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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, 3 May, 1961, at Horton Road and Coney Hill Hospitals, Gloucester, under the Presidency of Dr. Alexander Walk.

Morning Session at Coney Hill Hospital

MINUTES

The President stated that there had been some delay in the printing of the Minutes in the Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science*, and as they had not been circulated confirmation of the Minutes was held over until the next meeting.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of the following members:

GJESSING, R., Lom, Norway; a Corresponding Member since 1938.

GLAISTER, JOHN NORMAN, late Physician to the British Hospital for Nervous and Mental Disorders; an Ordinary Member since 1939.

MAYER-GROSS, WILLIAM, Department of Experimental Psychiatry, University of Birmingham and formerly Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Heidelberg; an Ordinary Member since 1939, an Honorary Member since 1960.

HARRISON, GEOFFREY J., Physician-Superintendent, Winwick Hospital, Warrington, Lancashire; an Ordinary Member since 1930.

LADY JEFFERSON, High Bank, Didsbury, Manchester; an Ordinary Member since 1938.

SMITH, GEORGE WILLIAM, Wyke House, Isleworth; Treasurer, 1931–46; an Ordinary Member since 1905; an Honorary Member since 1944.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

ASUNI, TOLANI, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Government of Western Nigeria, Neuropsychiatric Centre, Aro Hospital, Abeokuta.

Proposed by Drs. T. A. Lambo, P. D. Scott, J. P. Dewsbery.

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ILIOPOULOS, CONSTANTINE, M.D.(Athens), Psychiatrist, Saskatchewan Hospital, Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. H. Osmond, A. B. Monro, G. A. Ives.

IRWIN, EDNA MARGARET, M.D., M.R.C.P.E., Tutor/Registrar, Queen's University, Department of Mental Health, Belfast City Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Gibson, W. F. McAuley, R. J. McIlwaine.

KERNOHAN, GEORGE ANDREW, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Londonderry and Gransha Hospital, Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. A. S. Clenaghan, D. J. C. Dawson, T. R. Haire.

MCCLURE, DAVID JOSEPH, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Senior House Officer, Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast.

Proposed by Drs. C. B. Robinson, W. A. Norris, E. S. Lamont.

MOFFATT, WILLIAM RAYMOND, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Eastern Special Care, Muckamore Abbey, Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. W. A. Norris, B. G. Scally, T. W. H. Weir.

PROCTOR, OSWALD H., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.M., Medical Officer in Psychiatry, Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast.

Proposed by Drs. W. A. Norris, E. S. Lamont, C. B. Robinson.

ROBERTS, ALBERT GEORGE, B.Sc., M.D., Chief of Male Admission Service, Connecticut State Hospital, Middletown; Associate Psychiatrist, Elmcrest Manor, Portland, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Proposed by Drs. F. E. Pilkington, A. B. Monro, A. Walk.

SHAMSIE, SYED JALAL, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Resident in Psychiatry, Verdun Protestant Hospital, Montreal, Canada.

Proposed by Drs. C. P. McAree, J. S. Werry, K. A. Handcock.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER

The following was unanimously elected to Associate Membership:

Candidature approved by Council 15 February, 1961.

HETHERINGTON, RALPH RAILTON, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.B.Ps.S., Principal Clinical Psychologist, United Liverpool Hospitals; Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, University of Liverpool.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The General Secretary reported that Council had met at 2.15 p.m. on the previous day at Horton Road Hospital.

Arising from the Minutes the question of the International Conference for Psychotherapy in 1964 was discussed. The Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section indicated that they were in favour of the R.M.P.A. giving support to the holding of this Congress to be held in London in 1964. Council felt that further enquiries were necessary regarding finance and details of organization before a definite decision could be reached.

The Editor-in-Chief reported that it was proposed to issue the papers read at the Conference on Hallucinogenic Drugs as a monograph.

The Education Committee reported that a small editorial Sub-Committee had been set up to proceed with all possible speed in the preparation of a new edition of the Red Handbook. The question of providing refresher courses for G.P.s on

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psychiatric topics was discussed, and it was decided that this matter should only be pursued after obtaining the views of the College of General Practitioners.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that the programme of speakers for the July meeting was arranged and that the morning session of the November meeting would include a discussion of the Ministry of Health's recent report on the results of leucotomy.

There was a discussion on the advisability of inviting members of the press to attend meetings of the Association. It was decided that this practice should start at the July meeting in Belfast, unless there were any objections from speakers or from organizations acting as hosts to the Association.

