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THE WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 15 February, 1951, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. K. K. DRURY.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting held on 17 November, 1950, to be published in a forthcoming issue of the Supplement, were taken as read, approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

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

JOHN MCGREGOR, M.B., Ch.B., Ardchoille, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Glamorgan ; an Ordinary Member since 1902.

ELECTIONS.

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

ASHTON, MARY VERONICA, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H., Registrar, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.
Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, P. McCauley and G. M. Woddis.

EZRIEL, HENRY, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Consultant Psychiatrist, Tavistock Clinic ; 36, High Point, Highgate, London, N.6.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sutherland, D. Hunter and A. Shapiro.

GELLNER, LISE, M.D.(Frankfurt), 54, Goldhurst Terrace, London, N.W.6.
Proposed by Dr. W. C. M. Scott, Professor L. S. Penrose and Dr. F. Post.

GRIFFIN, BERNARD PATRICK, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Hortham Colony, Almondsbury, near Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. J. F. Lyons, G. de M. Rudolf and F. L. Golla.

HABIB, SHAIKH MOHAMAD AFZAL, M.B., B.S.(Bombay), c/o American Express Co., Haymarket, London.
Proposed by Drs. Arthur Pool, G. D. Knight and C. C. Beresford.

LANGHAM-HOBART, GWENDOLINE MARJORIE, M.B., B.S.(Dunelm), Senior House Officer, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. J. G. Hamilton, J. B. S. Lewis and W. Warren.

MACILRATH, WILLIAM ACTON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, R. W. Armstrong and L. G. Gelber.

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McLEAY, CHRISTIAN JOANNA, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Adviser in Mental Health, Devon County Council; Dunraven, Streatham Drive, Exeter, South Devon.

Proposed by Drs. C. J. C. Earl, Theo. Brookes and R. W. Armstrong.

PULLICINO, JOSEPH, B.Sc., M.D.(Malta), 27, Childebert Road, London, S.W.17.

Proposed by Drs. F. K. Taylor, Eva Waller and E. D. Barlow.

SPAUL, GEORGE FREDERIC, M.B., B.S., *Capt. R.A.M.C.*, Clinical Officer in Psychiatry, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.

Proposed by Lt.-Col. J. T. Robinson, Capt. A. D. Forrest and Dr. R. W. Armstrong.

TONGE, WILLIAM LAWTON, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Registrar, Dept. of Psychiatry Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Proposed by Professor E. W. Anderson, Drs. W. D. Nicol and H. R. Rollin.

TUDOR, WELIHINDA BADALGE, L.M.S.(Ceylon), Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davis, T. McLardy and D. A. Pond.

TURTON, EDMUND CHRISTOPHER, M.A., M.B., B.S., M.Sc., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Barrow Hospital nr. Bristol.

Proposed by Drs. R. E. Hemphill, G. D. F. Steele and A. Leitch.

WADSWORTH, WILLIAM VICTOR, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatric Registrar, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Proposed by Professor E. W. Anderson, Drs. W. D, Nicol and H. R. Rollin.

WILLIAMS, JOHN FRANCIS, M.D.(Melbourne), M.R.C.P., D.P.M., F.R.A.C.P., Hon. Psychiatrist to Alfred and Children's Hospitals, Melbourne; 12, Collins Street, Melbourne.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Hamilton, J. R. E. Dobson and R. W. Armstrong.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Report of the Council as follows was read by the General Secretary and approved.

The Council heard with great pleasure that a Knighthood had been bestowed upon Mr. Percy Barter, *C.B.*, and that Dr. J. S. Hopwood, Broadmoor, had been awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year Honours, and that the M.B.E.(Mil.) had recently been awarded to Dr. D. S. Macphail. The Council also recorded their pleasure in the honouring of the mental nursing profession by the award of the M.B.E. to the Chief Male Nurse at Warlingham Park Hospital.

