L.M., D.P.M., Lt.-Col., R.A.M.C., Assistant Professor of Army Psychiatry, Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, London, S.W.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. T. Robinson, R. L. Jillett and R. W. Armstrong.

PARK, RICHARD HAMMOND, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, David Rice and Martin Roth.

WEST, DONALD JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Part-time Psychiatric Registrar, Social Psychotherapy Centre, N.W.3, and Medical Officer, Northumberland House Hospital; 31, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. Bierer, R. M. Riggall and J. A. Hadfield.

Three papers were read:

"Some Aspects of the Use of Succinyl-choline Relaxation in Psychiatry," by Dr. D. A. STEPHENS;

"A Small Scale Experiment in the Use of Acetyl-choline in the Treatment of Neurosis," by Dr. D. MACLAY (see October issue, p. 809).

"The Use of Mysoline in Epilepsy," by Dr. R. VEREKER;

and Dr. M. ROBB played a sound-recording of three interviews with a senile patient. The discussion which followed was largely about the experience of members of the newer relaxants used with E.C.T., and the following took part—Drs. W. MCCARTAN, R. STRÖM-OLSEN, W. L. NEUSTATTER, A. B. MONRO, W. P. HARRINGTON, J. C. SAWLE THOMAS and N. COPELAND, and the openers replied.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A. A. W. PETRIE, a Past-President of the Association, to the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. Nightingale for a most enjoyable day.

SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 15 May, 1953, at the Central Hospital, Warwick, under the Presidency of Dr. Thomas Tennent.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting, held on 12 February, 1953, to be published in a forthcoming Supplement, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the President.

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Election of Ordinary Members.

After the nominations had been duly put to the Meeting the President declared that the following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership :

Barker, Geoffrey Battersby, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Tooting Bec Hospital; 30, Dartmouth Row, Greenwich, S.E.10.
Proposed by Drs. Denis Carroll, M. A. Walsh and Laura M. Barlow.

Barnett, Bernard, L.R.C.P.&S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., 35, Warwick Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.
Proposed by Drs. S. W. Gillman, E. S. Stern and C. Tetlow.

Borg, Charles, B.Sc., M.D.Malta, F.R.F.P.S., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, St. Edward's Hospital, Cheddleton, nr. Leek, Staffs.
Proposed by Drs. W. D. Wilkins, W. Ogden and S. Krauss.

Buckner, Robert Dalziel, L.R.C.P.&S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M., Whycocomagh, Nova Scotia, Canada.
Proposed by Drs. G. M. King, D. Ellis Jones and Peter Fry.

Laidlaw, Jean Mary, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. C. R. Harris, Harriette G. Bogle and D. N. Parfitt.

Rogers, Paul Haydon, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., Senior Registrar, Department of Psychiatry, The London Hospital; 1, Lansdowne Road, Bromley, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. I. Atkin, Henry Wilson and John Cowie.

Report of the Council.

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

The sympathy of the Association was conveyed to H.M. The Queen on the death of Queen Mary and a message of thanks was received in reply.

The Association's Loyal Address to Her Majesty had now been inscribed and was available for the inspection of members at this meeting.

Letters of sincere thanks for sympathy in flood disasters in Holland and Belgium had been received from the Dutch Chargé d'Affaires in London by Command of the Queen of the Netherlands, from the Chief of the King's Cabinet by Command of the King of the Belgians, and from colleague psychiatric associations in Holland and Belgium.

The Council received with great satisfaction the Treasurer's report that the audited accounts for 1952 showed a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to approximately £1,265.

Instructions were given for a member considerably in arrears with subscription to be removed from the Roll of Members.

Approval was given for the continuance of subscription to the World Federation for Mental Health. Preliminary notice and programme for the Federation's 6th Annual Meeting in Vienna from 16 to 22 August, 1953, had been received.

The Journal Committee was strengthened by the nomination of four additional members—Professor F. L. Golla, Professor A. Meyer, Dr. L. C. Cook and Dr. R. M. Norman—who will be Assistant Editors in accordance with Bye-Law 102.

Fifteen candidates entered for Pt. I of the D.P.M. and 4 for Pt. II, the examination to be held in London in the week beginning 18 May, 1953.

Four candidates had entered for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and 2 dissertations had been received for the Bronze Medal and Prize.

The Council congratulated the Registrar on the excellent programme arranged for the one-day lecture course on 31 July, 1953, and noted with pleasure that 175 enrolments had already been received.

Professor Pighini, of Italy, a Corresponding Member, had kindly presented ten volumes of his works to the Library, and this gift was received with gratitude and pleasure.

On the recommendation of the Education Committee further D.P.M. Training Schools (see Appendix to these Minutes) were approved. The Council also approved

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in principle that the D.P.M. examination should be an open one with satisfactory requirements for general experience in psychiatry but without set courses of instruction or study.

Recommended disciplinary action in the case of three nurses holding the Association's Certificate was approved.

