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### QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, on Wednesday, November 26, 1941, under the Presidency of Thomas C. Graves, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.S.

There were no Minutes to confirm as the last meeting was the Annual General Meeting.

#### OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT said it was not now the custom to make extended references to deceased colleagues, but he felt some mention should be made on this occasion of the passing of such a prominent member of the Association as Dr. David Orr, late Medical Superintendent of Prestwich Mental Hospital. He became a member of the Association in 1902, and was a frequent contributor with the late Dr. R. G. Rows to the Journal. He did much important work on the pathology of insanity and gave demonstrations at meetings on that work. Of late years his life was troubled with illness. He asked the members to join with him in silent tribute to his memory.

Those present stood in silence for a few moments.

The PRESIDENT continued that it was with the deepest regret that the Council learnt that morning of the death about six weeks ago of the late President, Dr. J. R. Gilmour. Dr. Gilmour did a considerable amount of work for the Association, and his duties as President were greatly appreciated although he was then in ill-health. Dr. Gilmour joined the Association in 1897, and from 1920 to 1928 was Secretary of the Northern and Midland Division, and Chairman of that Division in 1929 to 1931. He was President of the Association in 1938–39.

The members stood in silent tribute to Dr. Gilmour's memory.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (Dr. W. G. Masefield) then read the Report of Council as follows :

It has been decided to form a Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Committee to be devoted to the subject of the neuroses and child guidance.

A further letter has been received from the Committee for Training Social Workers in Mental Health asking the Association to continue to contribute £25 a year for the two years beginning April, 1942, for the Session 1942–43, and April, 1943, for the Session 1943–44. The Council is in favour of continuing the grant.

A letter has been received from the Mental Hospitals Association stating : " That the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, the Incorporated Association of Clerks and Stewards of Mental Hospitals, and the Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union be invited to appoint three representatives to serve with a similar number of representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association on a Joint Committee with the following terms of reference :

> " To watch and report from time to time, as may be necessary, any developments, Parliamentary or otherwise, which may affect the present Statutory powers of Visiting Committees appointed pursuant to the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930, or contemplate in any way alteration of the Law appertaining to public mental hospitals in England and Wales.

That such Joint Committee be given full power to invite other Bodies to appoint representatives to serve on the Committee."

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The Council agreed to accept the invitation of the Mental Hospitals Association and appointed the President (Dr. Graves), Col. Petrie and Dr. Masefield as Representatives.

The Council notes with regret that no meetings of the Scottish or South-Eastern Divisions have been held either during 1940 or this year.

The date of the next Quarterly Meeting has been fixed for Thursday, February 26, 1942, the Committees meeting the previous day.

It is hoped that the May Quarterly meeting will be held at Preston, Lancs. The actual date has not yet been arranged.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Dr. HELEN BOYLE and agreed to.

### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT nominated Dr. Bower and Dr. Lindsay to act as Scrutineers.

It was also agreed that the two elections should be held together, and on a ballot being taken the following were declared unanimously elected:

DALEY, WILLIAM ALLEN, B.Sc.Lond., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H.Camb., Medical Officer of Health; School Medical Officer; County of London, County Hall, Westminster.

WHATLEY, JAMES LAWSON, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Medical Officer, Midland Counties Institution, Knowle, Birmingham.

Paper: **"The Investigation of Personality in Patients Treated by Prefrontal Leucotomy,"** by Dr. E. L. HUTTON, Research Medical Officer, Burden Neurological Institute (see p. 275).

The PRESIDENT, in calling on Dr. Hutton to read her paper, said he was sure all were interested readers of the preliminary report on this subject published in the *Lancet* of July, 1941. This mode of treatment appeared to hold out some prospects of alleviation in some conditions of mental disorder and they would be glad to know whether this had been borne out by further investigation.

The paper was discussed by the PRESIDENT, Prof. F. L. GOLLA, and Drs. MCCOWAN, J. H. MACDONALD, M. B. BRODY, W. G. MASEFIELD, REES THOMAS, and R. SESSIONS HODGE.

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## SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN 1941 MEETING of the South-Western Division was held, by kind invitation of the Directors of The Old Manor, Salisbury, and Dr. S. Edgar Martin, at The Old Manor, Salisbury, on Thursday, October 23, 1941.

The following members were present: Dr. J. W. Leech (in the Chair), Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Prof. F. L. Golla, Drs. Peter Carruthers, G. Clarke, G. W. T. H. Fleming, H. B. Hill, E. L. Hutton, A. C. King-Turner, J. McGarvey, R. G. McInnes, N. Moulson, J. C. Penton, J. M. C. Speer, F. E. Stokes, D. H. H. Thomas, J. P. Westrup, and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary). The following attended as a visitor: Dr. J. W. Miller.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. B. M. Mules, A. S. Mules, John Keay, Isabel G. H. Wilson, F. Finigan, E. Casson, R. E. Hemphill, R. Sessions Hodge, A. Helen Boyle, A. Shepherd, F. Douglas Turner and J. V. Blachford.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Divisional Committee had nothing to report and the same applied to the Representative Members of Council.

On the proposition of Dr. FLEMING, seconded by Lieut.-Col. ARMSTRONG, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary, and Dr. J. W. Leech was re-elected Chairman.

On the proposition of Dr. FLEMING, seconded by Dr. J. M. C. SPEER, Dr. J. W. Leech and Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong were elected as Representative Members of Council.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The HON. SECRETARY reported that Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming had kindly offered to have the Spring, 1942, Meeting (Thursday, April 23, 1942) at Barnwood House, Gloucester, and it was unanimously decided to accept and thank him for his kind offer.

Dr. J. M. C. SPEER (Wilts County Mental Hospital) read a paper on **"Treatment of Dysentery by Sulphapyridine"** and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Prof. Golla, Dr. F. E. Stokes and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming.

Dr. G. W. T. H. FLEMING (Barnwood House) then read a short paper on **"Prefrontal Leucotomy"** (see p. 282), and the following contributed to an interesting discussion on the paper: Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Dr. E. L. Hutton, Dr. R. G. McInnes and Dr. A. C. King-Turner, etc.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Drs. Speer and Fleming for their interesting papers.

The members were then entertained to tea, and those who wished had an opportunity of looking over The Old Manor.

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