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AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 4 November, 1954, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. Noel G. Harris.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting held on 6 May, 1954, having been published in a Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the President.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of:

STELLA CHURCHILL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., 14 Park Village East, London, N.W.1, elected an Ordinary Member in 1954.

MARY HEMINGWAY REES, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (wife of Dr. J. R. Rees), 2/116 Bickenhall Mansions, Baker Street, London, W.1, an Ordinary Member since 1947.

LUDWIG GEORGE GELBER, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey, an Ordinary Member since 1950.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

BARTLET, JAMES ERIC ALEXANDER, M.D., M.R.C.P.(E.), D.P.M., Seni Registrar, Winson Green Hospital, Birmingham 18.
Proposed by Drs. J. J. O'Reilly, P. M. Jeavons, and A. B. Hegarty.

BRIERLEY, LORNA MARKHAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.M., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. D. Leigh, B. G. Ackner and E. Stengel.

CAMERON, ALLISON WEIR, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Kirklands Certified Institution, Bothwell, Lanarkshire.
Proposed by Drs. W. N. Chapman, R. W. Armstrong and F. P. Haldane.

CHAKRABORTY, AJITA, M.B., B.S.(Calcutta), Registrar, Springfield Hospital, London, S.W.17.
Proposed by Drs. M. Markowe, J. Lomas and R. W. Armstrong.

CHARATAN, FREDERICK BERNARD EPHRAIM, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. A. Walk, Arthur Graham and A. J. Oldham.

COUPER, LEWIS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Deputy Superintendent, Winwick Hospital, Warrington.
Proposed by Drs. P. F. O'Brien, H. Fleming and J. E. Howie.

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GLATT, MAX MEIER, M.D.(Leipzig), D.P.M., Senior Medical Officer, Warlingham Park Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, W. H. Shepley and J. J. Fleminger.

HARTIGAN, GEOFFREY PHILIP, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Bracebridge Heath Hospital, near Lincoln.

Proposed by Drs. J. G. Hamilton, J. B. S. Lewis and J. P. Dewsbery.

LAMBO, THOMAS ADEOYE, M.D., D.P.M., Medical Officer, H.M. Colonial Medical Service, Nigeria.

Proposed by Drs. E. Stengel, A. Walk and A. J. Oldham.

MCFAYDEN, NEIL MATHIESON, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Hawkhead Mental Hospital, Cardonald, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. James Milne, W. S. Thomson and J. W. Sandler.

SHARPE, DOUGLAS SMITH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey.

Proposed by Drs. J. M. Crawford, D. MacGrath and J. R. Mirrey.

SCHOENBERG, ELIZABETH, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatric Registrar, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Proposed by Drs. E. Beresford Davies, D. H. Clark and R. A. Noble.

SYMONDS, HEDY, M.D.(Vienna), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, L.C.C., Clinical Assistant, Child Guidance Dept., St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.1.

Proposed by Drs. Emmanuel Miller, J. D. Sutherland and J. J. M. Jacobs.

TWEEDIE-STODART, NANCY MARJORIE, M.B., Ch.B., Crichton Royal Fellow in Clinical Psychiatry, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, W. Mayer-Gross and James Harper.

WHITELEY, JOHN STUART, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. I. J. MacDonald, B. B. Zeitlyn and E. Stengel.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Report of the Council, as follows, was read by the GENERAL SECRETARY and approved:

At yesterday's meeting of Council the President reported that the Amendments to the Association's Memorandum of Evidence, which were agreed at the Annual Meeting, had been forwarded to the Commission. The President, and Drs. Burke, Tennent and Walk, attended to give oral evidence before the Commission on one whole day (12 October), and one morning (27 October). The President particularly thanked Dr. Walk for his very fine work in helping to prepare the Association's Memorandum, and for the part he played in giving the Association's evidence.

The General Secretary reported that no representative of the Association was included in the party of doctors visiting Russia on a visit arranged by the Society for Cultural Relations.

Council learned with pleasure that the sale of the new edition of the Nurses Handbook published in May is such that a reprint is already necessary.

Two representatives of the Journal Committee are to meet representatives of the British Journal of Medical Psychology and the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry, to discuss the facilities available for the publication of psychiatric and psychological literature, with particular reference to papers on clinical psychology.

The Acting Registrar, Dr. Fitzgerald, reported that there had been a good attendance at the Lecture Course on Psychotherapy held at the beginning of this week, and that arrangements are going ahead for a course it is proposed to hold on 14 and 15 February (preceding the Quarterly Meeting) on two subjects: Research in Psychiatry, and Psychopathy.

The Association's last examination for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine will be held the week after next; thereafter all holders of Part I of the Association's Diploma will be able to sit for Part II of the Conjoint Board's Diploma if they wish.

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Council learned with pleasure that Dr. Sargant's health is improving, and expressed their gratitude to Dr. FitzGerald for his work as Dr. Sargant's deputy during his illness.

The President expressed the Association's thanks to Dr. Walk for the excellent Exhibition he had arranged to commemorate the Centenary of the Presidency and of the Parliamentary Committee.

Council considered a proposal that the Association should organize Refresher Courses of a week's duration for Members in remote areas. They accepted a recommendation that this suggestion is worthy of further investigation and referred it for special consideration to the Lecture Course Sub-Committee.

