Prof. G. M. Robertson writes:

"Of all the men I met in America, the one who impressed me most on account of his humanity and his grasp of the principles of psychology in dealing with both normal and subnormal people, was Dr. Wallace. Nothing clinical that I have seen has impressed me more than the sight of groups of very defective children engaged in simple manual occupations, which would ultimately lead to useful labour. These children were engaged in digging sand and shifting stones, and hammering nails into wood and taking them out again and such-like occupations; but the feature of the work was that it was done with enthusiasm and enjoyment, and much more like a play or a game than a lesson; and all the while their character was being moulded, and they were developing habits which would become almost instinctive and lead them to be useful citizens. He had grasped the comparative importance of the emotional element and had taken full advantage of it.

"Not only did this apply to the children, but also to their nurses and teachers. Nothing can be more disheartening and exhaust one's patience than the tuition of a backward child. The amount of labour and energy expended in teaching such a child seems to be a waste of time and energy when contrasted with the quickness of apprehension and skill of normal children. But Dr. Wallace kept these defectives in his institution, and after years of patient work was able demonstrate to the staff the excellent results obtained. I saw adult defectives working in the fields as if they were normal labourers. This magnificent result, contrasted with the tragedy that would have happened had this patient instruction not been continued for years, was a continued inspiration and encouragement to his staff. Dr. Wallace grasped all these things and applied them in a manner and with a success I have never seen elsewhere.

"I am very glad of the opportunity I had of meeting this great and wonderful man: his good work and his kindness of heart were appreciated by everyone."

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Forster Wallace, and a son, George Lowney Wallace.

J. R. L.

NOTICES BY THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

The following journals are circulated from the Library:

American Journal of Psychiatry.
The Psychological Review.
Journal of Neurology and Psychopathology.
L'Encéphale.
International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.
Journal of Abnormal Psychology.
Mental Hygiene.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Revue Neurologique.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.

The following books have recently been added to the Library:

Social Control of the Mentally Deficient. Williams and Davies. 1930.
The Task of Social Hygiene. Havelock Ellis. 1912.
Psychopathology. Nicole. 1930.

Members are requested to return all long-outstanding books to the Library as soon as possible for the purpose of cataloguing.

Members are invited to make gifts to the Library to assist in building up a historical collection of psychiatric works from the seventeenth century onwards. In selecting books for presentation, members are advised to consult the Hon. Librarian as to what books the Library possesses and those it is desirable it should possess.

The new accommodation for the Library at the B.M.A. House is available for use. There is now ample room for the expansion of the Association's collection of books.

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NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Bronze Medal and Prize for 1931.

Dissertations for the Association's Bronze Medal and Prize must be delivered to the Registrar by April 30, 1931.

Divisional Prizes for 1931.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1931.

Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The following Regulation has been rescinded on the authority of the Annual General Meeting (Wakefield), 1928:

"(3) A thesis based on original research, if of sufficient merit, may be accepted by the examiners in place of either the written or the clinical examination or both."

The examination for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, in May, 1931.

Applications for entry to each examination to be made to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

There is no fee for entrance to the Gaskell Prize Examination.

The entrance fee for the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is three guineas.

The Nursing Badge.

This Badge, founded at the Annual Meeting (Wakefield), July 11, 1928, can now be obtained from the Registrar. The application must be made on a special form and accompanied by 6*s*., which includes the cost of engraving the name and registration number of the holder.

The badge is issued for general use, but especially for occasions when the nursing medal is inconvenient or inappropriate. It is fitted with a brooch-pin for women and a crescent-shaped button-hole stud for men.

For full particulars of the Association's Medals and Prizes and the Certificate in Psychological Medicine see "Year Book" prefacing the January number of the Journal.

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Appointments.

ALEXANDER, D. R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., to be Deputy Medical Superintendent, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital.

BANBURY, P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, Ipswich Borough Mental Hospital.

DRURY, K. K., *M.C.*, B.A., M.D.Dubl., D.P.M., to be Medical Superintendent, Leicester and Rutland Mental Hospital, Narborough.

EAST, WILLIAM NORWOOD, M.D., M.R.C.P., to be one of His Majesty's Commissioners of Prisons (England and Wales).

LOGAN, F. C., M.B., Ch.B.Glas., F.R.F.P.S.G., to be Medical Superintendent, Gloucester County Mental Hospitals.

The Maudsley Lecture, 1930.

The 11th Maudsley Lecture by Mr. JUSTICE MCCARDIE will be delivered on Thursday, November 20, 1930, in the Great Hall of the British Medical Association House, 19B, Tavistock Square, London, W. 1. Subject: "Truth." [Academic costume optional.]

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