ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 14, 15, 16 and 17 July, 1959, at the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, under the Presidency of Dr. Angus MacNiven.

TUESDAY, 14 JULY

Meetings of Committees and Council were held at the Nurses' Home, Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.

Seminars were also held on this day in the Natural Philosophy New Building, University of Glasgow. The subjects and speakers were as follows:

"Head Injury."
Mr. Sloan Robertson, F.R.C.S.

"The Psychiatric Unit in the General Hospital."
Drs. Hunter Gillies and A. Balfour Sclare.

"Huntington's Chorea: Clinical and Genetic Aspects."
Dr. John R. Roy.

"Huntington's Chorea: Some Biochemical and Therapeutic Aspects."
Dr. A. D. Forrest.

"Testicular Atrophy in Schizophrenia."
Drs. J. S. S. Stewart and W. A. Cramond.

In the evening the President-Elect entertained Members of Council to Dinner.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY

At the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.

Morning Session

Dr. L. C. Cook in the Chair.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the loss by death of the following Member:

ARTHUR HARRIS, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., Physician Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals; an Ordinary Member since 1938.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

It was moved from the Chair:

(*a*) THAT the Officers of the Association for 1959–60 be:

PRESIDENT: Angus MacNiven, F.R.C.P.E., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN:

G. Somerville, M.D.Edin., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).
F. E. Pilkington, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., (South-Western)
T. M. Cuthbert, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Northern and Midland).
W. M. Millar, M.D., Dip.Psych., F.B.Ps.S. (Scottish).
E. N. M. O'Sullivan, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M.N.U.I. (Irish).

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.

IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT: L. C. Cook, M.A., M.D., D.P.M.

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TREASURER: Thomas Tennent, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M.

GENERAL SECRETARY: A. B. Monro, M.D., Ph.D., D.P.M.

REGISTRAR: William Sargant, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

LIBRARIAN: Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.

DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES:

S. W. Hardwick, B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).
A. J. Galbraith, M.D., D.P.M. (South-Western).
W. V. Wadsworth, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Northern and Midland).
M. M. Whittet, M.R.C.P.E., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M. (Scottish).
Mary Sullivan, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M. (Irish).

(*b*) THAT the Representative Members of Council for 1959–60 be:

DIVISIONS: Drs. Rosalind Bearcroft (South-Eastern), E. B. McDowall (South-Western), B. Ward (Northern and Midland), J. Harper (Scottish), J. Mulligan (Irish).

SECTIONS: Drs. R. Ström-Olsen and A. C. Tait (Research and Clinical), Drs. J. V. Morris and A. Shapiro (Mental Deficiency), Drs. S. T. Hayward and R. W. Crocket (Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry), Drs. W. Warren and T. R. Malloy (Child Psychiatry).

(*c*) THAT the Nominated Members of the Council for 1959–60 be:

Drs. D. Curran, J. Gould, J. T. Hutchinson, W. S. Maclay, T. P. Rees, C. Tetlow.

(*d*) THAT the Parliamentary Committee be re-appointed:

ADDITIONS: Drs. W. A. L. Bowen, E. P. H. Charlton, D. H. Clark, W. McCartan.

(*e*) THAT the Education Committee be re-appointed:

ADDITIONS: Drs. F. E. Pilkington, A. D. Leigh, A. S. Thorley, Professor M. Roth.

RETIRALS: Drs. P. K. McCowan, J. Ivison Russell.

(*f*) THAT the Library Committee be re-appointed:

(*g*) THAT the Papers and Discussions Committee be re-appointed:

ADDITIONS: Dr. A. D. Leigh.

(*h*) THAT the Finance Committee be re-appointed.

(*i*) THAT the Journal Committee be re-appointed:

(*j*) THAT the Public Relations Committee be re-appointed:

The Motions were carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL, OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

(*a*) COUNCIL

Dr. A. B. Monro presented the report of the Council for the period July, 1958, to May, 1959, explaining that henceforth the Annual Reports of Council and Committees would run from May to May, instead of from July to July.

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The Council has to report that on 1 January, 1959, the Membership of the Association was 1,744. The figures for the past five years are:

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Ordinary Members	1,284	1,345	1,435	1,569	1,669
Honorary Members	26	27	26	25	26
Corresponding Members	37	37	37	36	38
Associate Members	3	3	4	5	11
Totals	1,350	1,412	1,502	1,635	1,744

The Council held its Quarterly Meetings on 12 November, 1958; 11 February, 1959; and 6 May, 1959. The Maudsley Lecture was given by Dr. Leo Kanner of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

The May Meeting was held at Newcastle upon Tyne, at the Department of Psychological Medicine of the Royal Victoria Hospital, and the Medical School of King's College. The Seminars and Papers, arranged by Professor Roth, were most successful.

The Association's advice has been sought by a number of organizations and Government departments. In response to an invitation to submit evidence to the Departmental Committee on Artificial Insemination, a circular was sent to members inviting their views on the subject. Since there was no unanimity of opinion, a selection of individual replies was sent to the Departmental Committee. A questionnaire from the Interdepartmental Committee on Drug Addiction was answered on the basis of information received from certain members of the Association.

