To assist in this process it was decided to publish in the Supplement to the Journal of Mental Science a number of *ex parte* statements in favour of the various courses of action. This was to take the place of the earlier proposal to publish some of the letters received by the Special Committee in answer to their questionnaire. It was felt that events had moved so fast that these letters were not now entirely relevant.

The Mental Deficiency Section asked whether it was possible for the Association to act as bankers for, and to administer moneys made available by drug firms for research. In view of the issues of principle involved and the administrative problems raised, Council referred the matter to the Reseach and Clinical Executive Committee. Council will consider the issue again when they have reported.

Papers

Papers were read under the general heading of:

"The Future Planning and Development of the Mental Health Service"

The Speakers were:

Miss Eileen M. Brooke, M.Sc., D.P.A., Statistician, General Register Office.

Dr. G. C. Tooth, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., Principal Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.

Dr. Alan Norton, B.A., D.M., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Bexley Hospital, and Lewisham Hospital, London.

Professor Thomas McKeown, Ph.D., D.Phil., M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Social Medicine, University of Birmingham.

Dr. Kathleen Jones, Ph.D., B.A., Lecturer in Social Administration, University of Manchester.

Seminars

On 14 February, Seminars given under the auspices of University College Hospital were held at St. Pancras Hospital. The general theme was:

"The Teaching of Preventive Psychiatry and Early Treatment"

The speakers and title of individual seminars were:

"Changes in the Teaching Programme for Medical Students." Dr. R. F. Tredgold.

"Simple Psychotherapy by Students." Dr. H. H. Wolff.

"Psychiatric Topics on the Medical Firms." Dr. T. E. Lear.

"Collaboration with the Obstetric Unit." Dr. J. A. Greeves.

"Courses for Non-Medical Staff." Dr. E. W. Dunkley.

"Seminar for General Practitioners." Dr. D. A. Pond.

Section Meetings

Open Meetings of the four sections were also held on 14 and 15 February.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The Autumn Divisional Meeting was held at Stone House Hospital, Dartford, Kent (a unit of the Darenth and Stone Hospital Group) on Thursday, 26 October, 1961, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. Bernard Cates, Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association were received by Dr. Cates in the Staff Club

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Room at Stone House. As there were three separate Hospitals involved, parties were formed to visit Darenth Park, Mabledon Hospital and Stone House. At Darenth Park the programme of visiting organized by Dr. G. Tucker, Physician Superintendent, had its emphasis on the workshops and the Social Adjustment Centre; interesting clinical cases were also available for presentation. At Mabledon Hospital, a Rehabilitation Centre originally established in 1947 for Polish ex-servicemen and functioning since 1950 as a Neurosis Unit for all nationalities, Dr. G. Bram, Physician Superintendent, conducted his visitors around the various departments, including the Occupational Therapy and Utilitarian Occupational Therapy Departments.

The gathering at lunch included over 50 members of the Association. Sir Denis Truscott, Chairman of the Darenth and Stone Group Hospital Management Committee, welcomed his visitors and reminded members that previous meetings of the Division had been held at Stone House in 1903 and 1927. Stone House was previously the City of London Asylum, and his uncle, Sir George Truscott, had been Chairman of the Hospital for forty years, from 1901 to 1941. In apologizing for the luncheon (which was in fact supremely good), he referred to details of the menu of the 1903 luncheon, of which he had a copy, and which must have been a sumptuous repast. Sir Denis referred to the wonderful opportunity presented for service to the community by his Management Committee who, with their medical officers, were responsible for the treatment and administration of three hospitals, probably unique in that one was for mental illness, the second for subnormals and the third for neurosis.

At the meeting the Secretary gave the report of the meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management held that morning.

He referred to the question of *Expenses for Members attending Psychiatric Conferences,* which had been discussed at the previous meeting, and referred to correspondence he had had with the General Secretary.

