SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 5 May, 1955, at the Town Hall, Hove, Sussex, under the Presidency of Dr. Noel G. Harris.

The Meeting was opened by the Mayor of Hove, who wished Members every success with their labours, and was warmly thanked by the President for his kindness in honouring the Association with his attendance and his interest in the proceedings.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting held on 17 February, 1955, to be published in a forthcoming 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:

DR. HORACE GUY LANKASTER HAYNES, T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Littleton House, Brentwood; an Ordinary Member, 1920; Honorary Member, 1947; Secretary, Parliamentary Committee, 1929–36; Chairman, S.E. Division, 1934–36; Registrar, 1938–47.

DR. JAMES ERNEST MIDDLEMISS, F.R.F.P.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.P.C., formerly Neurologist and Specialist in Psychotherapy, Ministry of Pensions; an Ordinary Member since 1910.

DR. LOWELL SINN SELLING, Ph.D., M.D., of Florida, U.S.A.; an Ordinary Member since 1929.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

BAKER, ALEX ANTHONY, M.D., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent, Banstead Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, G. C. Rae, Rosalind I. Bearcroft.

BENAIM, SILVIO, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. K. Cameron, K. Rawnsley, F. K. Taylor.

CHRYSTALL, DOROTHY MITCHELL, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, St. David's Hospital, Carmarthen.

Proposed by Drs. S. Davies, J. Farr, and S. L. Yates.

DEANS, MADELINE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Registrar, Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness.

Proposed by Drs. M. M. Whittet, R. F. Caddell and J. M. Rosie.

MACDONALD, DUNCAN, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer in Joint General Practitioner and Specialist Training Scheme, Inverness.

Proposed by Drs. M. M. Whittet, J. M. Rosie and R. F. Caddell.

MARGETTS, EDWARD LAMBERT, B.A., M.D., C.M., L.M.C.C., Dip. Psychiat. Cert. R.C.P.(Can.), Cert. C.P.S.(Que.), Lecturer, Dept. of Psychiatry; Lecturer, Dept. of Medicine (History), McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

Proposed by Drs. D. Ewen Cameron, W. C. M. Scott, and A. B. Stokes.

MEYER, NINA AMY, M.A., B.Ch., D.P.M., Clinical Assistant, Brixton Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. W. Warren, R. K. Freudenberg and H. S. Marshall.

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STAFFORD-CLARK, DAVID, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Physician in Charge, Department of Psychological Medicine, Guy's Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. L. C. Cook, D. Hill and A. Meyer.

STONE, FREDERICK HOPE, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., M.R.C.P., Consultant in Child Psychiatry, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. T. F. Rodger, A. B. Sclare and H. I. Clapham.

SUTHERLAND, JOHN MACKAY, M.D., M.R.C.P., Assistant Psychiatrist, Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness.

Proposed by Drs. M. M. Whittet, J. M. Rosie and R. F. Caddell.

TIBBITS, JOHN CHRISTOPHER NIGEL, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Squadron Leader, R.A.F. Neuropsychiatric Centre, Halton, Bucks.

Proposed by Drs. M. A. Rahill, R. Doherty and J. D. Morrissey.

WALSH, GERARD PATRICK, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Military Psychiatrist, R.A.M.C., Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.

Proposed by Drs. G. Egan, A. W. H. Smith and R. H. Martlew.

Candidature approved by Council, 16 February, 1955:

KELLY, FRANCIS W., B.S., M.D., Physician-in-Charge, Brigham Hall Hospital, Canandaigua, N.Y., U.S.A.

Proposed by Drs. J. Donnelly, A. Walk and A. Graham.

KHAN, NAFIS UL HAQUE, M.B., B.S.(Univ. of Punjab, Pakistan), Psychiatrist, Royal Pakistan Naval Hospital, Karachi 3.

Proposed by Major M. Shuaib, Col. J. E. Dunjibhoy and Dr. A. Walk.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Report of the Council, as follows, was read by the General Secretary and approved:

At the Council Meeting yesterday the Council learned with pleasure from the Report of the Treasurer that the audited accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £795. This is only £42 less than the figure for 1953.

The names of five members who are in arrears with their subscriptions for more than three years are to be removed from the Roll of the Association.

The Council approved the usual annual payment of 400 Swiss francs to the World Federation of Mental Health, and made a grant of twenty guineas to the Mental After Care Association.

The Registrar reported that the next examination for the Gaskell Gold Medal would be held in London on 6 and 7 June.

The Parliamentary Committee considered the subject of Nursing Recruitment, and the Council agreed to act on their recommendation that it should be pointed out to the Ministry of Health, that in their recent circular regarding the secondment of student nurses to mental hospitals as part of their training, no mention had been made of mental deficiency hospitals, although the document had been circulated to these hospitals. The Ministry will be asked to clarify the situation and to put mental deficiency hospitals on an equal footing with others for this purpose.