The Council approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the annual subscription for members of 40 years' standing and over be reduced to two guineas upon the understanding that a signed declaration is obtained from them that they are no longer in practice.

The Treasurer's report of a deficit of approximately £644 in ordinary working expenses of the Association in 1950 was received with concern.

The Editor was thanked and complimented upon the recently produced Vol. II of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*. It is still too early to assess sales of this work.

The Registrar reported that in the November Examinations 74 candidates (45.7 per cent.) passed in mental nursing and 29 (83 per cent.) in mental deficiency nursing. Six candidates (100 per cent.) passed in Part II of the D.P.M. Examination. The names of successful D.P.M. candidates will be published in the *British Medical Journal* and *The Lancet*.

The Librarian reported a gratifying increase in the use of the Library. It is hoped to display at the May Meeting at Norwich the exhibits of historical interest which were shown at the Paris Congress Exhibition.

The Council recorded their warm thanks to Dr. Petrie for his outstanding Chairmanship of the Education Committee for the last 18 years. Dr. N. H. M. Burke has been elected to succeed him in the Chair.

The issue of the nursing medal has been discontinued, but an appropriate reference to it will appear in the *Year Book*. The rising cost of silver has made it necessary to increase the price of the nursing badge from 20s. to 25s.

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A further list of D.P.M. Training Schools as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes was approved. A course of D.P.M. training in Mental Deficiency by certain institutions in the North-West Metropolitan Region has been approved subject to the addition of 14 clinical sessions.

The General Nursing Council are considering the revision of their Syllabus for Mental Nursing and for Mental Deficiency Nursing, and a strong Sub-Committee of the Education Committee has been appointed to comply with their request for expert assistance in the matter.

The Parliamentary Committee and the Mental Deficiency Section have under active consideration the question of possible amendments to the Mental Deficiency Acts.

The Council is forwarding to the Ministry of Health a resolution to the effect that Psychiatric Social Workers by the nature of their work and the part they play in the treatment of patients should properly be regarded as Mental Health Officers.

The two papers sessions at the May Quarterly Meeting will be devoted to Geriatrics, and papers will be given by Drs. COSIN (Oxford), WELFORD (Cambridge), ROTH (Graylingwell) and the Joint Secretaries of the Council's *ad hoc* Committee on Geriatrics.

The three papers sessions at the Annual Meeting will be on : (1) Psychology and physiological methods in clinical psychiatry ; (2) leucotomy ; and (3) treatment of chronic alcoholism and drug addiction.

It is hoped that the morning papers session at the November, 1951, meeting will take the form of a joint conference with the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis on " The Control of Tuberculosis in Mental Hospitals."

The Council is very pleased to report that definite progress is now being made with the 8th edition of the *Handbook for Mental Nurses*, and the Secretary of the Handbook Committee is getting in touch with the publishers to ensure adequate paper supplies.

The Council has approved for submission to the Ministry of Health, the Department of Health for Scotland, the British Medical Association and Regional Hospital Boards, a report and recommendation on R.H.B. (50)106—Reduction of Registrars.

Sympathetic consideration has been given to a Memorandum from the Scottish Division calling for increased autonomy, and it has been referred for further consideration to the principal officers of the Council, and a deputation from the Scottish Division. In the meantime authority has been granted to the Division to deal with matters pertaining specifically to Scotland after consultation with the President.

A resolution from the South-Western Division with regard to the unsatisfactory position of the prevention of psychiatric illness and the provision of after-care was carefully considered, and it was decided to inform the Division that the problem was a local one and its solution lay in local conferences, etc. The Council, if informed of specific cases of difficulty, would be glad to give all possible help.

Drs. S. J. Laverty and Archibald Kelly have been nominated for a further period of service on Lincoln No. 3 and Sheffield No. 2 Hospital Management Committees respectively. In spite of the difficulties in finding nominees for Hospital Management Committee service the Association will continue to do its best to nominate when requested to do so.