Arrangements had been completed for eminent speakers from overseas and this country to take part in a Symposium on "Modern Cerebral Dynamics in Psychiatry" at the Annual Meeting this year. Papers at the November meeting would be on "Maturation and Crime."

The establishment of a Joint Standing Committee with the Psychological Medicine Group of the British Medical Association was approved—the Committees to have advisory functions regarding matters concerning both Associations and to have power to co-opt. Drs. N. H. M. Burke, R. G. McInnes and G. M. Woddis were appointed as the R.M.P.A. representatives; the B.M.A. Psychological Medicine Group appointed Drs. A. Harris, T. P. Rees and J. C. Sawle Thomas as their representatives.

A report on the Recruitment of Student Nurses and the nursing position at mental and mental deficiency hospitals was approved for submission to the Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health.

Having been consulted by the Home Office Adoption of Children Committee an appropriate recommendation was approved for their consideration.

The London Committee of Licensed Teachers of Anatomy drew attention to the shortage of dissecting material and appealed for help in this matter. It has been decided to circularize hospitals in the mental health service asking them to bear the needs of the Medical Schools in mind.

In response to a letter from the President of the Royal College of Physicians requesting information for a Committee inquiring into the sufficiency of neurological consultants in relation to need, hospitals in the mental health service will be circularized to find out if psychiatrists are having difficulty in obtaining the services of their neurological colleagues when required, and if sufficient facilities are available for the training of psychiatrists in neurology.

Notification was received of 6-day mental health tours in the Netherlands from 16 to 22 August, 1953.

The Council was disappointed that there was not a better response to the R.M.P.A. Study Tour in England in September, 1953, details of which were circulated individually to members.

The Quarterly Meeting in February, 1954, was fixed for the 17th and 18th, in London.

Burlingame Prize.

The General Secretary announced that the Burlingame Prize for this year had been won by Dr. Portia Holman. Her entry, "**Some Factors in the Aetiology of Maladjustment in Children,**" would be published in the *Journal of Mental Science*, and the prize would be presented at the Annual Meeting in July.

The Assessors strongly recommended that special mention be made of another entry as "proxime accessit"; this entry, entitled "**Psychosomatic Studies in Clinical Medicine,**" was submitted by Dr. W. Linford Rees.

Papers.

"**Miners' Nystagmus,**" by Drs. Dorothy R. Campbell and E. S. Stern.

"**Some Experimental Therapeutic Methods in Adolescence in Specialized Units and in Private Practice,**" by Drs. D. E. Sands and May I. Pearce.

Seminars.

The following Seminars were held in the afternoon of 14 May and were well attended:

"**Observations on the Aetiology of Mental Illness associated with Childbirth,**" by Dr. Clifford Tetlow.

"**Mental Symptoms with Intracranial Tumours,**" by Dr. S. W. Gillman.

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Hospitality and Votes of Thanks.

On 14 May the Council was most hospitably entertained to lunch by the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Warwick and were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress.

On 15 May the Association and their guests were entertained to an excellent lunch and tea at The Central Hospital by the Hospital Management Committee. The Chairman (Alderman Dingley) presided, and in welcoming the Association paid tribute to its past work and conveyed good wishes for the future.

The President conveyed sincere thanks to all concerned in making the meeting such an outstanding success, and in particular to the Hospital Management Committee for their warm hospitality and their kindness in allowing all meetings to be held on hospital premises; to Dr. Stern and his staff in all branches for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting, and the opportunity given to members to tour the hospital and see the excellent work being done; to the speakers for the interest and the high quality of the papers they had given.

Appendix.

Diploma in Psychological Medicine.

17th List of Training Schools—approved in categories shown on 15 May, 1953.

Mental Hospitals	Springfield Hospital, Manchester.	
	Dingleton Hospital, Melrose.	
Mental Deficiency Hospitals	Coleshill Hall, Warwickshire.	
	Royal Eastern Counties Institution, Colchester.	
Adult Clinics	Springfield Hospital, Manchester.	
	Dingleton Hospital, Melrose.	
	Dudley Guest Hospital, Dudley Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge	in association with Barnsley Hall Hospital,
	St. Nicholas Hospital, Plumstead West Hill Hospital, Dartford	in association with Bexley Hospital.
	York County Hospital—in association with Naburn and Bootham Park Hospital.	
	East Ham Memorial Hospital Southend-on-Sea General Hospital St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay	in association with Runwell Hospital.
Child Clinic	Coventry Child Guidance Clinic—in association with The Central Hospital, Warwick.	

D.P.M. Examination—May, 1953. Successful Candidates.

Part I:

R. E. Brandon, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.C.H.
N. C. Connell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
F. H. Corbitt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
W. Johnston, M.B., Ch.B.
R. E. Lovelace, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.S.A.
J. Mukerjee, M.B.
Elizabeth Shoenberg, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
D. C. V. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.

Part II:

Ruth Hoffman, M.B., Ch.B.
N. B. Jetmalani, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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