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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, 3 May, 1967

The Annual Meeting, which had again been adjourned in February, reassembled in Liverpool under the Presidency of Professor E. Stengel.

In the absence of the General Secretary, Dr. W. Warren, Treasurer, read the following statement:

"As a result of prolonged and energetic negotiations, an encouraging letter has been received from the Privy Council. This sets out the conditions under which our petition may well be successful.

The Petition Committee is exploring the implications of the requirements asked for by the Privy Council. The position may be clearer at the time of the July Meeting, and if this proves to be true, a fuller statement may be made then."

The Annual Meeting was further adjourned.

SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING was held in Liverpool on 2 and 3 May, 1967, under the Presidency of Professor E. Stengel and by invitation of Professor Frank Fish.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held in London on 9 February, 1967, having been published in the Supplement to the *Journal*, were approved.

Obituary

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

BAKER, Jack Pedley, Consultant Psychiatrist, Wolverhampton and District. An Ordinary Member since 1957.

GELLNER, LISE, 1719, East Bijou, Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A. An Ordinary Member since 1952.

MACKIE, MURIEL JEAN, Fellow, Crichton Royal, Dumfries. An Ordinary Member since 1955.

MACKINLAY, WILLIAM WOODSIDE, Assistant Psychiatrist, Woodilee Hospital, Glasgow. An Ordinary Member since 1964.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

BRITTEN CHARLES STEWART, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh 10.
Proposed by Drs. A. D. Forrest, Sarah Gray, R. L. Cundall.

CHRISTIE ALEXANDER BARLAS, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Registrar in Psychiatry, Law Hospital, Carluke, Lanarkshire.
Proposed by Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. H. I. Clapham, M. O'Gorman.

DAVIES, ROY JAMES, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Specialist in Neuro-Psychiatry in the Royal Air Force; Officer in Charge, Child Guidance Clinic, Families Medical Centre, Limassol, Cyprus.
Proposed by Drs. P. O'Connor, R. A. Miller, R. Seidelin.

EHRLICH, FREDERICK, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Unit Director, Surgical and Rehabilitation Service, Psychiatric Centre, North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. J. M. Collins, R. Migodzinski, K. M. Koller.

JOHNS, NANCY ROSE, B.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Registrar, Department of Child Psychiatry, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. F. H. Stone, Isabel Sutherland, Cecilia Brebner.

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KAHANS, DANIEL, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Netherne and Fairdene Hospitals, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. H. E. S. Marshall, E. F. Carr, R. K. Freudenberg.

KERR, ARTHUR, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Gransha Hospital, Londonderry, N. Ireland.
Proposed by Drs. E. P. Jones, R. H. McGucken, T. R. Haire.

MANWELL, MORNA KATHLEEN CUMMINGS, M.B., B.Ch., Senior House Officer, Department of Mental Health, Queens University, Belfast.
Proposed by Drs. W. O. McCormick, M. T. Kennedy, J. B. Walsh.

MENON, M. SARADA, M.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras, India.
Proposed by Drs. O. Somasundaram, P. S. Chary, A. Walk.

SHANNON, VIOLET COURTNEY, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., Senior House Officer, Royal Dundee Liff Hospital, Dundee.
Proposed by Drs. J. F. McHarg, A. L. Rae, P. G. Aungle.

SIMPSON, GEORGE MEGAHY, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Supervising Research Psychiatrist, Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, New York, U.S.A.
Proposed by Professor M. Hamilton, Drs. J. W. S. Angus, J. G. Edwards.

SMITH, JEAN FENWICK, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, Roxburghshire.
Proposed by Drs. J. M. Todd, Maxwell Jones, M. S. Raschid.

SORIN, MIGUEL, M.D., Professor of Medical Psychology, University of Havana School of Medicine, Cuba.
Proposed by Professor Max Hamilton, Dr. A. Walk, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

TRIMBLE, GEORGE X., M.A., M.D., Medical Director, Catholic Hospitals Medical Education Foundation, Kansas City, U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. J. C. Barker, M.D. Enoch, A. Walk.

Election of Associate Members

The following candidates for Associate Membership, having been approved by Council, were elected:

MCKELLAR, THOMAS PETER HUNTLY, M.A., Ph.D., F.B.Ps.S., Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Sheffield.
Proposed by Dr. F. A. Jenner, Professor E. Stengel, Dr. W. L. Tonge.

WRIGHT, BARRY FORSYTH, M.A, B.Sc., F.C.S., Psychologist, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. J. H. Watkin, H. R. Rollin, D. L. McNeill.

Report of Council Proceedings

In the absence of the General Secretary, Dr. W. Warren, Treasurer, read the following report:

Council received the report of the Special Committee which it is hoped will in due course become the Court of Electors. It noted that active steps were being taken to draft regulations for the proposed new qualification and to work out details of the form of examination. Council also noted that the Special Committee were concerned with the possibility that if Great Britain enters the Common Market it will be necessary to create a roll of approved specialists. Council appointed the President-Elect, Dr. H. V. Dicks, and the General Secretary to keep this whole matter under review.

