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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, May 22, 1940, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, under the Presidency of Dr. Helen Boyle.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting and of a Special General Meeting having been circulated by publication in the Journal were taken as read and signed as correct.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT said her next task was the sad one of announcing the loss by death of five members: Prof. Mapother, who superintended the Maudsley Hospital, made it a centre not only for this country but for the whole world in regard to the treatment of early cases; he was to have delivered the Maudsley Lecture in 1939. Another loss was Dr. Devine, who was one of the most lovable personalities they had ever met. The third was Dr. Hayes, who was identified to some extent with encouraging the out-patient treatment of early mental cases—a very important branch of work not yet developed to any great extent. They had also lost Dr. Shore, the first Medical Superintendent of the New Middlesex County Hospital, Shenley, and a member of the Association since 1923. And lastly Dr. Harding, who had an Irish qualification, but was Deputy Medical Superintendent of East Riding Mental Hospital, Beverley, Yorkshire. Fuller appreciation of the deceased members would be published in the Journal.

The members stood in silent respect for a few moments.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (Dr. Gordon Masefield) gave the report of the Council, which had met that day. It had been recommended by the Research and Clinical Committee and approved by the Council that the Council should write to the Medical Director-General of the Navy, Director-General of the Army Medical Service, Medical Director-General of the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Medical Research Council offering the services of the Association in a consultative capacity on problems relating to psychiatric research arising during the war. It was proposed that the

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Association should suggest acting as advisers on certain lines of investigation, namely: (1) Simulated fits; (2) hormone adequacy of neurotic and anxiety states and treatment of same; (3) stimulants from psychiatric point of view, e.g. benzedrine; (4) simulation of insanity; (5) mental testing in selected cases. Sir Hubert Bond had offered to interview the gentlemen named whom he knew personally and explain and elaborate the suggestion.

The Council had agreed, under present conditions, to ask Sir Laurence Brock to postpone his Maudsley Lecture until next year.

The arrangements for the Annual Meeting had also been approved. The meeting would commence on Tuesday, July 16, at Birmingham. The Committees and Council would meet on the 16th, the Presidential Address would be delivered on the morning of the 17th and papers would be read concurrently in the afternoon, and the Annual Dinner would take place in the evening. On Thursday morning members might, if they wished, inspect the new medical school and Rubery Hill Mental Hospital. It was agreed that the meeting should be confined to members of the Association.

A further agreed decision of the Council was on the question of the election of members at the meeting. The election should be limited to the first five names on the Agenda, the election of the last three being postponed for the present. There was no question of personal feeling in the matter; a few essential details were lacking.

He moved the adoption of the Report.

Dr. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer) seconded.

Dr. MACDONALD had ascertained since the Council meeting that Dr. Kurt Graf was a British-born subject and had always been a British subject. He was born in Dublin.

The PRESIDENT said that the Council decision must remain as it was for the moment.

The Report was adopted.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT then put the names of the five gentlemen mentioned, and it was agreed that they should be balloted for together.

Dr. Macfarlane and Dr. Archdale were appointed scrutineers, and after a vote had been taken, the scrutineers declared the election to be unanimous. The new members were welcomed by the President.

BUTTLE, ROBERT LESLIE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester.
Proposed by Drs. J. Carse, S. A. MacKeith and W. Gordon Masefield.

ESHER, FREDERICK JUSTUS SWINTON, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Mental Deficiency Dept., Sheffield City; Medical Director, Sheffield and West Riding Child Guidance Clinic; 50, Montgomery Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield 7.
Proposed by Drs. E. O. Lewis, T. W. Forsyth and W. Gordon Masefield.

HOOD, MARTIN CRICHTON, M.A.Camb., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Cheadle Royal Mental Hospital, Cheshire.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. C. Roy, W. G. Thomson and P. M. Crowe.

LEE, CLIFFORD HARRY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Graylingwell Mental Hospital, Chichester.
Proposed by Drs. J. Carse, S. A. MacKeith and S. Nix.

ROGERSON, CUTHBERT HARRY, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Director, The Cassel Hospital, Swaylands, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. R. D. Gillespie, W. J. T. Kimber and E. D. T. Roberts.

A paper entitled "**Psychotherapy in Mental Hospital Practice**" was then read by J. BIERER, M.D. (Post-graduate Research Worker, Runwell Hospital, Essex (see the Journal, p. 928).

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NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL (BUSINESS) MEETING.

