The Report of the Joint Committee on Mental Deficiency Legislation has been approved for transmission to the Ministry of Health and the National Association for Mental Health. The Council is glad to know that the Report has received the approval of the Psychological Medicine Group of the British Medical Association.

A Committee has been appointed to work with the Electro-Physiological Technologists' Association in the arrangements for their examinations and the award of a Diploma, it being understood that the R.M.P.A. will incur no financial commitments thereby.

At the request of the Minister nominations are being sent forward for vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards and the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

It has been decided to submit a joint memorandum with the British Medical Association to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce, and Drs. T. Tennent, Henry Wilson and J. A. Hobson have been appointed to the Committee set up by the B.M.A. for this purpose. As the memorandum is required at an early date the Committee has been granted full powers.

Drs. John Bowlby and T. P. Rees are being asked to prepare a draft memorandum for W.H.O. on the possibilities of developing work of mental hygiene within the public health service.

Dr. T. P. Rees will continue as the Association's representative member on the Council of the National Association for Mental Health.

Dr. H. V. Dicks has been appointed to represent the Association on the International Committee of the National Association for Mental Health.

It is hoped that Dr. Mayer-Gross will represent the Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Indian Psychiatric Society in December, 1951.

Dr. Alan Maberly (with Dr. T. P. Rees as his named substitute) has been appointed to serve for a further period on the Mental Health Course Advisory Committee.

The Association hopes to be represented at the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Margate in 1952.

A Resolution from the Northern and Midland Division concerning the absence of whole-time medical staff representation on the staff side of the Whitley Council was sympathetically considered, and the matter will be brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

Joint Meeting with the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The object of the Meeting was to promote an exchange of views in regard to the incidence and control of tuberculosis in mental hospitals among patients and staff, and opening papers were read by—

Dr. Andrew Morland, Consultant Chest Physician, University College Hospital, London.

Dr. R. Gordon McLaren, Medical Superintendent, Barming Heath Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.

Dr. Bertram T. Mann, Consultant Chest Physician, Leeds Regional Hospital Board.

Dr. Frieda R. Hendeles, Physician, Shenley Hospital, St. Albans.

The Joint Meeting was well attended by members of the two Associations, and the papers and ensuing discussion were both interesting and valuable.

Maudsley Lecture.

The Twenty-Sixth Maudsley Lecture was given by Sir Cyril Burt, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A., on " The Assessment of Personality."

On the motion of Dr. E. O. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Isabel G. H. Wilson, a vote of thanks to Sir Cyril was carried by acclamation.

Seminars.

In connection with this Quarterly Meeting, and for the first time, seminars were held at St. George's Hospital, S.W. 1, on 14 November. The subjects were—

" Experiences with Out-patient E.C.T." (Sir Paul Mallinson and Dr. N. Dembovitz).

" Child Psychiatric Problems " (Dr. Emanuel Miller). " Experiences in Leucotomy with Reference to the ' Under-cutting ' Technique " (Dr. M. Partridge).

The seminars were so well attended and received, particularly by the younger members of the Association, that it is intended to continue them as a regular feature of Quarterly Meetings.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division took place at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on Saturday, 27 October, 1951, by kind invitation of the Tavistick Clinic and the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

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PLAUT, ALFRED B. J., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., The Child Guidance Clinic, Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.
Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris,, J. A. Hobson and W. N. L. Haynes.

SMEDBERG, DAPHNE G. D. TILLOU, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Registrar, Warlingham Park Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, Wm. H. Shapley and R. A. Sandison.

STANBRIDGE, REGINALD HORACE, *O.B.E.*, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.I.H., Air Commodore, P.M.O., Bomber Command, R.A.F., High Wycombe, Bucks.
Proposed by Drs. P. H. Sandifer, J. C. Sawle Thomas and Ralph Bates.

The Spring and Autumn Meetings of the Division in 1952 are to be at Cane Hill and Long Grove Hospitals respectively, and the Spring Meeting in 1953 is to be at Brentwood Hospital.

The Papers were all given by members of the Staff of the Tavistock Clinic and those read in the morning were as follows :

"**Some Observations on Psycho-analytic Group Therapy,**" by Dr. J. D. SUTHERLAND.

"**Some Observations on Intake Techniques in Child Guidance,**" by Dr. H. DUGMORE HUNTER.

"**Experience of a Psychiatrist in Industry,**" by Dr. A. T. M. WILSON.

After an excellent lunch provided by the hosts in two neighbouring restaurants three further papers were read :

"**Some Observations on Psycho-analytic Group Therapy,**" by Dr. H. EZRIEL.

"**The Effects of Maternal Deprivation,**" by Dr. J. M. BOWLBY.

"**Experiences of a Psychiatrist in Industry,**" by Dr. ELLIOTT JAQUES, followed by the discussion.

In reply to a question Dr. SUTHERLAND said that the initiative in terminating treatment for a group member came from the member, and that many of them have attended for 3 or 4 years.

Dr. MAXWELL JONES said that if Psychiatry did not take the lead in preventive treatment for the child, it would be taken by the social services. Dr. HINGSTON drew attention to the harm caused to the child by a long delay between the original interview and start of treatment. In reply to a question, Dr. BOWLBY said that many of the more advanced hospitals were allowing daily visiting of sick children. Dr. MACKEITH suggested that comparative studies of the management techniques in different industries might be revealing. Many others took part in a lively discussion in this well-attended meeting, in which 140 members and guests were present. Before the meeting adjourned for tea, Dr. T. P. REES expressed the thanks of the Division to the Tavistock Institute for their great hospitality, and for providing the papers which gave members an insight into the useful work done at the Tavistock Clinic, and which had been so interesting, instructive and stimulating.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on Friday, 26 October, 1951, at Upton Hospital, Chester, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee, and Dr. C. L. Copeland, the Medical Superintendent.

During the morning the Hospital was open to inspection and members were particularly impressed by the Occupational Therapy Department. Members sat down to lunch at 1 p.m. and Professor D. R. MACCALMAN expressed the thanks of the Division for the hospitality shown and drew special attention to the excellent quality of the cooking and service, asking that the Management Committee and Catering Staff be informed of these sentiments. Dr. COPELAND accepted these thanks on behalf of all concerned.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Business Meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m., with Professor D. R. MacCalman in the Chair.

Forty members were recorded as present and apologies received from eight members.

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct by the Chairman, the meeting giving permission for this procedure owing to the late start and the inclement weather.

Arising out of the minutes the SECRETARY reported that although they were a correct record of the last meeting, the record itself contained an error of fact in relation to the Division's resolution concerning the College of Psychiatry. This arose from the Secretary having been wrongly informed as to its probable fate, and having passed this incorrect information on to the Division at the last meeting.

As matters now stand, the resolution is left in abeyance but subject to annual review.

The Report of the Divisional Committee of Management was presented by the Secretary, who reported briefly on the proceedings at that morning's meeting.

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