Council received proposals for the Joint Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association and the R.M.P.A. in Boston in May, 1968, and details will be published as soon as possible.

The Editor-in-Chief reported that the Special Publication *Recent Developments in Schizophrenia* was in an advanced state of preparation. It will be available to members at a favourable rate.

The Education Committee reported that preparations were in hand for the Conference on Postgraduate Psychiatric Education to be held in the autumn of 1968. Council approved, with alterations, the memorandum on the Medical Assistant grade.

The Parliamentary Committee reported that it had kept under review the whole situation regarding the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill. At the end of the Committee Stage this Bill still embodied the R.M.P.A.'s main recommendations. Representatives of the R.M.P.A. would shortly be meeting the proposer of the Bill at the House of Commons. The Committee also reported that they had found a wide measure of support for the Lord Chief Justice's suggestion made some time ago that increased use should be made of admission to hospital on hospital orders with restriction, under Section 65 of the Mental Health Act.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that a paper would be given at the Annual Meeting, on the morning before the Presidential Address, by Professor Querido of Amsterdam. A full programme, with particular emphasis on psychotherapeutic subjects, had been arranged.

Letters had been received from the B.M.A. concerning the possible control of LSD 25 and restrictions on prescription of amphetamines. Council agreed to set up a Special Committee to keep these matters under review and to recommend action if necessary.

Seminars

The following Seminars were presented on Tuesday, 2 May, 1967.

"The Measurement of Change in Neurotic Patients." Dr. R. Kellner, Mr. B. Sheffield.

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"Recent Advances in Psychological Testing for Brain Damage." Dr. R. R. Hetherington.

"Problems in Communication in the General Hospital." Mr. Phillip Ley.

"Delusions of Infestation (Acarophobia)." Professor Frank Fish.

Papers

Wednesday, 3 May, 1967

There was a Symposium on **Postgraduate Training in Psychiatry** in which the following speakers participated:

Professor Sir Denis Hill;
Dr. R. H. Cawley.
The discussions was opened by Dr. G. Hopkinson.
Professor Malcolm Millar;
Dr. C. P. B. Brook.
The Discussion was opened by Dr. C. Tetlow.

Section Meetings

At the meeting of the Research and Clinical Section a Symposium on **"Anankastic Disorders"** was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. W. K. Kay, and the following papers were read:

"Obsessional Disorder and Neurological Illness" by Dr. L. Grimshaw.

"Under-inclusion: a Cognitive Characteristic of Obsessional Disorder" by Dr. G. Reed.

"Patterns of Meaning in Obsessional Neuroses" by Dr. I. M. Marks.

"Perfection and Discrimination" by Dr. H. B. G. Thomas.

Dr. P. Pinkerton read a paper on **"Teaching by Tape: a Method of Postgraduate Instruction in Psychiatry"** at the meeting of the Child Psychiatry Section.

At the meeting of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section Dr. Robert Kellner read a paper entitled **"The Methology of Research in Psychotherapy."**

Hospitality

Members were the guests of the University of Liverpool at a Reception on Tuesday, 2 May, and were received by Professor White, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Mrs. White.

The Chairman of the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, Sir Thomas Harley, received members at lunch on Wednesday, 3 May.

AUTUMN MEETING

18 November, 1966

DISCUSSION ON THERAPEUTIC ABORTION

The opening paper was read by Sir DUGALD BAIRD, formerly Regius Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the University of Aberdeen (see *Journal*, this issue, p. 701).

Dr. C. M. B. PARE read the following paper entitled: **"A Follow-up Study of Patients referred for Termination of Pregnancy on Psychiatric Grounds".**

Between 1961 and 1965 I saw 118 patients for consideration of termination of pregnancy and was able to follow up the majority of these personally. In 21 cases (2 terminated, 19 refused) information had to be obtained from the relatives or G.P., and 4 patients (3 terminated) could not be followed up.

Of the 114 patients followed up, 53 were terminated on my recommendation. In 61 cases termination was not advised. In both groups there were nearly twice as many married as single women (Table I).

Patients Terminated

None of these 53 patients had any serious ill-effects from the operation. As other people have mentioned in the past, the more maternal traits a patient had in her personality the more likely was she to have feelings of guilt about the termination. Conversely, the more immature, hysterical or psychopathic, the more a termination left the patient unaffected. In fact mild guilt feelings were relatively common, though usually they only lasted a matter of two to three weeks and very few lasted as long as six months.

TABLE I

Patients Referred for Termination of Pregnancy

	Married	Single	Total
Terminated	33	20	53
Refused termination ..	39	22	61
Total	72	42	114

Patients Refused Termination

Of the 61 patients who constituted this group, only 38 (62 per cent.) continued the pregnancy and had a live baby; 23 (38 per cent.), had an abortion in one

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