THE ANNUAL (BUSINESS) MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, July 24, 1940, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1. Dr. A. HELEN BOYLE, the retiring President, occupied the Chair during the first part of the proceedings, and later the Chair was taken by the new President, Dr. T. C. GRAVES.

The Minutes of the Ninety-Eighth Annual Meeting held at Brighton in July, 1939, which had been circulated in the Journal, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The PRESIDENT announced the death since the last meeting of Dr. G. Alder Blumer, an Ordinary Member of the Association, 1890–1900, and an Honorary Member since then. He was eighty-three years of age, and for a quarter of a century he was physician in chief and superintendent of Butler Hospital, Providence, U.S.A. He was born in Sunderland, England.

The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The PRESIDENT moved from the Chair—

(*a*) That the Officers for 1940–1941 be :

President.—Thomas Chivers Graves, B.Sc., M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng.

President-Elect.—A. A. W. Petrie, M.D.Ed., Ch.B., M.D.(Ment. Dis.) Lond., F.R.C.P.Lond., F.R.C.S.Ed., Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C.

Ex-President.—A. Helen Boyle, M.D., L.R.C.P.&S.Edin.

Hon. Treasurer.—George William Smith, *O.B.E.*, M.B.

Hon. General Secretary.—W. Gordon Masefield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Registrar.—H. G. L. Haynes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Editors of Journal :

G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Managing Editor.

Douglas McRae, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.

Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.

Hon. Librarian.—James Richard Whitwell, M.B. [**Agreed.**

She referred in particular to the value of Dr. Masefield's services to the Association as General Secretary. He had rendered himself indispensable. The Registrar also had carried out an immense amount of work. These officers, like the others on the list (with the exception, of course, of the Ex-President !) were extremely valuable, and the members in general were grateful for the work they had done and the amount of original thought they had put into it.

(*b*) That the Nominated Members of the Council for 1940–41 be :

Drs. E. P. Boyle, H. E. Beasley, A. E. Evans, A. R. Grant, S. M. Coleman, J. E. McInnes, D. K. Henderson, J. E. Howie, C. J. Thomas, R. Ström-Olsen, C. G. Millman, J. M. C. Speer.

(*c*) That the Parliamentary, the Educational, the Research and Clinical, and the Library Committees be re-appointed.

(*d*) That the Mental Deficiency Committee be re-appointed.

Retirements : Drs. R. J. A. Berry, H. Corner, R. G. Gordon, H. A. Grierson, F. E. Ingall, P. S. B. Langton, A. M. McCutcheon, E. Miller, D. H. F. Milmo, L. S. Penrose, R. S. S. Smith, C. E. H. Turner.

Additions : Drs. A. Dick, T. B. Jones, S. J. Laverty, W. Blyth, A. H. Wilson.

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(*c*) That the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee (Official Members) be re-appointed as follows:

England and Wales.—H. Dove Cormac, S. Edgar Martin, G. W. Smith, C. J. C. Earl, W. G. Masefield.

Scotland.—M. Knight, W. D. Chambers, D. McRae, T. C. Mackenzie, C. G. A. Chislett, W. M. McAlister.

N. Ireland.—F. J. Deane, D. Gardner, N. B. Graham, M. J. Nolan, J. Watson.

Eire.—J. O'Conor Donelan, R. R. Leeper, J. C. Martin, P. Grace.

[**Agreed.**

In commending the motion she said that certainly in these days of stress it would be a great mistake not to have as much continuity as could possibly be secured; otherwise she sometimes wondered whether they might not take into account the attendances at these committees.

Report of the Council.

The Council begs to submit its 44th Annual Report.

The number of members, as shown in the 1940 *Year Book*, is 1,053, of whom 35 are Honorary members, 51 Corresponding members and 967 Ordinary members. This figure shows an increase in the membership of 17 compared with the previous year.

Members:	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938	1939.
Ordinary .	771	787	801	815	831	858	881	886	948	967
Honorary .	36	36	37	37	36	36	37	39	37	35
Corresponding	40	46	45	43	45	48	51	50	51	51
	847	869	883	895	912	942	969	975	1,036	1,053

The Annual Meeting held at Brighton last July was a great success and the large number of members who attended received generous hospitality at the hands of the President, the Mayor and Corporation and others.

The Council would take this opportunity of expressing to their first Lady President their appreciation of the capable and courteous way in which she has controlled the affairs of the Association.

