The further memorandum of the Mental Health Bill prepared by the Evidence Committee was approved subject to certain amendments.

At the suggestion of the Papers and Discussions Committee it had been agreed that the business at the Annual General Meeting should be shortened by omitting the customary reading of the Annual Reports of the Council and Committees. This would allow for the reading of an important scientific paper later in the morning.

The General Secretary reported the satisfactory outcome of recent talks between representatives of the R.M.P.A. and the Medical Research Council.

Council approved the continuation of the Joint Committee of the R.M.P.A. and the Society of Medical Officers of Health, to act as a liaison between the two bodies.

Council congratulated the Committee on Hospital Medical Staffing on their detailed report, and agreed that further information should be sought by a circularization of various bodies and people who were in a position to give it.

Papers

The following Papers were read:

"Epidemiology and Psychiatry"

(*a*) Principles and Methods of Epidemiological Research and their Application to Psychiatric Illness

Speaker: Dr. Stuart Morrison (Social Medicine Research Unit of the Medical Research Council—London Hospital).

(See *Journal*, October, 1959, p. 999.)

(*b*) The Place of National Statistics in the Epidemiology of Mental Illness

Speaker: Miss Eileen M. Brooke (Medical Statistician—Registrar-General's Office).

(See *Journal*, October 1959, p. 893.)

(*c*) The Clinical Application of Epidemiological Research in Psychiatry

Speaker: Dr. Michael Shepherd (Maudsley Hospital).

(*d*) The Relevance of Attitude Studies in Epidemiological Research in Psychiatry

Speaker: Dr. K. Rawnsley (South Wales Social Psychiatry Research Unit—Medical Research Council).

(*e*) Industrial Rehabilitation of the Chronic Schizophrenic

Speaker: Dr. John Wing (Social Psychiatry Research Unit—Maudsley Hospital).

Seminars

Seminars were held on 11 February at the Middlesex Hospital, as follows: "Spontaneous Hypoglycaemia." *Speaker:* Dr. J. A. Hobson; "Trends in Psychosomatic Medicine." *Speaker:* Dr. Murray Jackson; "The Value of Routine Laboratory Investigation in Psychiatric Outpatients." *Speakers:* Drs. Deborah Doniach and Myrddin Evans.

SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING, 1959

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Association was held on May 6 and 7, 1959, at Newcastle upon Tyne, under the Presidency of Dr. L. C. Cook, by kind invitation of the University of Durham, the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board, and Mental Hospital Management Committees of the Newcastle Region.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting held on 13 November, 1958, in London, were confirmed and signed by the President.

Obituary

The President announced with regret the death of the following:

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JOAH LYON BATES, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Borocourt Hospital, Reading; an Ordinary Member since 1955.

JOSEPH AUGUSTINE ALOYSIUS HANNIGAN, M.B., B.Ch. B.A.O., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Broadmoor Institution; an Ordinary Member since 1955.

DR. JACQUES JEAN L'HERMITTE, Paris; an Honorary Member since 1922.

CLEMENT LOVELL, *M.C.*, M.D., B.S., late Pathologist to Bethlem Royal Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1923.

WILLIAM STARKEY, M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I., late Medical Superintendent, Plymouth Mental Hospital; Secretary, S.W. Division 1922-30; an Ordinary Member since 1901.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following Candidates were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

BAINBRIDGE, GRACE, B.S., D.P.M., Psychotherapist, Friern and Archway Hospital Groups; Friern Hospital, London, N.11.
Proposed by Drs. I. Sutton, J. de Bastarrechea, Pauline Stirling.

BINNIE, JAMES PERCY KENNEDY, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.
Proposed by Drs. A. C. Tait, R. A. Robinson, J. Harper.

BURTON-BRADLEY, BURTON GYRTH, M.B., B.S. (Sydney), D.P.M. (Melbourne), Colombo Plan Psychiatrist, Singapore; Part-time Lecturer, Psychological Medicine, University of Malaya.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Murphy, A. Walk, A. B. Monro.

CLEOBURY, JOHN FRANK, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., Psychiatric Registrar, Rubery Hill Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. K. A. H. Sykes, T. C. Graves, F. A. Roberts.

DUNCAN, ROBERT LESLIE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Ailsa Hospital, Ayr.
Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, J. F. McHarg, W. L. Flanagan.

ENTWISTLE, CHARLES, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Hollymoor Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. C. Ross, J. R. Mathers, A. Orwin.

HARROLD, COLIN MORSE, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Child Guidance Training Centre, 6 Osnaburgh Street, N.W.1.
Proposed by Drs. A. H. D. Hunter, A. D. Black, J. A. Greeves.

HATRICK, JOHN ALEXANDER, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. T. Ferguson Rodger, A. B. Sclare, H. I. Clapham.

HOWIESON, WILLIAM EVAN, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Jordanburn Nerve Hospital, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Drs. F. J. Fish, A. McClelland, A. D. Forrest.

JONES, DANIEL MICHAEL H., M.B., B.S., Registrar, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.
Proposed by Drs. G. C. Heller, J. H. O. Roberts, G. Williamson.

KEITH, MICHAEL JOHN, M.B., B.S. Diplomate in Psychiatry of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; Attending Staff, Norfolk General, De Paul and Leigh Memorial Hospitals, Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. J. H. Furr, W. Sargant, A. Walk.

MACLEOD, ALAN MATHESON, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Neuropsychiatric Centre, Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Bucks.
Proposed by Drs. P. Hall, P. D. L. Roper, R. M. Bowman.