The Evidence Committee which was asked to consider the Mental Health Bill drew up a Memorandum which was sent to the Minister of Health and all Members of the House of Commons who took part in the Debate. This has been followed by a supplementary memorandum, and both memoranda have also been sent to interested members of the House of Lords. On the instructions of Council the General Secretary wrote to the Minister outlining the Association's policy that there should continue to be medical superintendents who would be the chief officers in charge of mental hospitals, but that psychiatric consultants in charge of cases should be "responsible medical officers" in terms of the new legislation.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Hospital Medical Staffing has circulated questionnaires to all members of the Association in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to mental and mental deficiency hospitals in those areas, asking for information about hours and conditions of work. The replies received will be analysed in due course.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Convalescent Treatment sent copies of its report to the Ministry of Health and the Department of Health for Scotland, though it was felt that the report was outside the terms of reference of the Working Party which is considering convalescent treatment in the Metropolitan area.

The Joint Committee of the R.M.P.A. and the Society of Medical Officers of Health has continued to meet, and has drawn up a report outlining general principles for co-operation between psychiatrists and Medical Officers of Health. This was favourably reviewed in the *Lancet*. It has been agreed that the Committee should continue to function.

The Sections have been extremely active. The Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section has continued to meet once a month. The Genetics Sub-Committee has presented an interim report to Council on its survey of blood groups and mental disease. The new election procedure of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section has been approved by Council and adopted.

Council has learned with satisfaction that the Inland Revenue Authorities have decided to allow the deduction of the R.M.P.A.'s Annual Subscription in computing liability to income tax under Schedule E.

Considerable concern has been felt concerning the inadequate resources available for psychiatric research, but a very successful meeting has been held between

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representatives of the R.M.P.A. and of the Medical Research Council, at which it was agreed that the tempo of psychiatric research should be increased.

Council has agreed to a suggestion that exchange of information should take place between this Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

Fuller accounts of the work of the Committees and Sections are given in their reports, which have already been circulated to members, and Council records its thanks to them for the important work which they have carried out during the year. Our thanks are also due to the Divisions for their help in fostering local interest in the Association. We wish especially to thank the Chairmen and Secretaries of Committees, Sections and Divisions.

Reports of the Sections

Child Psychiatry

Three Section meetings were held during the year.

The Section entertained Dr. Leo Kanner to dinner after the Maudsley Lecture at the November Quarterly Meeting.

Papers presented at the Section meetings included the following:

"The treatment, training and research projects of the Hampstead child therapy clinic" (February, 1959).

"The first eighteen months experience of a new teaching and research child psychiatry unit with special reference to the application of a day hospital approach in child psychiatry."

The Section also held a successful study weekend at Harrogate in May.

The Executive Committee met on three occasions and during the year set up two Sub-Committees; one to enquire into the long-term residential care of children, and the other to produce a memorandum on recruitment and training in child psychiatry. The Liaison Committee with the paediatricians held three meetings in London during the year.

Two members attended by invitation, and took part in, the meeting of the Union of European Pedo-Psychiatrists in Switzerland in April, and both were elected to membership of the Union.

Mental Deficiency

The Section met four times during the course of the year. There was a Section meeting in July at the time of the Annual General Meeting, at Darenth Park, when Dr. Pilkington read a paper on post-graduate training in Mental Deficiency, and showed two films to demonstrate the role visual aids could play in training.

At a meeting of the Section held on 12 November, 1958, Dr. K. O. Milner read a paper on "The Psychotherapeutic Treatment of Mentally Defective and other Delinquents." In his paper, Dr. Milner described the methods used to establish good positive relationship with the patient and to induce abreaction leading to the recovery of repressed material. He was firmly convinced that there was no difference in psychopathology between normal and mentally defective patients, and stressed that the symbolic meaning of delinquency had to be dealt with before progress could be expected.

At a meeting of the Section held on 11 February, 1959, Dr. Mary Sheridan read a paper on "Recent Advances in Auditory Assessment of Backward Children". During the course of her lecture she demonstrated tests that she had devised for the purpose, which should be a valuable contribution to the diagnostic armamentarium in the specialty.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Glenfrith by kind invitation of Dr. Valentine and the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the clinical implications of the new Mental Health Bill. Papers were read by Drs. Gillie, Morris, Walker

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and Shapiro. Owing to lack of time and accommodation at the May Meeting of the Association, there was no formal meeting of the Section but Prudhoe and Northgate Hospitals were open to visitors, and the Films Sub-Committees' programme included a film on Mental Deficiency which was introduced by Dr. McCoull, and was discussed by members of the Section.

During the year, the Executive Committee, as well as considering the implications of the new Bill, have also sent out a questionnaire regarding the hospital practice of mental deficiency in this country, and are at present analysing the replies.

Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry

During the year from June, 1958, until May, 1959, the Section has met on ten occasions, and the Executive Committee on three. This included an effective Open Day at Claybury Hospital, when aspects of the Therapeutic Community approach to treatment in the mental hospital were examined. The successful innovation of additional section meetings between the Quarterly Meetings of the Association has been continued. No topic of major importance have been brought to the Section Committee, but there has been some discussion of difficulties experienced in getting access to papers read at the Section's meetings.

Research and Clinical Section

Four meetings of the Section's Executive Commitee were held during the year, in July and November, 1958, and February and May, 1959. At the meeting on 12 February, 1959, the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year were appointed.

The members of the Section on 1 January, 1959, totalled 670.