The Secretary then referred to the letter which he had received from the General Secretary concerning *Merit Awards,* in which it was stated that, following the meeting of Council in Belfast, Divisions were being asked to send in lists of possible candidates for awards to Dr. Tennent. The Secretary had consulted the Chairman and the latter had sent a letter back to Dr. Monro (appended to these Minutes), in which he pointed out that he thought it an impossible task, at this stage, to forward names.

In the discussion which followed the Chairman said he had considered the possibility of the Division inviting all the Medical Advisory Committees to submit names. This would, however, be a formidable task, and in the end one would be left with a list of names. Dr. J. T. Robinson, Dr. D. Rice and Dr. Heller made their contributions to the discussion and on the proposal of Dr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Rice, it was unanimously decided that the members of Council appointed to advise in Merit Awards be asked to provide information concerning the basis on which Merit Awards were made and what criteria were necessary for nominations to be sent (information as to *how* to submit applications, for the guidance of the Division).

On the proposition of Dr. J. Gibson, seconded by Dr. G. C. Heller, Dr. J. T. Robinson was unanimously appointed Divisional Representative on the Executive Committee of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section, in place of Dr. A. A. Baker.

The name of Dr. L. Minski, eligible for re-election, was put forward for nomination to the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and that of Dr. B. Matheson for the North-East Metropolitan Board.

The following papers were then read by members of the staff of the Darenth and Stone Group:

"Jargon Aphasia and Verbigeration"

by Dr. J. P. Crawford.

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"Some Problems in Subnormal Patients with Epilepsy"
by Dr. R. Payne.

"The Use and Interpretation of Painting in Group Therapy"
by Dr. H. K. Rose.

The papers were received with considerable interest and a number of members present took part in the discussion.

The Chairman, Dr. O. W. S. Fitzgerald, concluded the proceedings by thanking the authors of the papers, and also the Chairman of the Darenth and Stone Group of Hospitals and the Physician Superintendents concerned for providing the facilities for an excellent meeting. Dr. Bernard Cates responded.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at St. James' Hospital, Portsmouth, on Thursday, 26 October, 1961, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee, and Dr. W. Liddell Milligan, Physician Superintendent.

During the forenoon, members visited various parts of the hospital. At the lunch preceding the meeting, members and guests were welcomed by Dr. Milligan, and the Divisional Chairman, Dr. R. F. Barbour, replied, thanking the Hospital and all those concerned for their excellent and warm hospitality.

Thirty-nine Members and seven guests were present.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Divisional Committee had met and agreed on the following points.

(*a*) To recommend the re-appointment to the Divisional Committee of Management of the following members:

Drs. A. Leitch, F. E. Pilkington, T. P. Riordan, W. Lumsden Walker and A. J. Galbraith, all of whom were eligible for re-election under the terms of By-law 33, and to ask Surgeon Commander G. G. Wallis to serve on the Committee in place of Dr. I. Atkin, who was due to retire.

(*b*) To recommend the following nominations for membership of Regional Hospital Boards:

South-Western, Dr. F. E. Pilkington and Dr. W. Lumsden Walker.

Oxford, Dr. R. G. McInnes.

Welsh, Dr. J. P. Spillane and T. P. Riordan.

(*c*) To approach Dr. A. M. Spencer with a view to his accommodating the Spring, 1962 Meeting at Powick Hospital on 5 April, 1962.

The Committee had agreed on their nominations for Divisional Office-Bearers and these would be circularized before the next meeting. The Honorary Secretary was to approach the General Secretary to enquire whether it was possible for the Junior Representative on Council to be granted assistance towards his expenses in attending Council Meetings.

The Honorary Secretary reported that by kind invitation of the Knowle Group Hospital Management Committee and Dr. A. J. Galbraith, Physician Superintendent, the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section of the R.M.P.A. had held a week-end meeting at Fairfield House, Droxford, Hampshire, on 27 and 28 May, 1961. This meeting was the first to be held by a Section in association with a Division and proved to be most successful both academically and socially. It was attended by 33 members and 25 guests and was devoted to the topic of the Role of the Nurse in the Therapeutic Community. It was decided to send a letter from

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