In view of the fact that the Royal Commission on the Lunacy Laws might make a further call on the Association to give oral evidence, the Council decided that the Evidence Committee should remain in being, with power to take action if they thought fit, either when called upon or if it seemed desirable for the Association to comment on the evidence given by other bodies.

The Papers and Discussions Committee report gave the following details about papers for the Annual Meeting in Dublin:

On the morning of Thursday, 14 July, Dr. G. M. Smith will give a paper on "Administrative Psychiatry in the Hospital", and Dr. T. P. Rees will speak on "Group Therapy". In the afternoon, Mr. A. A. McConnell is to give a paper on "The Cephalic

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Post-Traumatic Syndrome, Pathological Observations". On Friday morning, Dr. O'Sullivan's paper is to be on "Occupational Therapy", and Drs. Honan and MacCarthy will speak on "Geriatrics". It is also hoped to have a paper on "Legal Aspects of Psychiatry as experienced in Ireland since 1948".

For the November Meeting the subject provisionally agreed is the "Clinical applications of the Electroencephalogram in Psychiatry", and for February, 1956, it will be "The Use and Abuse of Chemotherapy in Psychiatry".

The Council received and approved the reports of the *Ad Hoc* and Nominations Committees and of the Divisions and Sections.

The Council re-considered the question of access to patients' case notes, with particular reference to the General Nursing Council's query as to whether these might be used in the teaching of student nurses. There was a very full discussion, and the Council also heard the report of one of the Association's representatives on the Standing Joint Committee with the B.M.A., which had also considered the question. It was decided to adhere to the previous recommendations, which was to the effect that the importance of professional secrecy cannot be stressed too strongly, but that provided the use of case notes is kept under medical supervision, and subject to medical direction in each individual case, then they can be used for teaching purposes.

The Council also considered at length and in great detail, the report which has been prepared by the sub-committee on legislation relating to homosexuality and prostitution, which will eventually be submitted to the Departmental Committee which is enquiring into this matter. The document has, of course, been circulated to all members of the Association resident in the United Kingdom and Eire, and replies and remarks were invited. Overwhelming support has been received for this document, but the discussion in Council showed clearly that complete unanimity of opinion in such a matter is not possible. After careful consideration Council decided to adopt the report, with minor amendments and re-wording, and with an added preface explaining how the report was prepared. The Council appointed Drs. Noel Harris, J. Pearce, J. A. Hobson and R. G. McInnes to give oral evidence to the Departmental Committee, and they were instructed to emphasize in their evidence that the Association's Memorandum represented a majority view, and to point out the important features on which there had been disagreement.

Representatives of the Association have recently been working with other interested bodies to devise a scheme of training and a syllabus for Mental Welfare Officers. An agreed scheme and syllabus have now been drawn up, and the National Association for Mental Health have decided to sponsor this. Council yesterday approved that its representatives should support the National Association for Mental Health when they meet Ministry of Health representatives to discuss delays in implementing a scheme of training for Mental Welfare Officers and to consider the Ministry's attitude to the N.A.M.H. proposal.

It was decided to accept an invitation for the Association to become a sponsoring body of the United Kingdom Committee for the World Health Organization.

An invitation has been received from the Ministry of Health for the Association to submit a Memorandum to the Joint Sub-committee on the control of dangerous drugs and poisons in hospitals. It was decided to ask Drs. MacCartan, Firmin and Walk if they would prepare a report and submit it to the Council for approval.

The Confederation of Health Service Employees has sought the Association's support for their protest against the new Draft National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, the particular point to which they object being the fact that the Minister has power to determine any questions arising from the regulation, and that there is no means of appealing against his decision. The Council decided to support C.O.H.S.E. in this matter.

The B.M.A. had forwarded to the Association the Ministry of Health's report of the Working Party on the Statutory Registration of Medical Auxiliaries, and the Council approved the General Secretary's reply which pointed out that the Association was very much concerned with the training of Occupational Therapists, and suggested

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that the Association might be represented permanently on the proposed co-ordinating Council, in the same way as the Royal Colleges.

The Council took note of the following Conferences:

World Federation for Mental Health. Eighth Annual Meeting at Istanbul, 21–27 August, 1955.

European League for Mental Hygiene. Meeting at Istanbul, 20 August, 1955.

Israel Medical Association. Third World Assembly, at Jerusalem, Haifa, and Tel-Aviv, 10–20 August, 1955.

International Society of Criminology. Third International Congress on Criminology, London, 12–18 September, 1955.

Burlingame Prize

The President announced that the Burlingame Prize for 1955 had been won by Dr. Weil-Malherbe. His paper "The Concentration of Adrenaline in Human Plasma, and its Relation to Mental Activity", would be published in the *Journal of Mental Science*, and the prize would be awarded at the Annual Meeting in July. The Examiners had specially mentioned, as *proxime accessit*, Dr. Sydney Catterall's paper on "Catharsis and Abreaction".