During the year Dr. Sainsbury succeeded Professor Roth as Secretary of the Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee. Open meetings were held as follows: On 4 July, 1958, "A Clinical Study of Transvestism" (Dr. J. R. B. Ball) and "A Psychiatric Syndrome Associated with Hypopituitarism" (Dr. A. C. Gibson); on 11 February, 1959, "A Study on Thought Disorder in Schizophrenics" (Dr. R. B. Payne) and "Physiological and Neurotic Tremor" (Dr. J. W. T. Redfearn); and on 7th May, 1959, "Genetic Factors in Psychosomatic Disorders" (Dr. Denis Leigh), "Psychosomatic Aspects of Acne Rosacea" (Dr. A. Whitlock), and "Response Specificity in Stress Situations" (Dr. R. S. Ferguson).

The Pathology Sub-Committee held an open meeting on 12th February, 1959, when papers were presented on Neurophysiological Studies in Dementia" (Dr. G. Pampiglione), "Blood Thiols and Comments on Gluthathione in Mental Disease" (Mr. R. B. Rodnight), and "Observations on the Pathology in Insidious Dementia following Head Injury" (Drs. J. A. N. Corsellis and J. B. Brierley).

The Geriatric Sub-Committee has considered sponsoring an investigation of the status of patients in geriatric units, on lines comparable to the earlier study of aged patients in mental hospitals. A cohort study of different diagnostic groups is being made by the Registrar General's Office.

The Genetics Sub-Committee presented in July, 1958, a preliminary report on the survey of blood groups in mental hospital patients, covering data from the first 9,653 individuals. A full report will be available later.

Following on the acceptance by Council of the Committee's document on Psychiatric Research, a number of further enquiries were pursued throughout the winter of 1958-59. An enquiry addressed to mental hospitals on research studies, resources and problems, produced an excellent reponse, and much factual information became available. A preliminary analysis of the first 98 replies (from 143 questionnaires) showed that mental hospital research was usually financed by informal means or management committee funds rather than by Regional Boards or by statutory or voluntary research funds. Limiting factors to expansion were closely related to general problems of staffing, both medical and non-medical. Information was also given by a number of university departments.

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A proposal to obtain information about the attitude and practice of Regional Hospital Boards in the field of psychiatric research was adopted by the General Secretary, and the knowledge thus obtained formed part of the background—as did other documents offered by the Committee—to the meeting of Council representatives and representatives of the Medical Research Council which subsequently took place.

A suggestion that some kind of guide might be compiled to those funds, statutory or voluntary, which are potentially available for the support of psychiatric research, was accepted by the Executive Committee. It was later agreed to ask the Mental Health Research Fund to consider sponsoring such a guide, and the matter is at present under consideration by it.

(*b*) Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Thos. Tennent, reported as follows.

The income of the Association during the past year amounted to £11,492 and the expenditure was £7,682. This shows a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £3,810, compared with £3,602 in 1957—an increase of £208.

The investments of the Association stand in the accounts at £25,594—their market value on 31 December, 1958, was £22,009.

The Report was adopted.

(*c*) Editor-in-Chief and Journal Committee

Dr. Fleming, the Editor-in-Chief, presented the accounts for 1958 and reported as follows:

Volume III of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, which cost £1,380 6s. 9d., has so far brought in £1,637—a profit of £250.

It was decided to ask the Council to approve the payment of twenty guineas per chapter to each member writing a chapter for Volume IV of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, which should be published in 1964.

The Committee has discussed the various chapters and authors for Volume IV.

Cost of Journal

1938			1957				1958		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1,868	14	1	3,737	0	0	Printing and Postages, etc. ..	4,150	19	2
50	7	0	50	0	0	Publisher's Fee	50	0	0
1,919	1	1	3,787	0	0	Total Cost	4,200	19	2
375	18	4	3,075	0	0	Sales of *Journal*, etc.	2,868	6	2
101	4	0	499	0	0	Advertisements	668	8	6
477	2	4	3,574	0	0	Total Receipts	3,536	14	8
1,441	18	9	213	0	0	Net Cost of *Journal*	664	4	6

The Report was adopted.

(*d*) Registrar

The report of the Registrar, Dr. W. Sargant, which had already been circulated, was as follows:

An exceptionally successful two-day Maudsley Bequest Lecture Course was held on 9 and 10 February, 1959, in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Over 400 tickets were issued and on the second day the West Hall had to be used as an overflow room and the lectures relayed there through a loudspeaker. Owing to the position of the Royal Society of Medicine under

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the Rating Acts, it is no longer possible to charge non-members for admission to these lectures, and only members of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association and those promising to become members within a short period of time will now be admitted. As a result of this, 31 non-members who attended the last Course have now joined the Association and 2 more have agreed to become members shortly. The first Maudsley Bequest Lecture Course to be held outside London has been arranged to take place on 27 May, 1959, in Dublin. It is hoped that this experiment will be a success.

The Report was adopted.

(*e*) Librarian and Library Committee

The Report of the Librarian and Library Committee, which had already been circulated, was as follows:

In past reports attention has been drawn on several occasions to the problem of shelf space in the Library, and to various expedients designed to relieve the pressure temporarily. The Library Commitee have therefore welcomed the Council's decision to rent an additional room at Chandos Street. A number of bound volumes of journals have already been removed there, and new shelving is being provided. About 100 books have been added since July, 1958 and issues during the period totalled 796. Thanks are due to the following donors, among others, for valuable gifts: Dr. Manfred Guttmacher of Baltimore for a copy of his study of King George III's illness *America's Last King* (now out of print); and Dr. P. F. Fletcher of Stanley Royd Hospital for a copy of the 1819 book of plans and views of the hospital, including the rare "Practical Hints on the Construction and Economy of Asylums" by Samuel Tuke.

