TARSH, MICHAEL JUSTIN, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., Registrar, Long Grove Hospital, Epsom.

Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, J. Denham, L. J. Clein.

WEIR, JOHN GORDON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W.2.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. W. Pearce, D. Blair, R. F. Hobson.

WESTON, JOSEPH WHITTINGTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.S.A., D.T.M., Junior Medical Officer, Severalls Hospital, Colchester.

Proposed by Drs. Russell Barton, A. Walk, J. Llewellyn Jones.

The Secretary referred to future meetings of the Division, stating that the Autumn meeting would be with the Darenth and Stone Group.

The Secretary referred to a letter he had received from Dr. G. C. Heller, in which he wished included in the agenda the following:

"That the R.M.P.A., recommend to the Regional Boards to grant expenses for those members who participate actively at Psychiatric Congresses; this to include a Congress for Psychotherapy."

In the discussion which followed, Dr. Heller explained that he had been asked to read a paper at the International Congress of Psychotherapy to be held in Vienna. Dr. Gibson pointed out that the attitude of the Regional Boards seemed to vary. So far as he could ascertain there were two classes concerned—those who sat on a committee or were reading a paper, and those who did not. The former were likely to receive financial support, and the latter not. Dr. Shapiro, who also spoke, raised the question as to the entitlement of Registrars. No formal resolution was passed, but it was agreed that the Secretary write to Dr. Monro, so that the matter could be raised at the next Quarterly Meeting.

The following papers were then read:

1. **"The Incidence of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy among a Hospital Population of Subnormal and Severely Subnormal Patients and Preliminary Findings from Autopsy Evidence"**

By Dr. J. H. Margerison and Dr. J. A. N. Corsellis.

2. **"The Growth and Development of the Mongol"**

By Dr. G. Dutton.

A short discussion followed in which several members took part.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

THE AUTUMN DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, on Tuesday, 18 October, 1960, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and of Dr. M. Silverman, Consultant in Psychological Medicine.

After touring the Unit, which consists of 99 beds, the members sat down to an excellent luncheon to which they were welcomed by the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. Woolley. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. Cuthbert, thanked the hosts for their hospitality.

Thirty-six members were present and apologies were received from eight members.

The Divisional Committee of Management reported that they had met on the previous evening.

Dr. Barton Hall had offered hospitality at his Department at the University of Liverpool on Saturday, 15 April, for the Spring Meeting, 1961.

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The Secretary gave details of what had transpired since the motion of the Spring Divisional Meeting of the Division held at Shelton on 7 April, 1960, namely:—

(*i*) that it should be formally put before Council that the size of all Divisions be re-considered with a view to splitting them into smaller groups, thus giving readier access, particularly of junior hospital staff, to Association Meetings, and

(*ii*) that an endeavour should be made to make the meetings more attractive scientifically, and

(*iii*) that the future policy should be to contact all members of the Division, professorial Departments and medical staff committees of mental hospitals and psychiatric units, inviting them to submit to the Divisional Committee of Management suggestions for suitable papers or suitable clinical material for discussion.

The Secretary had placed the above proposals before Council and as a result Council had set up a special Committee consisting of the Senior Officers together with the Divisional Chairman and Secretaries. The Committee had put the following proposals before Council:

(*i*) to divide the Northern and Midland Division using the Pennines as a rough dividing line.

(*ii*) to keep the two sub-divisions informed of each other's meetings (it was felt that this could best be done by circular letter enclosed with information already circulated about the Quarterly Meetings).

(*iii*) these suggestions should be taken to the next Divisional Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division for further discussion. If acceptable, detailed consideration should be given to the exact boundaries of the two Divisions.

It was further pointed out that several centres had now formed their own local Psychiatric Associations and therefore rather than increase the number of Divisional Meetings of the R.M.P.A., it would be preferable to arrange such meetings to give the maximum time possible to the presentation of papers of high standard.

These recommendations received Council approval, but Council pointed out that in view of the discussions which were at present taking place regarding the possibility of the creation of a College of Psychiatry and the revision of the By-Laws, the whole question of Divisional boundaries and activities might have to be re-examined. Council asked that the Divisional Secretary should report the present situation back to his Committee of Management.

The meeting accepted the Committee of Management's recommendation to leave matters in abeyance for the time being.

Report of Divisional Representative on Council

The Secretary read extracts from the minutes of the meeting of Council held at Chandos Street on 10 February, 1960, and from the Annual Report of Council, June, 1959 to May, 1960.

Election of Members

The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

Oakley, David Vincent, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Rainhill Hospital, Rainhill, nr. Liverpool.

Proposed by Drs. G. P. Walsh, I. R. Nussbaum, G. Elizabeth McNair.

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DILLON, JOHN BLAKE, M.B., B.Ch., Clinical Assistant, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.

Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, H. Fisher, W. Fabisch.

KERRY, RAPHAEL JAMES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, United Sheffield Hospitals.

Proposed by Prof. E. Stengel, Drs. W. Tonge, F. A. Jenner.

LEVENE, LESLIE JOSEPH, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Child Psychiatry, Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. T. R. Malloy, J. H. Kahn, A. Walk.

MATTHEWS, VALERIE, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough.

Proposed by Drs. T. M. Cuthbert, J. Russell, Eileen Atkinson.

ROSE, JOHN THOMAS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, St. James's Hospital, Leeds.

Proposed by Drs. M. R. Leahy, D. G. Brown, J. C. Little.

Dr. Pentreath, speaking as a member of the Films Sub-Committee, reported that he had contacted all the Medical Superintendents in the Sheffield region and they were all interested in the idea of Package Programmes, and asked which of those members present at the Divisional Meeting were in favour of such programmes. A show of hands proved that 90 per cent. favoured this suggestion.

Considerable discussion took place with reference to the *Journal of Mental Science*, and certain criticisms were expressed as to the general policy, but the feeling was also expressed that any change might lower the standard of the Journal; it was finally agreed to place an item on the agenda of a future Quarterly Meeting.

PAPERS

"A Comprehensive Department of Psychological Medicine" was described by Dr. M. Silverman. This was an interesting account of the well-planned Queen's Park Hospital unit of 99 beds, which in its first three months of full operation was already coping with 89 per cent. of the total of psychiatric illness in its catchment area of 254,000 population. Dr. Silverman stressed the absence of patient selection and examined staffing and organizational problems.

"Brain Tumours Masquerading as Psychiatric Problems", by Mr. G. K. Tutton, F.R.S.C., Consultant Neurosurgeon at Preston and Chorley, Blackburn, Burnley, Blackpool and Fylde, Lancaster and Kendal Hospitals Groups, was a thought-provoking paper in which Mr. Tutton grouped the presentation of these patients under five main heads:

(1) Terms of reference at fault.

(2) Epilepsy with behaviour disorder.

(3) Memory loss and dementia due to arterio venous malformation.

(4) Dysphasia.

(5) Tumour involving directly or by pressure the hypothalamus or midbrain.

Instructive case-records illustrated by slides were presentated and there was a brief but stimulating discussion.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held on Friday, 24 March, 1961, at Bangour Village Hospital, near Edinburgh.

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