The Special Committee considering the future of organized psychiatry submitted a report consisting of two memoranda, relating to the possibility of either forming a College of Psychiatry, or a Faculty of the Royal College of Physicians, or of the R.M.P.A., taking on some of the functions of a College. After discussion Council decided to circulate these memoranda to all members of the R.M.P.A. as soon as possible, emphasizing that it was most important to know the views of all members, and asking members to use any influence they might have to prevent hasty action by any organized body.

Council also decided that the Ministry should be written to about the staffing position in hospitals for the subnormal, with a strong recommendation that the number of consultants should be increased.

Papers

The following Papers were read:

"Gloucester and the Beginnings of the R.M.P.A."

By Dr. Alexander Walk (in collaboration with Dr. D. Lindsay Walker).

(See *Journal*, July, 1961, p. 603.)

"Psychogenic Psychosis"

By Dr. Paul Faergemann, Psychiatric Department,
Aarhus University, Risskov, Denmark.

Afternoon Session at Coney Hill Hospital

Papers on **"Problems of Isolation and Sensory Deprivation"** were read by Drs. J. P. Dewsbery and R. Beech.

Seminars

The Seminars held on Tuesday, 2 May, dealt with the relationship between Psychiatry, the Law, and the Public, under the Mental Health Act. The speakers included Dr. Patrick G. McGrath, Physician Superintendent, Broadmoor Hospital; Dr. M. A. B. Fenton, Senior Medical Officer, Prison Medical Service; Dr. K. M. Tomlinson, J.P., General Practitioner; a representative of the legal profession; Dr. G. F. Bramley, Medical Officer of Health, Gloucestershire; Dr. George B. Matthews, General Practitioner; Mr. Kenneth Robinson, M.P., and Baroness Wootton of Abinger.

Hospitality

Before the Meeting commenced, on Monday evening, Messrs. Harvey's of Bristol invited members to a tasting of German wines.

On Wednesday, members and their wives were the guests of the Hospital Management Committee at a most enjoyable luncheon. In the evening the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Gloucester invited members and their wives to a Ball at the Guildhall.

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During the evening the Mayor welcomed the Association in a short speech. The President in his reply referred to the importance of Gloucester and Gloucestershire in the history of British psychiatry; the work of Sir George Paul in the early 19th century; the foundation of the R.M.P.A.; the prominent part taken in its affairs by Gloucester members, such as Drs. Needham, Greig Soutar and Fleming; and the progress made in recent years at Horton Road and Coney Hill Hospitals and in the organization of psychiatric services in Gloucestershire. A proof of Gloucester's enlightened attitude was that it was the only city that proudly included an account of its mental hospitals in its official guide-book.

On Tuesday, at the invitation of the Committee of Doctors' Wives, the ladies went on a very enjoyable coach tour of the Cotswolds, being entertained to lunch and tea *en route*. On Wednesday morning, after coffee, there was a most interesting conducted tour of Gloucester Cathedral.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Shenley Hospital, near St. Albans, Herts, on Wednesday, 5 October, 1960, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. O. W. S. Fitzgerald, Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association were received by Dr. Fitzgerald and his medical colleagues, and parties shown round the Hospital. Visits were made to the wards and the various departments of the hospital. Of particular interest were the workshops which had been largely built with the aid of patient labour.

The large gathering at lunch included over 60 members of the Association and nursing and auxiliary members of the staff of the hospital. The Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. Charles Knifton, J.P., extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. Fitzgerald, responded on behalf of the Division.

The Secretary gave the report on the Meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management held that morning, and the resolutions respecting nomination to the Regional Boards were confirmed by the meeting.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

BERGIN, JOHN THOMAS, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Proposed by Drs. B. A. O'Connell, P. G. McGrath, J. L. F. Maine.

BOURNE, STANFORD, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Shenley Hospital, nr. St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

Proposed by Drs. S. T. Hayward, O. W. S. Fitzgerald, D. Bardon.

GRAZ, HERTA, M.D.(Prague), D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Portman Clinic; Medical Director, Battersea Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. Susannah Davidson, D. Rumney, L. H. Rubenstein.

LIMENTANI, AMEDIO, M.D.(Rome), D.P.M., D.T.M.& H., Consultant Psychiatrist, Italian Hospital; Psychotherapist, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. A. Shapiro, Louis Rose, S. H. Lucas.

LOMAS, PETER ERIC SAMUEL, M.B., Ch.B., Flat A, 89 Redington Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.

Proposed by Drs. T. F. Main, A. Brook, M. Rosenthall.

MAJOLIER, CHLOE, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Shenley Hospital nr. St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

Proposed by Drs. P. D. W. Shepherd, L. Hurst, Yolande I. M. Glaser.

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