The Report was adopted.

(*f*) Education Committee

Dr. O. W. S. FitzGerald gave the Report of the Education Committee, as follows:

The Committee gave approval to a memorandum prepared by the Mental Nursing Sub-Committee in which were listed all the known facts relating to the selection, secondment and training of nurse tutors for Mental Hospital and Mental Deficiency Hospital Nurse Training Schools. Although the Sub-Committee had set out with the prime object of collecting information for the benefit of members of the Association, its enquiries revealed such a wide range of information that the Committee circulated the memorandum to all Nurse Training Committees, all Regional Nursing Officers, the Medical Superintendents of all Mental and Mental Deficiency Hospitals, the three training colleges for tutors, namely, the Battersea College of Technology, the Queen Elizabeth College, and the Royal College of Nursing, the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the Department of Extra-Mural Studies of London University and the Nursing Department of the Ministry of Health.

The Committee was concerned to find that in the current year there had been a marked reduction in the number of nurse tutors seconded for training from Mental Hospitals, the more so because the Mental Nursing Sub-Committee had been led to believe that there also was a considerable wastage of qualified tutors.

Subsequently, at the suggestion of the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council, a questionnaire enquiry into the number of tutors employed, and the movements of qualified tutors, was sent to all Mental and Mental Deficiency Hospitals in England and Wales. Replies were received from 114 hospitals registered as training schools. Of 196 tutors' posts in these hospitals, all but 26 were filled by either qualified or unqualified tutors. Of 64 tutors known to have resigned the posts they held immediately after qualifying, three had become Matrons, five had become Chief Male Nurses, two married women gave up

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nursing, one became a teacher in a Technical College and only one could not be traced. The remaining 52 had all transferred to other teaching posts, although a few had gone to teach in hospitals abroad.

This information was sent to the General Nursing Council, the Ministry of Health, the Nursing Officers of all Regions in England and Wales and the Medical Superintendents of all Mental and Mental Deficiency Hospitals in England and Wales.

Two disciplinary cases were considered, and in each case the Committee decided that the circumstances did not warrant the withdrawal of the holder's certificate of proficiency in mental nursing.

In response to a request by the Electrophysiological Technologists Association the Committee agreed to act jointly with that body in conducting a qualifying examination for electro-encephalographic recordists, in addition to their existing agreement to conduct the examination for the Technologists Diploma.

A Sub-Committee for Post-graduate Education in Psychiatry has had several meetings in the course of the year but as yet has not prepared its full report, although some interim or progress reports have been submitted to the Committee for the guidance of the Sub-Committee's future discussions.

Film shows were provided by the Films Sub-Committee at each Quarterly Meeting. All were well attended and provided members with material for lively discussions. Trailers were added to the British film "Ether Abreaction" and the French film "Déracinements", and copies of these films, both of which are of considerable historic as well as educational value, were prepared for future preservation and use. Some films presented by Dr. W. Maclay also had trailers added to them indicating that they had been made available by the Association before their presentation to the National Film Archives.

The Education Committee, in paying compliment to the great amount of work which has been undertaken by the Sub-Committee, has asked the Sub-Committee to reconsider and clarify the field of activity most appropriate to it.

At the May meeting the Organizing Body for Training in Methods of Psychological Treatment submitted a comprehensive report on its activities to Council. It was then decided that the Organizing Body should in future act as a Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, and therefore the following summary is included in this report:

In the Spring of 1957 the Organizing Body (Dr. I. Atkin, Chairman, and Dr. Jonathan Gould, Secretary), obtained the following information from a general enquiry addressed to members of the Association—

	London	Provinces	Total
Would-be pupils	38	29	67
Tutors	40	58	98

As a result of further enquiry addressed to members of the Association in the Spring of 1958 the following additional figures were obtained—

	London	Provinces	Total
Pupils	13	14	27
Tutors	20	36	56

Following the May meeting when the Organizing Body became a Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, the Chairman of the latter body wrote to the *Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*, drawing attention to the Association's scheme for putting psychotherapy students in touch with tutors.

As a result of these activities, it is believed that up to 100 students have obtained part-time training gratis in elemenary methods of psychotherapy.

The Report was adopted.

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(*g*) Parliamentary Committee

The Report of the Parliamentary Committee had already been circulated as follows:

This Report includes that of the Evidence Committee to the Royal Commission on Mental Health Law, which was re-appointed for the purpose of securing, as far as possible, amendments to the Mental Health Bill in line with the Association's policy. The Evidence Committee's proposals were set out in a Memorandum which was made available to the Ministry of Health and to members of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons at the outset of the Committee stage of the Bill. At its meeting in February the Parliamentary Committee also considered the provisions of the Bill, and as a result of suggestions made at that meeting, and of the discussion at the subsequent Council meeting, a supplementary memorandum was submitted. At the May meeting the progress of the Bill up to the Report stage was considered, and a further memorandum was afterwards prepared with a view to possible amendments during the Bill's passage through the Lords. The Secretary maintained contact with various members of both Houses. Among the Association's proposals which were accepted by the Minister and incorporated in the Bill were: special provisions regarding the inspection of the former Registered Hospitals; provision for the approval of doctors by local authorities to be made on the advice of joint committees; changes to allow of the "emergency" admission procedure to be convertible to the "observation" procedure only; changes in the provisions regarding the censorship of patients' letters; and changes extending the circumstances in which the powers of the nearest relative can be transferred. The Bill received its Third Reading in the House of Commons on May 6.