On October 18, 1939, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council was held to discuss the policy of the Association during the war. Several recommendations were made, principally concerning the nursing examinations. On November 8 a Special General Meeting of the Association was held to confirm these recommendations and to give the Council executive powers during the war. Emergency regulations governing the nursing examinations and drawn up by Dr. Drury were approved.

At the suggestion of the Registrar, who is unable to attend the London office owing to his war duties, the Registrar's office was moved to his private address, Littleton Hall, Brentwood.

Two chapters of the revised edition of the *Handbook for Mental Nurses* have been circulated to Medical Superintendents of Training Centres. Dr. Drury, the Secretary of the Handbook Committee, is to be congratulated on carrying on the revision in spite of the difficulties which have arisen since the outbreak of war.

Col. G. W. B. James, the Association's Representative on the Executive Committee of the National Council for Mental Hygiene, has tendered his resignation as he is unable to attend the meetings. The Council is pleased to report that Dr. A. Helen Boyle has agreed to act as the Association's representative.

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The Editors will shortly be publishing a notice in the Supplement to the Journal asking all members in the Forces to communicate with the Secretary in order that a list of their names may be kept.

At the instigation of the Research and Clinical Committee the services of the Association in a consultative capacity on problems relating to psychiatric research arising during the war have been offered to the Medical Director-Generals of H.M. Forces and to the Medical Research Council.

Owing to the activities of the Association being temporarily in abeyance the 1939 Maudsley Lecture, which was to be given by Prof. E. Mapother, was cancelled. It was with the deepest regret that we learned of the death of Prof. Mapother early this year.

It was decided to postpone the 1940 Maudsley Lecture, as the Council felt it would be unfair to the Lecturer, Sir Laurence Brock, *C.B.*, to expect him to give a lecture under the present circumstances.

It was with regret that the Annual Meeting at Birmingham was cancelled. With the restrictions on travelling and many members being unable to leave their duties for any length of time it was felt that the wisest course was to cancel the meeting. It was later decided to hold a one-day meeting in London in order to execute the essential business of the Association.

Dr. T. Saxty Good, the Association's Representative on the Special Committee appointed by the B.M.A. in 1938 to inquire into the provision and equipment for dealing with mental health in this country, etc., has regularly attended the meetings of the Committee and reported thereon to the Council, which is very grateful to Dr. Good for his services.

Obituary.

The Council regrets to chronicle the deaths of the following members:

Honorary Members: Dr. Havelock Ellis, Dr. G. Alder Blumer.

Ordinary Members: Dr. G. L. Cutts, Dr. H. Devine, *O.B.E.*, Dr. N. J. Haggar (on War Service), Dr. E. P. Harding, Dr. E. D. T. Hayes, Prof. E. Mapother, Dr. H. R. C. Rutherford, Dr. C. J. Shaw, Dr. G. W. Shore, *O.B.E.*, Dr. H. B. Wilkinson.

The SECRETARY (Dr. Masefield) read the Report and moved that it be adopted This was seconded by Dr. H. G. L. HAYNES. [**Agreed.**

The PRESIDENT, referring to the obituary at the end of the Report, said that it was decided some time ago to refrain from the detailed appreciation of each deceased member, because this would take up a great deal of time if it were to be done properly as they would wish it done. Instead she asked the meeting to be content with the mention of the names and to stand in silence for a few moments as a token of respect.

This was done.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The TREASURER (Dr. G. W. Smith) presented a Report on the position of the Association's finances. The cash balance at the bank at the present date was £1,480, which large balance was necessary to meet current demands. Since the last meeting of the Council the sum of £1,200 had been invested in 2½ per cent. War Bonds. He placed on the table the income and expenditure account and the Balance Sheet, and added that the present market value of the capital investments of the Association was £17,950. Even more satisfactory was the fact that during the past year income had exceeded expenditure by £197 14*s.* 2*d.* He moved that the Report be adopted.

Dr. F. DOUGLAS TURNER seconded. [**Agreed.**

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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31st December, 1939.

