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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The ballot for the Presidency has resulted in the election of Professor W. LINFORD REES. He will take office at the Annual Meeting in July.

Linford Rees was born in 1914 and qualified from the Welsh National School of Medicine in 1938, proceeding to his M.R.C.P. and D.P.M. in 1942. From then until 1946 he was on the staff of the Maudsley Hospital, first at its war-time Mill Hill branch and then at Denmark Hill itself. Returning to Wales he was for a short time Deputy Medical Superintendent at Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff, and was then appointed Advisor in Psychiatry to the Welsh Hospital Board. In 1954 he rejoined the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals, and from 1958 was concurrently Lecturer and Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to which he became wholly attached on the creation of the Chair of Psychiatry there. He was elected F.R.C.P. in 1960.

His activities, past and present, on behalf of psychiatry are too numerous to summarize here; it should be mentioned, however, that he is a Past-President of the Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine and is Treasurer of the World Psychiatric Association. He is the author of a well-known *Short Textbook of Psychiatry* and of many papers published in our *Journal* and elsewhere.

He gave outstanding service to the Royal Medico-Psychological Association as Secretary to the Papers and Discussions Committee and Chairman of the Research and Clinical Section, and since the formation of our Royal College he has filled the office of Vice-President, and is, of course, a member of Council and various Committees.

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