The Association's representatives are meeting the Central Health Services Council's Committee on 16 February, to give oral evidence in support of the Memorandum on the Internal Administration of Mental Hospitals.

Dr. W. G. Masefield has been nominated for a further period of service on the Central Health Services Council, and the nomination of Dr. A. A. W. Petrie has been continued.

Dr. E. J. M. Bowlby has been nominated for reappointment to the Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Drs. N. H. M. Burke and T. P. Rees have been nominated for the appointment by the Minister of a registered medical practitioner engaged in the teaching of psychiatry to the Mental Nurses' Committee of the General Nursing Council.

Drs. J. G. Hamilton and J. D. Sutherland have been appointed to represent the Association on a National Committee being formed in the country to collaborate with the Provisional International Committee for the Co-ordination of Psychiatry and Psychological Methods established at the Paris Congress last year.

The Child Psychiatry Section has been asked to appoint a Sub-Committee to

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prepare a memorandum for the Ministry of Education's Committee on Maladjusted Children and to appoint representatives to support it by oral evidence after it has been approved by the Council.

A letter of sincere thanks has been received from the Treasurer of the Congress of Psychiatry (Paris), 1950, for donations sent by members.

Intimation of the following congresses has been received :

Congress of French Alienists and Neurologists in Rennes from 16 to 22 July, 1951.

International Congress on Psychology in Stockholm from 16 to 21 July, 1951.

A communication is being sent to the Treasury (copies to Lord Moran and the Central Consultants and Specialists' Committee) drawing attention to the fact that the rather arbitrary ruling of the Treasury with regard to superannuation of medical officers over 60 years of age is accentuated by the fact that distinction awards are pensionable and anyone under 70 years of age is eligible for them.

To facilitate necessary reports on the increasing activities of the Study Tours Sub-Committee to the Council and the Association, the Council decided that the Sub-Committee should, as soon as may be, cease to be a Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Section and become a Sub-Committee of the Papers and Discussions Committee. The Research and Clinical Section, the Study Tours Sub-Committee and the Papers and Discussions Committee are being informed accordingly.

The Association's printing has for a considerable time been done at Carlton Hayes Hospital, and for this the Association owes a great debt of gratitude to the President. Circumstances now make it difficult for the more urgent printing of Agenda to be done there, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made with some other hospital to share in the work.

Study Tour in Belgium.

A Study Tour in Belgium from 19 to 27 May, 1951, was announced. Details would be circulated to all members of the Association within the next week or two.

Papers.

"Animal Neuroses : A Critical Survey," by Professor Roger W. Russell.

"Some Observations on Neurotic Behaviour in Farm Animals," by Dr. Phyllis Croft, M.R.C.V.S. (see *J. Ment. Sci.*, **96**, 584).

Discussion.

"The Proposed Establishment of a College of Psychiatry." Opening speakers : Prof. D. R. MacCalman, Dr. Desmond Curran, Dr. T. P. Rees, Dr. E. B. Strauss, Dr. Thos. Tennent.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Spring Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held on Friday, 20 April, 1951, at Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield, by kind permission of Dr. F. T. Thorpe, the Medical Superintendent, and his Management Committee.

During the morning Members were shown various parts of the Hospital. Members sat down to luncheon, at which a guest was Sir Basil Gibson, Chairman of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Councillor Shaw welcomed the Division on behalf of Middlewood Hospital Management Committee, and Dr. C. M. Ross, acting as Chairman in the unavoidable absence of Prof. D. R. MacCalman, made a suitable speech in reply.

Business Meeting.

Fifty members were present.

The Report of the Divisional Management Committee was presented by the Secretary, who reported that the subject covered by the Division's resolution on the College of Psychiatry would be debated at the Autumn Meeting of the R.M.P.A., having had a preliminary hearing, without a vote being taken, at the last R.M.P.A, Meeting

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