1938.	Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	CREDITORS—			
£ s. d.	Printing and Distribution of Journal		586 5 9	
525 2 5	*Examiners' Fees*			
257 15 0	Subscriptions received in advance		3 3 0	
17 6 6	Sundry		344 12 5	
252 4 3				934 1 2
1,052 8 2				
	SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS—			
	Maudsley Bequest—			
179 18 7	As per last Balance-Sheet	188 2 8		
8 4 1	*Add* Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Account	30 4 3		
188 2 8			218 6 11	
	The Gaskell Memorial Fund—			
220 2 3	As per last Balance-Sheet	226 18 4		
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date as per detailed Account	2 12 4		
6 16 1	Add *Excess of Income over Expenditure for 1938.*			
226 18 4			224 6 0	
				442 12 11
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—GENERAL FUND—			
15,698 11 0	As per last Balance-Sheet		15,342 17 5	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Revenue Account		197 14 2½	
355 13 7	Less *Excess of Expenditure over Income for 1938.*			
15,342 17 5				15,540 11 7½
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—MAUDSLEY BEQUEST—			
2,086 5 10	As per last Balance-Sheet			2,086 5 10
£18,896 12 5				£19,003 11 6½

1938.	Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, 11, CHANDOS STREET, LONDON, W.1—			
	As per last Balance-Sheet	263 14 9		
	Addition during year	8 5 0		
		271 19 9		
	Less Depreciation	27 3 11		
			244 15 10	263 14 9
	LIBRARY—			
	As per last Balance-Sheet		146 3 4	146 3 4
	INVESTMENTS—			
	General Fund—			
£12,482 14 10	3½% Conversion Loan	10,470 15 2		
1,864 1 2	3½% War Loan	1,919 19 7		
634 8 3	New Zealand 3½% Stock 1940	564 12 6		
320 14 8	New Zealand 3½% Stock 1940 (Hack Tuke)	285 9 0		
103 7 2	Victoria 3% Stock 1929–49 (Dr. Paul)	56 6 6		
405 18 1	New South Wales 3½% Stock 1930–50	221 4 3		
213 18 1	Manchester Corporation 3½% Stock 1891	143 6 3		
386 0 0	London, Midland and Scottish Railway 4% Preference Stock	239 6 5		
	Maudsley Bequest—	13,900 19 8		
£2,112 13 11	3½% War Loan	2,086 5 10		
			15,987 5 6	15,987 5 6
	Note.—The market value of the above Investments at the date of the Balance-Sheet amounted to £17,268 11s. 9d. (£17,950 19s. 7d.)			
	DEBTORS—			
	For Subscriptions	390 12 0		362 5 0
	Examination Fees less Expenses	623 8 11½		60 15 11
	Sundry	405 4 8		353 0 8
			1,419 5 7½	776 1 6
	"JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE"—			
	Cost of January, 1940, number carried forward		332 15 8	249 15 3
	CASH			
	At Bank on Current Account	871 6 6		
	In Hand	1 19 1		
			873 5 7	1,473 12 1
			£19,003 11 6½	£18,896 12 5

G. W. SMITH, *Hon. Treasurer.*

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet, dated 31st December, 1939, with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion the Balance-Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

3, LONDON WALL BUILDINGS,
LONDON WALL,
LONDON, E.C. 2.
16th July, 1940.

(*Signed*) MYERS, DAVIES & CO.,
Chartered Accountants } *Auditors.*

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REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1939.

Dr. Expenditure.

1938.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.						
1,669 6 5	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal				1,771 9 4	
3,130 3 2	„ Expenses of Examinations and Prizes				3,317 3 8½	
548 11 4	„ Expenses of Annual, General and other Meetings				491 1 8	
1 8 9	„ *Loss on Study Tour*				— — —	
	„ Library Expenses			50 0 0		
	„ *Less* Interest on £320 14*s.* 8*d.*, 3½% New Zealand Stock, 1940			8 2 0		
41 14 6					41 18 0	
	„ *Expenses:* 11, Chandos Street, W. 1:					
330 0 0	Rent			330 0 0		
250 0 0	Salary			250 0 0		
21 18 6	Telephone			25 7 2		
71 12 9	Printing and Stationery			99 8 0		
53 4 2	Postages and Sundries			39 16 8		
726 15 5					744 11 10	
14 14 0	„ Audit and Accountancy Charges				22 1 0	
246 3 8	„ Miscellaneous Expenses				180 7 9	
						6,568 13 3½
29 6 1	„ Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings					27 3 11
— — —	„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1939					197 14 2½
£6,408 3 4						£6,793 11 5

Income. Cr.

1938.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.						
414 15 8	By Interest on Investments (less Income Tax)				403 10 2	
375 18 9	„ Sale of Journal			383 7 3		
131 7 3	„ Royalties on Handbook and Manual			124 2 0		
3 11 2	„ Sale of Statistical Forms, etc.			2 19 4		
101 4 0	„ Advertisements in Journal			129 2 4		
613 1 2					639 10 11	
3,782 3 5	„ Examination Receipts				4,463 6 4	
1,242 9 6	„ Members' Subscriptions				1,287 4 0	
355 13 7	„ *Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for 1938*				— — —	
					6,793 11 5	£6,408 3 4

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1939.