Other subjects considered by the Committee during the year have been: the law relating to suicide and attempted suicide; the Departmental Committee on Artificial Insemination and the Working Party on Hospital Staffing structure; the provisions relating to National Insurance contributions and benefits in the case of long-stay patients; and the contributions recovered from hospital patients going out to work. The question of reform in the law relating to suicide is still in suspense: the Minister of Health has had one meeting with the B.M.A. and Magistrates' Association Joint Committee and there is a suggestion that some move toward reform may be expected next year. Representations on the subject of the contributions exacted from patients working outside hospital have met with some success and the Ministry now recognizes that some elasticity is desirable in special circumstances. Representations to the Advisory Committee on National Insurance have been made in conjunction with the National Association for Mental Health. The other subjects mentioned have been reported to and dealt with by the Council.

Apart from the Mental Health Bill the Parliamentary proceedings during the year do not call for special comment.

The Report was adopted.

(*h*) Papers and Discussions Committee

The Report of the Papers and Discussions Committee had already been circulated, as follows:

At the Annual Meeting in July, 1958, distinguished speakers from abroad spoke on "Various aspects of physical treatments in psychiatry", papers being read by Dr. L. J. Meduna and Dr. L. B. Kalinowsky. Another session was devoted to "Learning theory and behaviour therapy" and valuable practical papers were read by Professor Eysenck and Mr. Gwynne Jones. A successful series of Seminars was held at the Maudsley Hospital, London.

The morning session of the November meeting was devoted to "Community care problems of elderly psychiatric patients". Stimulating papers were read by Dr. Burn, Dr. Felix Post, and Mrs. Colwell. This meeting was claimed as being

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one of the most successful in recent years. An interesting series of Seminars, which was well attended, was held at the National Hospital, Queen Square.

The February 1959 meeting was devoted to "Epidemiological aspects of psychiatry" with papers by Dr. Stuart Morrison, Miss E. M. Brooke, Dr. E. Shepherd, D. K. Rawnsley and Dr. J. Wing. The papers covered important aspects of this developing field of psychiatry. Seminars were held at the Middlesex Hospital under the auspices of Dr. Noel Harris and were much enjoyed.

At the May meeting, held in Newcastle upon Tyne, Professor Roth and staff provided interesting papers on "New drugs in the treatment of depressive states, anorexia nervosa and other syndromes". A series of Seminars was also provided at the Medical School, Newcastle, and the entire meeting was a successful one.

In April, 1959, a study tour for a group of Scandinavian psychiatrists was arranged which was an outstanding success.

The Report was adopted.

(*i*) Public Relations Committee

The Report of the Public Relations Committee, which had already been circulated, was as follows:

The Committee has continued its efforts to establish satisfactory relations with the Press. Representatives of newspapers or periodicals have asked for information on various topics and have been put in touch with the General Secretary or a member of the Public Relations Committee.

The Report was adopted.

Other Business

The grant to the President during his year of office was approved.

The following dates for Quarterly Meetings were approved:

Wednesday and Thursday, 11 and 12 November, 1959 (London).
Wednesday and Thursday, 10 and 11 February, 1960 (London).
May, 1960 (Birmingham), date to be arranged.
July, 1960, Annual Meeting, date and place to be arranged.

[The dates decided on later were July 11-15, 1960, in London.]

Election of Honorary Members

The following were unanimously elected:

D. Ewen Cameron, M.D., Director, Allan Memorial Institute, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University, Montreal 2, Canada.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, L. C. Cook, W. Sargant, A. Walk, W. Linford Rees.

Noel Gordon Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., late Physician for Psychological Medicine, Middlesex Hospital, W.1.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, L. C. Cook, W. Sargant, A. Walk, W. Linford Rees.

Karl Kleist, Dr.med., Dr.med. h.c., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Neurology; late Director of the Psychiatric and Neurological Clinic of the University of Frankfurt; Head of the Frankfurt Research Institute for Cerebral- and Psychopathology.
Proposed by Drs. E. W. Anderson, F. Fish, O. W. S. FitzGerald, H. H. Fleischhacker, Aubrey Lewis, Alfred Meyer.

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Election of Corresponding Members

The following were unanimously elected:

Walter Freeman, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Neurology, George Washington University.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, A. Walk, W. Sargant.

Paul Hoch, M.D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, L. C. Cook, W. Sargant.

Gabriel Langfeldt, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Oslo, Norway.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, W. Sargant, A. Walk.

Harry C. Solomon, M.D., Commissioner, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Boston, U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, Thos. Tennent, L. C. Cook, W. Sargant.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were unanimously elected:

Atkinson, Eileen, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Psychiatric Registrar, St. Mary's Hospital, Stannington, Northumberland.
Proposed by Drs. J. J. Justice, W. M. Lyon, Josephine Rutter.

Carney, Michael W. P., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Junior Specialist in Psychiatry and Area Psychiatrist, Military Hospital, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Proposed by Drs. H. Pozner, J. McGhie, L. J. F. Warnants.

Cates, Bernard, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist and Deputy Physician Superintendent, Stone House Hospital, Dartford.*
Proposed by Drs. S. W. Hardwick, G. M. Tucker, W. Wollen.

Conway, Hugh Joseph, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wilts.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon-Russell, W. M. Pinkerton, K. C. Bailey.

