Training Facilities for Consultant Status in Child Psychiatry was approved for forwarding to interested Ministerial Departments and Regional Hospital Boards.

Subject to the consent of the persons concerned, the Council put forward nominations to fill vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards, the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, the Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee, and the Mental Nursing Committee of the General Nursing Council.

The Joint Committee considering the training of Mental Health Officers has submitted its training scheme to the Working Party on Social Workers.

Representatives of the Association attended to give oral evidence before the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution, to whom a written Memorandum had already been submitted.

The Council took sympathetic notice of the fact that members of the Child Psychiatry Section were attending as observers at the meetings of a new Inter-Disciplinary Organization interested in Child Psychiatry.

The Association welcomed an approach from the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers suggesting that there might be close co-operation between their Society and the R.M.P.A.

The date of the May Meeting for 1956 was fixed for 16 and 17 May, and the Meeting is to be held at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness, by kind invitation of the Committee and Medical Superintendent.

The President then took the Chair and introduced the Papers Session which was as follows:

"The Clinical Applications of the E.E.G. in Psychiatry."

Opening Speakers: Dr. DENIS HILL
Dr. DESMOND POND
Dr. MARTIN ROTH.

MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The THIRTIETH MAUDSLEY LECTURE was given in the Barnes Hall, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, by Sir Russell Brain, Bt., D.M., F.R.C.P. (President of the Royal College of Physicians), on **"Perception and Imperception"**. Dr. Noel Harris proposed the vote of thanks to Sir Russell Brain, and this was carried by acclamation.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

The AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on Monday, 10 October, 1955, at Prudhoe and Monkton Hospital, Prudhoe-on-Tyne, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee, and Dr. G. McCoull, Medical Superintendent.

Members sat down to an excellent luncheon at 1 p.m. after most of them had toured the Hospital in its attractive settings.

The Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee welcomed the Division in a graceful speech, and Dr. McCoull replied on behalf of the Division.

BUSINESS MEETING

This commenced at 2.30 p.m. with Dr. McCoull in the Chair. Thirty-one Members were present and apologies were received from seven members.

The Report of the Divisional Committee of Management was given by the Hon. Secretary.

The Report of Council was given by the Hon. Secretary and by Dr. M. J. Brookes. The latter gave a summary of the activities of the organizations concerned in giving evidence before the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution, and outlined the discussions of the Education Committee on the proposed new Training Scheme for Nursing Assistants.

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The following five Candidates were elected to Membership:

EDWARDS, KENNETH CHARLES STUART, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Deva Hospital, Chester.

Proposed by Drs. D. H. Jones, I. Frost and G. T. James.

HOWARTH, EDMUND, M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C.O.G., Registrar, Cheadle Royal Mental Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. V. Wadsworth, W. L. Tonge and W. Trethowen.

MOYES, ANDREW HAIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar in Psychiatry, Menston Hospital, near Leeds.

Proposed by Drs. I. Sutton, J. Dundas and R. M. Mackie.

O'NEILL, JOHN, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Medical Registrar, Bensham General Hospital, Gateshead, 8.

Proposed by Drs. J. J. Justice, L. G. Kiloh and R. Orton.

ROUGHEAD, PETER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Psychiatric Registrar, St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3.

Proposed by Drs. J. P. Child, J. Johnston and F. J. Fish.

Nominations for vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards were put forward.

CLINICAL SESSION

Dr. I. Frost opened a discussion of **"The Relationship between Medical Superintendents and other Medical Personnel in Hospitals"**. At the conclusion of this discussion it was RESOLVED that Council be requested to arrange a discussion at an Annual or Quarterly Meeting on the subject.

Dr. G. McCoull read an extremely witty and informative paper on his recent tour of Mental Deficiency Institutions in Canada and the U.S.A.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

The SPRING MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Barnsley Hall Hospital, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Thursday, 28 April, 1955, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. Andrew Shepherd, Medical Superintendent.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Chairman referred to the great loss which the Association, and especially the South-Western Division, had sustained through the recent death of Dr. Elizabeth Casson. Her work and her deep personal concern for the interests of her patients, her students and her colleagues, had had a profound influence on all. The Meeting stood in respectful silence.

The Divisional Committee of Management had also received the kind invitation of Lt.-Col. R. Phillipson, conveyed to the Committee by Colonel Robinson, that the Division should hold their Autumn Meeting at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, and this was gratefully accepted by the Meeting.

Dr. Andrew Shepherd was elected as Chairman for a further year, and Dr. A. J. E. Rowe and Dr. R. G. McInnes were re-elected to the offices of Junior Representative on Council and Honorary Divisional Secretary for a further year.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The following candidates were elected unanimously to Ordinary Membership:

ARMIN, RICHARD HAYWARD, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent, Mendip Hospital, Wells; Consultant Psychiatrist, Bath Clinical Area.

Proposed by Drs. W. E. W. Bridger, J. M. C. Speer and W. M. Pinkerton.

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