1938.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.			
26 5 0	To *Lecturer's Honorarium* ...	— — —	
14 19 3	„ Printing and Stationery ...	17 17 3	
4 4 0	„ *Sundry Expenses*	— — —	
			17 17 3
	„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st		
8 4 1	December, 1939... ...		30 4 3
£53 12 4			£48 1 6

1938.	Income. Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.			
	By Interest on Investment (*less* Income Tax)	48 1 6	53 12 4
		£48 1 6	£53 12 4

THE GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1939.

1938.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.			
16 2 3	To Examiners' Fees and Expenses ...	23 0 6	
30 0 0	„ Prizes	30 0 0	
	„ *Balance, being Excess of Income over*		
6 16 1	*Expenditure, 1938*	— — —	
£52 18 4			£53 0 6

1938.	Income. Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.			
	By Interest on Trustee Investments (*less* Income Tax) as follows:		
9 8 0	£370 0s. 0d. 3½ *per cent.* War Loan ...	8 8 8	
35 12 9	£1,380 14s. 3d. New Zealand 3½ *per cent.* Stock, 1940...	35 0 8	
7 17 7	£356 1s. 8d. Commonwealth of Australia 3 *per cent.*...	6 18 10	
— — —	„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1939	2 12 4	
£52 18 4		£53 0 6	

Report of the Editors.

The Editors present their report for 1939–40. During this time there has been no lack of material for the Journal and it has been possible to publish it regularly and in good time. They wish to thank those who have so willingly provided reviews and epitomes. Apart from a recent difficulty in obtaining covers for delivery, there has been a reasonable supply of material.

Cost of Journal, 1939.

1931. £ s. d.	1938. £ s. d.	*Debit.*	1939. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
	1,868 14 8	Printing, illustrations, paper, binding, reprints, postages, index, etc.	1,720 19 10	
	50 7 0	Publishers' fees . . .	50 9 6	
1,311 15 6	1,919 1 8			1,771 9 4
		Credit.		
333 14 3	375 18 9	Sale of Journal, etc. . .	383 7 3	
17 17 11	101 4 0	Advertisements . . .	129 2 4	
351 12 2	477 2 9			512 9 7
960 13 4	1,441 18 11	Net cost of Journal . .		1,258 19 9
4 4	3 8	Net cost per copy . .	3 0½	
1 0 8	1 3 3	Cost per page . . .	0 17 3	
930	1,237	Size of Journal in pages .	1,408 + lii	
—	1,325	Number of copies printed per issue (6 issues).	1,375	

Dr. Masefield moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Dr. T. C. Graves. [**Agreed.**

Report of the Library Committee.

The Hon. Librarian (Dr. Whitwell) reported that 346 books had been issued to members during the past year.

In the early days of the war there had been an acute demand for books which was difficult to meet, and the Committee would like to take the opportunity of thanking Miss Higgins for her energetic work at this time in spite of the considerable claims on her services in other departments. This demand was now greatly diminished.

The Committee had also to report that they had been informed by the Board of Trade that it was extremely unlikely that, in the meantime, they should receive any of their usual Continental journals.

It had been suggested by some members that the most valuable current journals and other books should be transferred to a safer place in the country. The Committee would point out that those journals were the books most frequently required by their members.

Many of them retained an affectionate remembrance of Dr. Hayes Newington, for so many years their Treasurer. The Hon. Librarian had to report that his son, Col. H. A. Hayes Newington, had presented to the Association an excellent and valuable copy of the 4th edition of Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy* (1632). Members would remember that they had also a first edition (1621) of this work, presented by another member, which was insured for £200. He had replied, thanking him on behalf of the Association.

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A short time ago the Hon. Librarian was invited to attend a meeting of publishers and writers at Stationers' Hall in order to voice the objection to any severe tax upon books. A report of this meeting was sent to the Minister, and as they already knew, it was not likely that any severe tax would be imposed. An advisory and watching Committee, however, had been formed under the Chairmanship of Lord Ilchester, and their Hon. Librarian had been invited to serve on it.