Fisher, Henry, M.D., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Ed.), L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist and Deputy Physician Superintendent, Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham.
Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, W. L. Jones, W. Fabisch.

Fullerton, Alexander Getty, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Herrison Hospital, Dorchester.
Proposed by Drs. R. N. Boardman, E. S. Foote, R. N. Stansfield.

Gallwey, Patrick Lionel Grattan, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, The Warneford Clinic, Oxford.
Proposed by Drs. I. Skottowe, R. G. McInnes, P. J. Williamson.

Graham, Alexander John, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist and Deputy Superintendent, Woodilee Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. Cramond, R. Davidson, G. E. Swinney.

Grey, Jeffrey, M.A., M.B., B.S., L.M.S.S.A., Registrar, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.
Proposed by Drs. W. McAdam, J. Harper, R. A. Robinson.

Hargreaves, Michael Adrian, M.B., B.S. D.P.M., Junior Medical Officer, Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.
Proposed by Drs. N. Copeland, G. A. Dransfield, F. A. Campbell.

* Now Physician Superintendent.

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HENNESSY, DANIEL PETER, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Winwick Hospital, Warrington.
Proposed by Drs. G. C. Heller, G. J. Harrison, H. Fleming.

HURST, LINDSAY CAMERON, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Psychiatric Registrar, Shenley Hospital, Nr. St. Albans, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. T. M. Davie, O. W. S. FitzGerald, D. Bardon.

HUSSAIN, AMJED, M.B., B.S., Psychiatric Registrar, Blackburn Group of Hospitals.
Proposed by Drs. M. Silverman, D. P. Oakley, E. T. Downham.

JOHN, FRED, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., L.M.S.S.A., Registrar, Morgannwg Hospital Bridgend, Glam.
Proposed by Drs. M. W. Annear, K. S. Jones, L. Dolny.

JOHNSTON, JOHN, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Surgeon Captain R.N. (Retd.), Development Group, Messrs. Smith, Kline and French Laboratories Ltd., 120 Coldharbour Lane, London, S.E.5.
Proposed by Brigadier R. Phillipson, Drs. J. McGhie, W. L. Milligan.

KEELAN, EDWARD MICHAEL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Assistant in Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine; Hallbrook, Box 31, Greensfarns, Conn., U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sullivan, J. P. Motley, J. P. Brady.

KESSEL, WILLIAM IVOR NEIL, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Research Assistant, Institute of Psychiatry, and Senior Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London.
Proposed by Drs. M. Shepherd, R. H. Fox, S. I. Cohen.

LAWSON, FRANCES SONIA, M.B., B.S., Junior Medical Officer, St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Child, T. A. Muckle, P. J. Quinn.

LOUCAS, KYPROS, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. D. Stafford-Clark, J. J. Fleminger, G. F. Vaughan.

MAERTENS, JUAN GONZALEZ, M.D., Psychiatric Consultant to the British-American Hospital, Lima, Peru.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. Sullivan, J. P. Motley, J. P. Brady.

MATHEWSON, HELEN STEWART, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Prestwich Hospital, Nr. Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. Alice McGlashan, J. N. Curran, J. C. Devlin.

MULLAN, MARY C. T., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., M.D. (U.S.A.), Senior Psychiatrist, State Hospital, Central Islip, New York.
Proposed by Drs. Catherine Drumgoole, Mary Sullivan, A. B. Monro.

NEVILLE, RICHARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Medical Officer, Hellingly Hospital, Nr. Hailsham, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. D. Rice, H. B. N. Jennings, R. Maggs.

O'HANRAHAN, JAMES FRANCIS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., L.M., C.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Columba's Hospital, Sligo, Eire.
Proposed by Drs. T. Foley, Mary Sullivan, A. Walk.

PRYCE, IVOR GWYNDAF, M.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Goodmayes and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals; Goodmayes Hospital, Ilford.
Proposed by Drs. J. Glancy R. C. Gledhill, B. Gordon.

RIXON, PETER ERNEST, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.
Proposed by Drs. F. J. Napier, E. A. Burkitt, W. J. Abel.

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SMITH, ROBERT HENRY FISHER, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent and Consultant Psychiatrist, Severalls Hospital, Colchester, Essex.
Proposed by Drs. G. Somerville, H. Jacobs, J. E. McA. Glancy.

STUDDY, JOHN DENMAN, M.B., B.S., Senior Medical Officer, Leybourne Grange Mental Deficiency Colony, West Malling, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. W. M. Pinkerton, J. B. Gordon-Russell, K. C. Bailey.

WATERS, MICHAEL ALAN TURTON, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wilts.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon-Russell, W. M. Pinkerton, K. C. Bailey.

WHELEHAN, JOSEPH M., L.R.C.P. & S.I., L.M., Senior Medical Officer, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wilts.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon-Russell, W. M. Pinkerton, K. C. Bailey.

WILSON, GLENN PATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wilts.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon-Russell, W. M. Pinkerton, K. C. Bailey.

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Candidate approved by Council May 6, 1959.

JONES, KATHLEEN, B.A., Ph.D., Lecturer in Social Administration, University of Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, A. B. Monro, N. Harris.

The President, on behalf of the Association, extended to Professor Aubrey Lewis the congratulations of the Association on his award of the honour of knighthood.

[The Editors have much pleasure in recording the award, in the same Honours List, of the *O.B.E.* to the President, Dr. L. C. Cook.]

PAPER

"The Effect of the Repetition of Verbal Stimuli on the Behaviour of Chronic Psychoneurotic Patients."