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McQUAKER, WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar in Psychiatry, Bangour Village Hospital, Broxburn, West Lothian.
Proposed by Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, B. E. A. Magill, D. E. H. Beattie.

MACRAE-GIBSON, NEIL KELLOCH, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Croydon Child Guidance Clinic; 41 Randolph Avenue, London, W.9.
Proposed by Drs. S. A. MacKeith, Marjorie Le Vay, H. K. Rose.

MILLER, JOHN EDWARD, M.B., B.S., Psychiatric Registrar, St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Child, T. A. Muckle, G. M. Muirhead.

MORRIS, PHILIP ASHTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.A.H., L.M., D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer Psychiatry, Kingsway Hospital, Derby.
Proposed by Drs. H. Conn, I. Magee, T. Maguire.

SHACKLETON, RACHEL FELL, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., 32 Highbury Place, N.5.
Proposed by Drs. I. Sutton, J. De Bastarrechea, A. Walk.

SOURS, JOHN APPLING, A.B. Yale, M.D. Cornell. Fullbright Scholar and Clinical Assistant to Professorial Unit, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. M. Shepherd, C. M. B. Pare, B. L. Mallett.

TAYLOR, JOHN HARPER DAWSON, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Commander, Royal Navy; 27 Howard Place, Edinburgh 4.
Proposed by Drs. F. J. Fish, A. D. Forrest, J. R. B. Saxby.

TEWFIK, GERALD ISMAIL, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Bexley Hospital, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. D. M. Leiberman, J. D. Morrissey, Nydia Panton.

THOMAS, DANIEL LEWIS CHARLES, M.D., B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Suffolk Mental Hospitals.
Proposed by Drs. G. L. Davies, J. W. Garry, J. V. Fennell.

WALLACE, HAROLD ERIC ROBERTSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent and Consultant Psychiatrist, De La Pole Hospital, Willerby, Hull.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. R. Bickford, A. Walk, A. B. Monro.

WHITELAW, JOHN DERYK ATKINSON, M.B., B.S., Clinical Assistant, Powick Hospital, Worcester.
Proposed by Drs. A. M. Spencer, R. A. Sandison, J. D. Currie.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Dr. Harris reported that he had been in touch with the Association for the Study of Medical Education and the Council decided that the Association should apply for membership.

Dr. Gould presented the report of the Special Committee on Hospital Medical Staffing, and it was decided to defer consideration of a memorandum on the position of psychiatrists working in local authority services until July.

The Treasurer reported that the financial position of the Association was satisfactory.

The Editor reported difficulties in getting out Volume III of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, and the problem was discussed at considerable length.

The Librarian reported that the new room at Chandos Street had been taken over and progress was being made towards improving the furnishing and lighting. Council approved the recommendation of the Education Committee that their memorandum on Nurse Tutors should be circulated to the Chief Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health and other authorities interested in the nursing problem. The Education Committee hoped that the new edition of the Red Handbook might be ready for presentation to the publishers by the end of the year.

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The Films Sub-Committee reported that attempts were being made to organize provincial viewing and appraisal centres. The Sub-Committee suggested that the Editor of the Journal might be asked to publish certain film appraisals.

The Parliamentary Committee had considered the usual summary of Parliamentary proceedings and the progress of the Mental Health Bill. They drew attention to certain anomalies arising in regard to divorce in relation to the Bill.

Council approved the proposals of the Papers and Discussions Committee for the programme to be held at the Annual Meeting in Glasgow from July 14 to 17. In addition to distinguished speakers from North America, the main topic to be discussed would be "The Difficult Patient'. Council were glad to hear that the recent tour by Scandinavian psychiatrists had been an outstanding success.

Dr. Noel Harris reported that the Joint Committee of the R.M.P.A. and the Society of Medical Officers of Health was continuing to hold meetings, which were making a fruitful contribution to the close co-operation which was so desirable in view of the proposed new legislation.

It was reported to Council that a number of Canadian psychiatrists were expected to be in this country at the time of the Annual Meeting, and Council recommended that arrangements be made for hospitality for these visitors, and for others from the British Commonwealth.

Papers

The following Papers were read:

"Preliminary Report of a Trial of Two New Drugs in the Treatment of Depression."
By Drs. L. G. Kiloh, J. P. Child, Gertrude Latner, J. R. B. Ball.

"Problems of Depression in Old Age."
By Dr. D. W. Kay.

"Some Recent Developments in Relation to Classification of Depressive States."
By Professor Martin Roth.

"A Clinical Study of Transvestism."
By Dr. J. R. B. Ball.

"Anorexia Nervosa."
By Dr. A. King.

Seminars

Seminars were held at the Royal Victoria Infirmary on May 6, as follows: "Diminished Responsibility," by Dr. R. Orton; "The Phenomenological Approach to Diagnosis," by Mr. J. Liggett; "Newer Procedures in Psycho-Surgery," by Mr. H. J. Hankinson; "Unusual Causes of Dementia," by Dr. L. G. Kiloh; "Accident Neurosis," by Dr. H. G. Miller.

On May 5, Members and their wives were entertained at a sherry party at the Newcastle General Hospital.

On May 6 members of Committees and Council were given lunch in King's College Medical School; small parties of members' wives visited the Farne Islands and Hexham, and in the evening a very enjoyable reception was given by the Lord Mayor in the Laing Art Gallery.

On May 7 Members and their wives were kindly invited to lunch at St. Nicholas Hospital; parties of members' wives were entertained to coffee and sightseeing in Newcastle in the morning, and visits were paid to Durham and Rothbury in the afternoon. In the evening Members and their wives were invited to a reception and dance by the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board at the Sutherland, Hall, King's College.

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