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QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 3 November, 1949, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, and the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1 (by kind permission of the President and Committee), under the Presidency of Dr. J. IVISON RUSSELL.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting held on 18 May, 1949, to be published in the forthcoming issue of the Supplement, were approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The President announced with regret the death of the following members of the Association :

Professor JUSTUS KARL EDMUND BOEDEKER of Berlin ; a Corresponding Member since 1911.

WILLIAM NEILSON EUSTACE, L.R.C.P. & S.I., Lisronagh, Glasnevin, Dublin ; an Ordinary Member since 1909.

J. TYLOR FOX, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., 77, Purley Downs Road, Purley, Surrey ; an Ordinary Member since 1920.

DONALD ROSS, *M.B.E.*, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., M.P.C., *J.P.*, Fernpoint, Inverary, Argyll ; Vice-Chairman, Education Committee, 1927–33 and 1937–41 ; Chairman, Scottish Division, 1936–38 ; an Ordinary Member since 1910.

WILLIAM GEORGE THOMSON, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Cheadle Royal ; an ordinary Member since 1920.

ELECTIONS.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

BLACK, WILLIAM WHYTE, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Hill End Hospital, St. Albans, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. W. J. T. Kimber, E. D. T. Roberts and K. A. Graf.

GELBER, LUDWIK GEORGE, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, R. F. Tredgold and S. W. Hardwick.

PICHOT, PIERRE, Doctor of Medicine (Paris), Chief of the Faculty of Medicine Clinic, Paris.
Proposed by Drs. R. F. Tredgold, J. R. Rees and W. G. Masefield.

ROBIN, ASHLEY ARNOLD, M.B., Ch.B., Scalebor Park, Burnley-in-Wharfedale, Yorks.
Proposed by Drs. J. Valentine, E. J. Harrison and M. Valentine.

TORRIE, ALFRED, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Director, National Association for Mental Health ; 3, Orme Square, London, W.2.
Proposed by Mr. J. C. Penton and Drs. K. K. Drury and A. Walk.

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Report of the Council.

The Report of the Council as follows was read and approved :

The Editor-in-Chief reported that he hoped the 15-year Index, up to 1949, would be published in an early number of the *Journal*.

The Registrar's report showed the falling numbers of candidates for the nursing examination, and the Council decided that he should be given leave to organize centres for the examination as suitable to the number of candidates sitting.

The Librarian reported that he had arranged an exhibition of recent books purchased for the library—both ancient and modern.

The Council approved the regulations for the Burlingame Prize for this year, varying only from those of last year in detail. These will be circulated to all members at an early date.

A strong Committee was agreed upon to draw up a report on capital punishment for submission to the Council, so that it might be in a position to advise the Royal Commission now sitting.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that they had arranged that Group Therapy should be the subject for one session at the February Meeting, and that the other session would be on " Mental Health in the Community," at which Dr. Stevenson of the U.S.A., and Dr. Répond of Switzerland were being invited to speak.

The Council discussed the Superannuation Scheme again, and it was decided to make further representations to the Central Consultants' and Specialists' Committee and to the B.M.A.

The subject of Juvenile Delinquency and various conferences were discussed, and it was decided to ask the Child Psychiatry Section to draw up a Memorandum for consideration by the Council, prior to submission to the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, set up by the conference on Juvenile Delinquency convened by the London County Council.

The Council had a letter before them from the Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee, regarding the employment of lay psychotherapists. It was decided to ask the Child Psychiatry Section and the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section to appoint a joint Committee to report to the Council on the matter.

A letter was received from the Royal College of Physicians asking the Association to submit names for consideration for Distinction Awards. An *ad hoc* Committee consisting of the President, a Past-President (Dr. Masefield) and the President-Elect, was appointed with power to act in this matter.

The question of reviving and reactivating certain groups that had been arranged by the International Congress on Mental Health was discussed and referred to the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section.

The Council heard with deep regret of the serious illness of Dr. D. S. Fairweather and Dr. M. B. Brody.

Letters of appreciation on their election as Corresponding Members were received from Drs. Dracoulides, Völgyesi and Palies.

Honorary Membership.

Dr. A. Helen A. Boyle was presented with her Certificate of Honorary Membership by the President. Dr. Boyle expressed to all members of the Association her intense appreciation of the high honour she had received, and said that there was nothing in the world which could approach in value to her this gift from her colleagues.

Second Mental Health Assembly, Geneva.

Dr. Alfred Torrie gave an interesting account of the Mental Health Assembly, held in Geneva in August, 1949.

Paper and Discussion.

"The Role of Medical Administration in Psychiatric Hospitals under the National Health Service," by Dr. W. Gordon Masefield, *C.B.E.*

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MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

The Twenty-Fourth Maudsley Lecture was given in the Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, by Dr. W. GREY WALTER, M.A., on **"The Function of Electrical Rhythms in the Brain,"** and was heard by a large audience.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Grey Walter was proposed by Dr. N. H. M. BURKE and carried by acclamation.

The proceeding concluded with a vote of thanks to the President and Committee of the Royal Society of Medicine for their courtesy and kindness in granting the use of the Barnes Hall.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN, 1949, MEETING of the South-Western Division was held by kind hospitality of Dr. S. M. Allan at Exminster Hospital, near Exeter, on Friday, 14 October, 1949.

Dr. T. J. HENNELLY was in the Chair, and there was a good turn-out of members and guests.

The following were elected to the Divisional Committee of Management: Drs. Baily, Prentice, McInnes, Sessions-Hodge, Menzies, Golla and Mrs. Danby.

Dr. C. P. O'TOOLE, of St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen, was elected as an Ordinary Member.

Dr. T. J. K. BROWNLEES then read a Paper on **"The Modern Treatment of Chronic Alcoholism by Antabuse,"** and this was followed by a lively discussion, in which a large number of members took part and to which Prof. GOLLA contributed an interesting account of recent animal experimental work. Dr. Brownlees was thanked and complimented for his stimulating and interesting paper.

A discussion was then initiated by the Hon. Divisional Chairman on the subject of the valuation of residential emoluments for physicians working in mental hospitals and it was evident that important discrepancies were occurring between different Regions in this matter. A number of members contributed information with suggestions on the subject, and it was left to the Hon. Secretary to collate any information received and consider the advisability of exercising such influence as was possible in the direction of having such emoluments valued at the figure formally set for them in all Regions.

Members and guest were most kindly entertained to lunch and tea by Dr. ALLAN personally, and the Meeting accorded by acclamation a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Allan for his very kind hospitality and for arranging a most enjoyable meeting.

ERIC GUTTMAN MEMORIAL TRUST.

A TRUST in memory of the late Eric Guttman was founded recently by his widow, Dr. Elizabeth Rosenberg.

The purpose of the Trust is:

(*a*) To further the development of the Guttman-Maclay collection of pictures and books related to Art and Psychiatry.

(*b*) To help the medical staff of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals (other than staff of consultant status) to attend scientific meetings and conferences; and

(*c*) To furnish loans to young psychiatrists to further their psychiatric training.

Further particulars are obtainable from—

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