By Dr. Ewen Cameron, Montreal.

Following the morning session, the Association and guests were entertained to luncheon at the Royal Mental Hospital, by kind invitation of the Management Committee, whose Chairman, Mr. John Leggat, welcomed them, and was thanked by Dr. Cook.

Afternoon Session

VOTE OF THANKS TO OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

DR. E. J. C. HEWITT said that the membership and prestige of the Association had increased rapidly during the past year, and this was largely due to the work of the Officers. Speaking of the retiring President he said that the charm of his wonderful personality and powers of leadership had contributed greatly to his most successful year of office. He went on to pay tribute to the services of the Treasurer, General Secretary, Editor-in-Chief and Registrar, and to the Librarian who was now also their President-Elect. He also thanked Dr. Gould, whose prodigious energy had resulted in the production of so many excellent memoranda. He concluded by adding words of thanks to the Officers of the Scottish Division, including the new President, Dr. MacNiven.

The vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation.

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General Vote of Thanks

Dr. Monro moved the Association's thanks to all those who had worked to make the meeting possible and to ensure its success. He was supplementing to some extent what the President had already said at lunch. He would first thank Dr. MacNiven and Miss MacNiven for their long labours in arranging the details of the meeting. Those who attended the Council dinner had found themselves entertained in true Scottish manner, which they would long remember, while the ladies who accepted Miss MacNiven's invitation had much enjoyed their visit to the theatre. The Board of Management of the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital had already been thanked at the lunch, but he would like to thank also the administrative and medical staff, and the Home Sister, whose hospitality they had enjoyed. The Lord Provost and Corporation of Glasgow were to be thanked for the Reception to be held that evening, and for so generously inviting members and their wives to an outing on the previous day. Thanks were also due to the proprietors of the Dumgoyne distillery. To the University of Glasgow, and particularly to Professor Ferguson Rodger they were much indebted for the arrangements for Seminars, the accommodation provided in University Hostels, and the kind invitation to a Reception preceding the Annual Dinner the next day. Lastly he would mention the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Lennox Castle, who were giving hospitality to the Sections on Friday. To these and to many other unmentioned workers the hearty thanks of the Association were due.

The vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation.

Induction of New President

Dr. Cook, in vacating the Chair, referred to Dr. MacNiven's wonderful hospitality, and to the friendly atmosphere of Gartnavel, where Dr. MacNiven carried on the tradition of a thorough personal knowledge of his patients. He then invested Dr. MacNiven with the Presidential Badge.

Dr. MacNiven, in taking the Chair, paid tribute to Dr. Cook as the ideal President, possessing as he did great personal integrity as well as eminence in their specialty and a record of many years of devoted work for the Association. He referred to the great pleasure which all members had felt when in the last Honours List they had read that Dr. Cook had had the *O.B.E.* conferred on him—a fact which he himself had refrained from mentioning earlier.

He then invested Dr. Cook with the Past-President's Badge.

The following delegates were then presented to and welcomed by the President:

Professor Oskar Diethelm, Psychiatrist in Chief, Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic, New York; representing the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. R. T. Binns, Psychiatrist to the Adelaide Children's Hospital, Dr. C. H. M. MacMahon, of Sydney, and Dr. S. W. P. Mirams, Deputy Director of the Mental Hygiene Division, Wellington, New Zealand; representing the Australasian Association of Psychiatrists.

Professor Ewen Cameron, of McGill University, representing the Canadian Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Hans Hartelius, of the Central Hospital, Kristianstad, representing the Swedish Psychiatric Association.

The President then presented the parchments of Honorary Membership to Dr. D. Ewen Cameron and Dr. Noel Harris.

The Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, and the Bronze Medal (for an essay on "Natural History Studies in Mental Illness"), were presented to Dr. John Deryk Pollitt.

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Maudsley Lecture

The General Secretary announced that Dr. Tinbergen had found himself unable to deliver the Maudsley lecture that year. Prof. Alfred Meyer had been invited to be Maudsley Lecturer in his place and had accepted. The Maudsley Lecturer for 1960 would be Dr. Eliot Slater.

Presidential Address

The President then delivered his Address, entitled:

"The First Commissioners: Reform in Scotland in the Mid-XIXth Century."

Vote of Thanks to the President

Dr. Ian Skottowe in moving a vote of thanks to the President for his address referred to his service at Gartnavel along with Dr. MacNiven. A number of those who served there in the 1920's had come to be known as "Henderson's Group". Dr. MacNiven was the first of the group to have attained the Presidency of their Association, but the American Psychiatric Association had already chosen another member of the group—Dr. Cameron, who was with them that day—to preside over them. The Address they had just heard represented a monumental piece of research, and was most instructive and valuable, showing as it did "Mac's" open-mindedness, inclusiveness and readiness to see things in their proper perspective. He had shown that a great many things now being brought out as though brand-new had been on the move long ago. He wished to express his warmest appreciation of the President as a man and offer him his warmest congratulations on his election.

Professor Ferguson Rodger, in seconding, said that this was a great day, not only for Dr. MacNiven, but also for his colleagues in the West of Scotland. It was typical that he should have chosen as his subject the origins of humane administration in psychiatry, because humanity was one of his great characteristics —something that he lived out in every action of his life.

Dr. MacNiven, in returning thanks, said that his Address had at any rate one merit—it was quite uncontroversial!