Dr. J. R. WHITWELL moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Dr. G. W. SMITH, who pointed out that under the management of the Hon. Librarian, the Library of the Association had been "put on the map." It now ranked as one of the best of the special libraries in London, and that was a great achievement for Dr. Whitwell. [**Agreed.**

After some discussion it was agreed that all books and journals in current use should remain in London. Dr. Whitwell explained that books of antiquarian value had already been removed to a place of safety.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR.

There was a total of 6,373 candidates for the year July, 1939–July, 1940. Of this number 3,807 were Preliminary and 2,566 Final. The candidates from Mental Deficiency Institutions numbered 1,175.

The details of the Preliminary Examinations for the year are as follows:

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentage.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,973	1,159	58·7
English Borough Mental Hospitals	445	292	65·6
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	179	74	41·3
Scottish Mental Hospitals	406	240	59·1
Irish Mental Hospitals	132	64	48·4
Mental Deficiency Institutions	672	390	58·1
Total	3,807	2,219	58·3

Final Examinations.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Distinctions.	Percentage of— Passes to entries.	Dists. to entries.	Dists. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,266	625	6	49·3	0·5	0·9
English Borough Mental Hospitals	357	190	7	53·2	1·9	3·7
Registered Hospitals, etc.	88	45	1	51·1	1·1	2·2
Scottish Mental Hospitals	239	185	6	78·4	2·5	3·3
Irish Mental Hospitals	113	77	3	68·1	2·7	3·9
Mental Deficiency Institutions	503	299	17	59·4	3·4	5·6
Total	2,566	1,421	40	55·3	1·5	2·8

The Campbell Clark Medal and Prize was won at the December Examination by Maurice J. PARR, of Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool, with an aggregate of 175 marks; and at the May examination by Euphemia MacDonald, of Hawkhead Mental Hospital, with an aggregate of 177 marks.

For the Campbell Clark Gold Medal I propose to substitute bronze medals, which it is proposed to replace by gold medals at a more convenient season. Messrs. Mussett & Co. will supply these bronze medals at 18*s*. 6*d*. each. The cost of a gold medal would be £12 16*s*. each—the last gold medals purchased cost approximately £5 each.

No examination for the Occupational Therapy Certificate has been held during the year.

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One candidate sat for the examination for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, but he did not reach the standard required by the Examiners.

Dr. K. A. Graf, Dundee Mental Hospital, passed the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine. Dr. Graf was the only candidate.

The Bronze Medal and Prize was won by Dr. Alexander Kennedy, Sutton Emergency Hospital. There were six entries.

I think it may be necessary to allow more members of the Association to examine their own candidates, but I would ask Medical Superintendents, wherever it is at all possible, to arrange for an outside Nurse Examiner.

A notice has appeared in the Journal drawing the attention of Medical Superintendents to the fact that no entries will be included for any examination which are received after the closing date. The closing date for the November examinations is October 1.

The REGISTRAR (Dr. H. G. L. Haynes) read the Report and moved its adoption. This was seconded from the meeting.

The PRESIDENT said that it was rather sad that there should have been fewer entries this year, but she hoped that this would be remedied later on. The previous year was a peak year. [**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational Committee have met on three occasions during the year. The chief work that the Committee have had to do was to see that the Examinations were continued and, with the co-operation of the Registrar and the Secretary, the Regulations and Rules were amended to suit wartime conditions and have worked with considerable smoothness. Despite the number of nurses who are on active service, the numbers entering for the examinations are very satisfactory.

The following institutions have been approved as Training Centres for the various Certificates :

Mental Nursing : Dorset House, Bristol.

Occupational Therapy : St. Bernard's, Southall.

Mental Deficiency :

The Retreat, St. Colomb Major, Cornwall.
Meanwood Park Colony, Leeds.
Dovenby Hall Colony, Cumberland.
Brandesburton Colony, York City.
Borocourt Institution, Oxford.
Leytonstone House, London C.C.

A short syllabus, suitable for temporary nurses, was drawn up and circulated at the request of the President.

Dr. D. MACMILLAN, in the absence of the Secretary of the Committee, Dr. Drury, read the Report of the Educational Committee and moved its adoption. This was seconded by Dr. PETRIE. [**Agreed.**

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

The TREASURER stated that Dr. R. M. Macfarlane, Hon. Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee, had reported that one meeting of the Committee had been held during the year. The time had been largely devoted to discussion of the Criminal Justice Bill. The Treasurer, in moving the adoption of this Report, said that just now there was very little Parliamentary work which was of any particular interest to the Association, therefore their Lobby Correspondent had very kindly offered to halve his usual fee and this offer had been accepted.