The Council welcomed a recommendation that there should be active co-operation between this Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health in the field of Preventive Psychiatry.

It has been approved that for the ensuing year Drs. Brookes and Walk should act jointly as Secretaries of the Parliamentary Committee.

The Home Office has invited the Association to submit evidence to the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution, and in addition has asked the Association to be responsible for collecting and collating the views of other Medical Societies who are also reporting to this Committee. The Council agreed to accept both invitations, and the special sub-committee appointed to prepare the Association's evidence hope shortly to circularize all Members in order to obtain suggestions for the Association's own Memorandum.

The Council took note of the publication of the Bradbeer Report and decided to consider it more fully at their next meeting.

The Papers and Discussion Committee has arranged that at the morning session of the February meeting papers will be given on Mental Hygiene and it is hoped that the opening papers will be given by Drs. J. R. Rees, R. Tredgold and D. H. H. Thomas. The afternoon will be devoted to the subject of "The Education of the General Public in Mental Health" when Dr. Maclay and two others will give papers.

At the May meeting it is hoped that the Lady Chichester Hospital staff will contribute papers on the history of the hospital, and the rest of the papers session will deal with Schizophrenia.

Arrangements are proceeding for the next Study Tour, which it is hoped to hold in September, 1955, when the country visited will be Holland. A preliminary notice of the Tour will be sent to Members as soon as possible.

The Mental Nursing Report, which had been circulated to all Divisions, was approved and adopted, and it was agreed that it should be sent for information to a number of interested bodies. The President expressed the Association's thanks to Dr. Burke who was mainly responsible for the preparation and drafting of the Report, and it was agreed that the Mental Nursing Committee should remain in being to deal with matters connected with the implementation of this Report.

After carefully considering Divisional comments on the retiring age and superannuation rights of Mental Health Officers, the Council decided that, in view of the doubts and difficulties inherent in this matter, an *ad hoc* Committee, consisting of the senior officers of the Association, together with Drs. Rowe and Warren, should consider the whole subject, and report back to Council.

Nominations to various central authorities and Regional Hospital Boards were considered in detail, and recommendations for the Association's representatives were approved, subject to the agreement of the Members concerned. It was also agreed that Council would, in future, consider putting forward for Regional Hospital Boards the names of laymen sympathetic to the advancement of mental health, on the recommendation of Divisions, as well as nominating Members of the Association as they have done in the past.

The Council considered the possibilities of research work into Extra Sensory Perception in relation to some information brought forward by the President, but agreed not to proceed with this matter at present.

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The date of the Annual Meeting in Dublin next year (1955), was fixed for 12, 13, 14 and 15 July, and it was provisionaly agreed that the November, 1955, Quarterly Meeting should be held on 9 and 10 November. Council learned with pleasure that Sir Russell Brain has kindly consented to give the 1955 Maudsley Lecture.

The organizers of the Second World Congress in Psychiatry to be held in Zurich in 1957, have asked the Association, jointly with the Royal Society of Medicine, to recommend speakers who are specially qualified to speak on aspects of Schizophrenia, which is to be the main theme of the Congress. A small sub-committee has been appointed to make suggestions, and in addition it is hoped to circulate the first Bulletin about the Conference to all Members early in the New Year.

The Council were informed that the Magistrates' Association was proposing to hold a Congress of Correction, possibly in 1955, and it was agreed to inform them of this Association's interest in this proposal.

A proposal received from the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section to circulate to all Mental Hospital Advisory Committees a Questionnaire on facilities for Training in Psychotherapy was deferred for fuller consideration at the February meeting.

Papers

"Factors of Basic Importance in Character Formation and Development"
Opening Speaker: Dr. William Moodie.

"Possible Methods for the Prevention of Psychiatric Illness in Children"
Opening Speaker: Dr. R. E. Barham Carter.

MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The Twenty-Ninth Maudsley Lecture was given in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, by Professor Wilder Penfield, O.M., C.M.G., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.C., F.R.S., F.R.S.C., on **"The Role of the Temporal Cortex in Certain Psychical Phenomena"**.

The vote of thanks to Professor Penfield, proposed by Professor F. L. Golla, was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The Autumn Divisional Meeting was held at Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, on Tuesday, 5 October, 1954, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. Macdonald, Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association were received by Dr. Macdonald and parties were escorted round the hospital by members of the medical staff. A most favourable impression was obtained of the standards of comfort and service provided for the patients. It is interesting to note that when the hospital was taken over by the National Health Service in 1948, an undertaking was given that the essential character of admissions would be in accordance with the wishes of the Founder—who defined the hospital as a place for curable patients of the "reduced" middle classes.

Over fifty members and guests were entertained to lunch. Sir J. Cameron, Bart., Chairman of the Management Committee, honoured the gathering with his presence and welcomed the members of the Association. Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association, expressed appreciation and thanks for the hospitality extended and for the admirable arrangements made for the reception of the members.

At the meeting in the afternoon, which was attended by the President, Dr. Noel Harris, the following were elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

Carstairs, George Morrison, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., Medical Research Council, Unit for Occupational Adaptation, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. W. L. Tonge, R. C. Gledhill, B. C. Ackner.

Griffith, Edward Fyfe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Medical Officer, Psychiatric Department, Middlesex Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, J. A. Hobson, M. A. Jackson.

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