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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 20, 21 and 22 July, 1949, at the Royal Station Hotel, York, under the Presidency of J. IVISON RUSSELL, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M.

Wednesday, 20 July : Morning Session.

W. REES-THOMAS, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., M.P.C., retiring President, in the Chair.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Meeting held in London in July, 1948, having been published in the Supplement to the January, 1949, Journal, were signed by the President as a correct record.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

It was moved from the Chair :

(*a*) That the Officers of the Association for 1949–50 be :

President.—J. Ivison Russell, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M.
President-Elect.—K. K. Drury, *M.C.*, M.D., D.P.M.
Treasurer.—T. Tennent, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M.
General Secretary.—K. K. Drury, *M.C.*, M.D., D.P.M.
Registrar.—J. Ivison Russell, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M.
Editor-in-Chief.—G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.
Librarian.—Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.

(*b*) That the Representative Members of the Council for 1949–50 be :

South-Eastern Division.—Drs. J. B. S. Lewis (Chairman), T. P. Rees (Secretary), E. P. H. Charlton.
South-Western Division.—Drs. T. J. Hennelly (Chairman), R. W. Armstrong (Secretary), Delfun Lewis.
Northern and Midland Division.—Drs. H. Freize Stephens (Chairman), G. M. Woddis (Secretary), W. L. Jones.
Scottish Division.—Drs. Angus MacNiven (Chairman), E. J. C. Hewitt (Secretary), James Milne.
Irish Division.—Drs. P. Cassin (Chairman), J. N. P. Moore (Secretary), J. Kearney.
Sections : Drs. F. L. Golla, T. J. Hennelly, E. O. Lewis, R. G. Blake Marsh, J. B. S. Lewis, T. A. Munro, F. H. Bodman and Joan E. Mackworth.

(*c*) That the Nominated Members of the Council for 1949–50 be :
Drs. J. Carse, H. V. Dicks, J. R. Rees, W. Ford Robertson, R. G. McInnes and W. S. Maclay.

(*d*) That the Parliamentary Committee be reappointed.
Addition : Dr. K. C. Paddle.
Resignation : Dr. H. G. L. Haynes.

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(*e*) That the Education Committee be reappointed.
Additions: Drs. John M. Bowlby, J. B. Methven and Noel Harris.
Resignations: Drs. H. G. L. Haynes, D. Prentice, I. Skottowe and K. Soddy.

(*f*) That the Library Committee be reappointed.
Additions: Drs. W. Rees Thomas, C. L. Burns, T. M. Cuthbert and H. V. Dicks.
Resignation: Dr. Joan E. Mackworth.

(*g*) That the Papers and Discussions Committee be reappointed.
Addition: Dr. W. Rees Thomas.

(*h*) That the Finance Committee be reappointed.
Addition: Dr. W. S. Maclay.
Resignation: Dr. M. J. Brookes.

(*i*) That the Journal Committee be reappointed.

The motions were carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL, OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

(*a*) COUNCIL.

The GENERAL SECRETARY read the Report of the Council as follows:

The Council beg to report that appropriate messages were sent to H.R.H. Pricess Elizabeth on the birth of her child, and to His Majesty The King in sympathy with his illness and in loyal hope for his speedy and complete recovery; replies were received in each case thanking the Association and expressing appreciation of the message.

The membership of the Association stands at 1,195 (January, 1949). The membership figures for the past five years are as follows:

	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Ordinary Members .	1,046	1,052	1,015	1,104	1,139
Honorary Members .	24	24	21	20	20
Corresponding Members	46	45	44	40	33
Associate Members .	—	—	4	4	3
Totals . .	1,116	1,121	1,084	1,168	1,195

The Council have held seven meetings (four Quarterly and three Special) during the year.

The first Special Meeting was called to consider in detail a Memorandum on the Problem of Social Workers in the field of Mental Health which has been placed before the appropriate Committee of the Ministry of Health.

The second Special Meeting was held to consider a request from the British Medical Association to discuss confidential proposals on the terms and conditions of service of hospital medical staff. The Association's views were submitted to the Consultants and Specialists' Committee and the proposals put forward were incorporated in a confidential memorandum submitted to the Ministry.

The Council since received a most useful and informative report about the negotiations and pursued the question of direct representation upon the Consultants and Specialists' Committee, but without success.

The Third Special Meeting was held on 23 June to consider a further document from the Ministry regarding Conditions of Service.

The Council considered the advice they should tender to Medical Superintendents on their position when offered final contracts. The Council decided to communicate with the Central Consultants' and Specialists' Committee on several points, including a definition of the hours of duty of a whole-time officer's week, domiciliary consultations, gradings as Senior Hospital Medical Officer, the position of Medical Superintendents in the specialty and the implementation of the Spens Report regarding membership of learned societies, etc.

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