Dr. MASEFIELD seconded the adoption of the Report.

The PRESIDENT remarked that the thanks of the Association should be conveyed to the Lobby Correspondent for his generous offer. [**Agreed.**

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Report of the Mental Deficiency Committee.

Owing to war conditions, the Committee has met on one occasion only during the last year. At this meeting a report was received from a Sub-Committee which was appointed to consider what standards should be adopted in recommending the recognition of Certified Institutions as Training Schools for Nurses. It was decided to postpone for the duration of the war further consideration of this subject. It is of interest to note that the Educational Committee, on the recommendation of this Committee, has recognized during the year eight additional institutions as Training Schools.

The Sub-Committee appointed to discuss the syllabuses for the Mental Deficiency Nurses Examination has not yet been able to submit a report.

A recommendation has been forwarded to the Nominations Committee that the names of twelve members be withdrawn from the list of members of the Mental Deficiency Committee and that five new members be appointed.

Dr. E. O. Lewis read the Report of the Mental Deficiency Committee, and moved its adoption.

This was seconded by Dr. Turner. [**Agreed.**

No Report was forthcoming from the Research and Clinical Committee.

Report of the Handbook Committee.

The Handbook Committee unfortunately have not met since last July, but a considerable amount has been done by correspondence.

Two portions of the Red Handbook have been printed privately and circulated. A considerable amount of comment has been received by the Secretary, which will be collated and sent to the members of the Committee for consideration.

Dr. D. MacMillan read the Report of the Handbook Committee and moved its adoption.

Dr. Petrie, in seconding, said that there was some urgency over the matter of the Red Handbook, which ought to be got into circulation as soon as possible. All the sections had been written, a number of them needed revision, and a request had been made for volunteers to undertake the revision work, especially of certain of the sections dealing with mental disorders. Unfortunately, no offers had been received. Certain criticisms had been forthcoming, but it was something more constructive that was wanted by the Committee. The urgency in getting out the Red Handbook arose from the fact that the old editions were being reprinted and it was desired to have the modern book on which the teaching of nurses could be started. There was less urgency for the Green Handbook, which was also being revised.

[**Agreed.**

Quarterly General Meetings.

On the proposition of the General Secretary, it was agreed that the question of the actual dates of future Quarterly General Meetings be left until conditions allowed a more definite view to be taken.

Election of Honorary and Ordinary Members.

The President said that there was a proposal to elect one Honorary Member, namely, Dr. Nathan Raw, *C.M.G.*, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.Ed. He had been duly nominated and the Nominations Committee approved the proposal unanimously. The Bye-Laws required that the election of an Honorary Member should be by ballot and that three-fourths of the members present should assent. The President, however, had a certain amount of discretion in the matter, and as there was only one candidate, a man well known to every member of the Association, and as a ballot would occupy some little time, she put it to the meeting that the election should be by show of hands.

It was agreed unanimously that the election should be by show of hands, and with equal unanimity Dr. Nathan Raw was elected an Honorary Member.

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The Ordinary Members were elected by ballot, Dr. Lindsay and Dr. Thomas acting as scrutineers.

Ordinary Members.

KELNAR, JOHN, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, Glamorgan County Mental Hospital, Bridgend, Glam.
Proposed by Drs. D. R. Owen, T. Lloyd Edwards and N. Moulson.

PENSON, JOHN FREDERICK, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Visiting Medical Officer, Borocourt Institution, Oxon; 226, Wokingham Road, Reading.
Proposed by Drs. K. K. Drury, J. R. Whitwell and W. Gordon Masefield.

MACLAY, WALTER SYMINGTON, The Hon., M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.T.M.&H., Medical Officer in Charge, Mill Hill Emergency Hospital; Physician in Psychological Medicine to the West London Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. A. Lewis, M. A. Walsh and E. Guttmann.

FINIGAN, FRANK O'DONNELL, M.B., B.S.Syd., Medical Superintendent, The Flower House; Wonham House, Bampton, N. Devon.
Proposed by Drs. R. D. Gillespie, G. W. T. H. Fleming and W. Gordon Masefield.

GRAF, KURT ANTHONY, M.D.Vienna, L.R.C.S.E.&L.R.C.P.E., L.R.F.P.&S. Glas., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Westgreen Mental Hospital, Dundee.
Proposed by Drs. A. Allan Bell, J. H. Macdonald and L. D. Gardner.