Reception

In the evening, Members and their wives were most hospitably entertained by the Lord Provost and Magistrates of the City of Glasgow at the City Chambers.

Thursday, 16 July

The meeting was held in the Lecture Room of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Glasgow, at the Southern General Hospital, Govan.

The following Papers were read:

"The Concept of the Psychopath."
R. M. Mowbray, M.A., Ph.D.
(Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, University of Glasgow.)

"Clinical Observations on the Treatment of Psychopathic Personalities."
Oskar Diethelm, M.D.
(Psychiatrist in Chief, Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic, New York Hospital.)

"Community Tolerance and Mental Health."
Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, B.Sc., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M.
(Professor of Psychological Medicine, University of Glasgow.)

"A Parson Craves Audience."
The Very Rev. G. F. MacLeod, M.C., D.D.
(Leader of the Iona Community; Chairman of the After Care Council in Scotland; Chairman of the Visiting Committee, H.M. Borstal Institution, Polmont, Scotland.)

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Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held in the Hunter Hall East of the University of Glasgow, and was preceded by a Reception in the Randolph Hall by kind invitation of the University.

The following Toasts were given:

"The Corporation and the City of Glasgow", proposed by Dr. Thos. Tennent; replied to by Baillie William L. Taylor, J.P.

"The Guests and the University of Glasgow", proposed by Dr. Ivor Batchelor; replied to by Professor W. J. B. Riddell, Deputy Principal of the University.

"The Royal Medico-Psychological Association", proposed by the Rt. Hon. Lord Cameron; replied to by the President.

Friday, 17 July

The day was devoted to meetings of the Sections as follows:

Child Psychiatry Section

In the morning a meeting was held at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, jointly with the paediatric staff of the hospital. Professor Stanley Graham and his unit demonstrated cases of developmental anomaly associated with biochemical disorders. The afternoon session was held at the Department of Child Psychiatry, 70 University Avenue. A Paper on **"Borderline Psychoses in Childhood"** was read by Dr. F. H. Stone, and was followed by a case-presentation.

Mental Deficiency Section

The Meeting was held at Lennox Castle, Lennoxtown, and the following Papers were read:

"New Lamps for Old."
Dr. Reginald Bailey.
(Lecturer in Mental Deficiency in the University of Edinburgh; Physician Superintendent, Gogarburn Institution.)

"Monozygosity in Mongol Twins."
Dr. Ronald C. MacGillivray.
(Lecturer in Mental Deficiency in the University of Glasgow; Group Physician Superintendent, Lennox Castle.)

Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry

The Meeting was held at the University and the following Papers were read:

"Chance and Design in Psychotherapy."
Prof. Alexander Kennedy, M.D., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), F.R.C.P.(Ed.) D.P.M.(Eng.)
(Professor of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh.)

"Psychotherapy as a Human Transaction."
Professor William Malcolm Millar, M.D., Dip.Psych.
(Professor of Mental Health, Aberdeen University.)

"Versatility in the Psychotherapeutic Role."
By Arthur M. Shenkin, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.
(Consultant Psychiatrist to the Southern General Hospital, and the Lansdown Clinic for Functional Nervous Disorders, Glasgow.)

Research and Clinical Section

A meeting was held at the University, when Papers were read as follows:

"The Relation of some Specific Defects to Intellectual Decline in Senile Dementia."
By Dr. Ian Cameron, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M.
(Mental Health Research Fund Fellow, Crichton Royal.)

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"A Special Case of the Mnestic Syndrome."
By J. Hoenig, M.D., D.P.M.
(Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Manchester.)

AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING, 1959

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 12 November, 1959, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. Angus MacNiven.

MINUTES

The President stated that the Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting held at Newcastle upon Tyne would be published in the next issue of the *Journal of Mental Science*.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of:

DAVID EWART JARMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton; an Ordinary Member since 1947.

JAMES FORD THOMSON, M.B., Ch.B., of Knockin, nr. Oswestry; an Ordinary Member since 1950.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

BERG, IAN STANLEY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Assistant Resident, Department of Psychiatry, Montreal Children's Hospital, Montreal, Canada.
Proposed by Drs. P. Roper, J. H. Kahn, H. Edelston.

BLOOM, PHILIP MAURICE, M.B., Ch.B., Consultant, Marital and Sexual Problems, London Marriage Guidance Council.
Proposed by Drs. R. M. Gilchrist, A. Walk, A. B. Monro.

FAWCETT, PETER GODFREY, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Lecturer, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Edinburgh.
Proposed by Drs. F. J. Fish, A. D. Forrest, A. McClelland.

GLASER, YOLANDE IRENE MARIA, M.D. Vienna, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.R.F.P.S. Glas., Junior Medical Officer, Shenley Hospital, nr. St. Albans.
Proposed by Drs. O. W. S. FitzGerald, D. Bardon, S. T. Hayward.

MCQUAID, ARTHUR, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. F. McLean, I. M. Ingram.

MEARES, AINSLIE DIXON, M.D., B.Agr.Sc., D.P.M., First Vice-President, International Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, Melbourne, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. H. F. Maudsley, J. F. Williams, A. B. Monro.

MURRAY, FRANCIS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Junior Medical Officer, St. Augustine's Hospital, Chartham Down, Nr. Canterbury.
Proposed by Drs. W. P. Gurassa, J. A. Ainslie, G. P. Hartigan.

PARRY, RICHARD ALBERT, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, St. Clement's Hospital, London, E.3.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, J. C. Swale Thomas, J. Denham.

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