Dr. Helen Boyle

The President said it gave him great pleasure to convey the congratulations of the whole Association to Dr. Helen Boyle on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lady Chichester Hospital. He recalled that Dr. Boyle was the Association's first and so far only woman President, and had devoted her life to the cause of the mentally sick. With warm applause, Members paid tribute to Dr. Boyle, who, in replying to the President, stressed that the fight against mental illness was endless, and wished her colleagues every success in the continuing battle.

After Dr. Hingston had given a short talk on the history of the Lady Chichester Hospital, the following papers were given:

Morning Session—**"A Symposium on Schizophrenia"—I**
Opening Papers by: Dr. D. Stafford-Clark and Dr. A. W. Watt.

Afternoon Session—**"A Symposium on Schizophrenia"—II**
Opening Papers by: Dr. W. Linford Rees, Dr. Eliot Slater and Dr. F. Tindale Shadforth.

Seminars

On the previous day, 4 May, Seminars were held at the Lady Chichester Hospital and a very good attendance was recorded. The subject for the day was "Adolescent Instability", and the papers by Dr. J. Gould and Dr. Doris Small were followed by discussions.

Hospitality and Votes of Thanks

Members were particularly glad that the 1955 Spring Meeting was held in conjunction with the Lady Chichester Hospital, and were most grateful for the hospitable welcome which enabled them to take part in the celebrations of this Anniversary.

On 4 May the Council were entertained to a delightful lunch at the hospital, and a large number of Members and their wives were present at the opening of the new therapy block which was followed by tea and a sherry party.

In the evening of this day the Mayor of Hove entertained the Association to a reception and dance at the Town Hall, and the Members were most grateful for the cordial welcome they received on this most pleasant occasion.

The ladies of the Association were Dr. Boyle's guests for coffee and a tour of the Royal Pavilion on the morning of the second day, and the Meeting terminated with another most enjoyable tea party at the Lady Chichester Hospital.

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At the close of the Meeting the President expressed the Association's warm thanks to the Mayor of Hove, Dr. Helen Boyle, to the House Committee of the Lady Chichester Hospital and all those concerned with this most successful Meeting. On behalf of those who attended the Papers Session, he thanked the speakers for the papers they had delivered.

SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent, on Tuesday, 5 April, 1955, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. Gordon McLaren, Medical Superintendent.

Members of the Association and Visitors were received by Dr. McLaren and his staff and after the Divisional Committee of Management had met about fifty-five members and guests were entertained to lunch. The Meeting was honoured by the presence of the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Captain H. G. Giffard, R.N., and of the President of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, Dr. Noel Harris. Captain Giffard expressed the pleasure of the Management Committee on the occasion of the visit of the South Eastern Division and Dr. Harris suitably conveyed the thanks of the Association for the excellent entertainment and for the well-organized arrangements made for the reception of the Members.

At the Meeting in the afternoon attended by the President, Dr. Noel Harris, who took the Chair, Dr. J. G. Hamilton reported on the deliberations of the Divisional Committee of Management, and announced that the Autumn Meeting would be held at Graylingwell on October 6, 1955.

In accordance with Bye-Laws 33 and 34 the Meeting appointed Dr. J. G. Hamilton as *Chairman*, Dr. G. Somerville as *Secretary*, and Dr. S. W. Hardwick as *Assistant Secretary;* the following were appointed to the *Divisional Committee of Management:* Drs. H. C. Beccle, J. Carse, E. P. H. Charlton, L. T. Hilliard, Portia Holman, J. H. Patterson, T. P. Rees, W. Linford Rees, D. W. Liddell, B. Reid, J. C. Sawle Thomas, F. H. Taylor, A. Walk.

Dr. Vera Norris, Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., was elected the Divisional Junior Representative on the Council.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The following were duly elected:

CRAMMER, JOHN LEWIS, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. S. Lewis, A. Walk, and A. J. Oldham.

FISHER, KENNETH JAMES, M.B., B.S., Registrar, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, J. G. Hamilton and E. Nuffield.

CROTTY, ISABEL MARY, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, St. Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. W. McCartan, J. Hoenig, and R. H. Wheeler.

MACKENZIE, MARION ENID TOWNSEND, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Psychiatrist, Children's Department, Tavistock Clinic, W.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. Bowlby, D. Hunter, and Barbara Woodhead.

SLATER, ELIOT TREVOR OAKESHOTT, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., Physician in Psychological Medicine, National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.1.
Proposed by Drs. W. Sargant, A. Walk, and R. W. Armstrong.

STEPHEN, JOYCE MARY, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Director, Guildford Child Guidance Clinic.
Proposed by Drs. Portia Holman, E. Mildred Creak, and R. W. Armstrong.

STEWART, JOHN MATTHEW ARCHIBALD CRAIG, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, G. C. Rae, R. H. Wheeler.

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