SMITH, PAUL HERBERT SHELLEY, *O.B.E.*, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. Dub., Lieut-Colonel I.M.S., Frontier Mental Hospital, Peshawar, India.
Proposed by Col. C. Lodge Patch, Drs. J. R. Whitwell and W. Gordon Masefield.

INDUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE, in vacating the chair, said that it was her pleasant task to introduce to the office of President Dr. Thomas Chivers Graves. She said that they all knew Dr. Graves so well that there was no need to say anything about his personality or his work. She recalled with great pleasure a visit to his hospital in Birmingham when he gave them an extremely good time. They all felt a great deal of sympathy with him in taking the chair at a time like the present when there was so much discomfort and unhappiness, but it was to be hoped that before the end of his year of office the clouds of war might be dispersed and a meeting be held in Birmingham after all. Dr. Graves had an international reputation in the various subjects that he had specially made his own and in which his mental hospital was specially interested—what she believed was to be the subject of his Presidential Address—the connection between physical injuries and diseases and mental states. He had done a great deal to encourage education along those lines and had contributed much to the general knowledge. They would all give to Dr. Graves the warmest of welcomes.

Dr. GRAVES then took the chair amid applause, and his first act was to invest the Ex-President with the Past-Presidential Badge. He said that members were all grateful for the interesting and enjoyable time she arranged for them last year at Brighton and for the way in which she had presided over the Association's affairs during a difficult year.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES.

The PRESIDENT presented the Bronze Medal and Prize for 1940 to Dr. Alexander Kennedy.

He also announced that the Medico-Psychological Certificate had been awarded to Dr. Kurt Anthony Graf, who was not able to be present.

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Presidential Address.

The President proceeded to deliver his Presidential Address entitled **"Diphasic Vascular Variation in the Treatment of Mental Inefficiency arising from a Common Somatic Cause"** (see p. 751).

Vote of Thanks.

Dr. A. A. W. Petrie said that it was with great pleasure that he rose to propose a vote of thanks to Dr. Graves. His address would be read with the greatest interest. He had called for a re-consideration of shock treatment and other matters, and no doubt when the address was published, these matters would be re-considered, to the general benefit. When an active and dynamic personality like Dr. Graves took up a subject he always made it a vital one, and he did not doubt that the address embodied a number of points, which some of them had allowed to sink into the background, but which certainly needed a fresh emphasis. He added that they all deplored that they had not heard this address on, so to speak, Dr. Graves's native soil at Birmingham, where they would not only have heard about the treatments, but have seen them in operation. But, as Dr. Boyle had remarked, perhaps such an occasion might yet take place. The address had been very much enjoyed, and he looked forward to practical results following it in the near future.

The vote of thanks was put to the meeting by the proposer and carried with acclamation.

The President thanked Dr. Petrie for his kind remarks, and said that that terminated the business.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the South-Western Division was held by kind invitation of the Committee of Management and Dr. R. G. McInnes, at The Warneford, Oxford, on Thursday, April 25, 1940.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. R. S. Hodge, B. J. Mullin, A. Guirdham, H. B. Hill, C. Lovell, R. Eager, A. S. and B. M. Mules, Sir Hubert Bond and others.

Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Armstrong in the Chair.

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

The following members were present: Drs. A. Helen Boyle, James M. Rutherford, E. Casson, J. J. Mason, J. L. Clegg, J. Sawle Thomas, G. W. T. H. Fleming, J. Beggs, D. H. H. Thomas, J. W. Leech, H. W. Hills, M. A. Archdale, K. K. Drury, E. C. Barton-White, T. C. Graves, R. W. Armstrong, T. S. Good, and S. Edgar Martin, Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following attended as visitors: Drs. Frank Finigan, Paul Berkenau, M. Gwendoline Ernst, R. Rice, Major Rosie, R.A.M.C., G. Steiner, T. L. Steiner, and Sir Arthur Nelson, K.C.I.E. (Chairman of the Committee of the Hospital).

The Chairman proposed and the meeting unanimously agreed to instruct the Hon. Secretary to send a telegram to Sir Hubert Bond expressing their regret at his illness, and a wish for his speedy recovery.

On the proposition of Lt.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. J. W. Leech, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

It was proposed that Lt.-Col. R. W. Armstrong and Dr. R. Eager be elected as Representative Members of Council.

Lt.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, who had been nominated as Chairman, stated that owing to additional duties which had been cast on him by the War, he regretfully felt that he could not undertake a further term of office as Chairman, and the meeting elected Dr. J. W. Leech as Chairman.

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