REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

(*a*) Handbook Committee.

Dr. Cunningham Dax read this Report.

During the past twelve months some progress has been made, but the remaining sections are coming in very slowly.

During the year sections on Insulin, and Modified Insulin, Psychotherapy, Convulsion Therapy, Prefrontal Leucotomy and Diet and Vitamins for the chapter on Treatment, and sections on Neurology, the Paranoid Reactions, Psychology and Psychopathology and Mental Deficiency for the Red Handbook, and a portion of the sections on the Organic Psychoses have been written and circulated amongst the members of the committee for criticism. The sections on the affective Psychoses, the Neuroses and Mental Nursing have not yet been dealt with.

The competition for the chapter on Mental Nursing produced no papers worth while.

Dr. Cunningham Dax moved that it be adopted.

The President said that this was not a particularly satisfactory report. A number of people had done a very great deal to make the Handbook, which was one of the sheet anchors of the Association, but great difficulties had been met with. It was hoped to accelerate matters, because the Association was in urgent need of a Handbook worthy of its name.

The Report was adopted.

(*b*) Revision of the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Association Committee.

Dr. Masefield: The summarized result of the labours of the Committee appointed to consider the revision of the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Association has been sent to every member, and it is due for discussion to-morrow morning. All that it is necessary for me to say is that an effort has been made to bring about a certainty that the Council, when these recommendations are adopted, should be of a far more representative character than it has been in the past, that is, representative of all shades of opinion in the Association, and including junior representatives. The other main point is that the administration side of the work of the Association and the scientific side had been to some extent separated by the administration side remaining in being under the aegis of standing committees whilst the scientific side is now under the heading of sections. This we believe to be progress. I beg formally, at the present moment, to move the adoption of the summarized report, which will be discussed at to-morrow's meeting.

The President said that this would be fully discussed and was the principle on which the Association should go forward.

Expenditure of Funds (Bye-law 96).

Dr. Smith (Hon. Treasurer) said that this was a routine matter. No further expenditure was recommended; it was merely to vote formally the usual grant to the President for his expenses, a grant of £50 to the Library, and a small sum granted to the private secretary of the Treasurer for the secretarial work involved in the conduct of the funds. He moved that these grants be made.

Dr. Masefield seconded and the motion was carried.

Date of Next Quarterly Meeting.

Dr. Drury moved that the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association be held on November 29 and 30, 1945, and should include the Maudsley Lecture.

This was seconded by Dr. Masefield and carried.

Election of Honorary and Ordinary Members.

The President proposed that these be taken *en bloc*, and he asked Dr. Brody and Dr. Ford Robertson to act as scrutineers.

The first nomination for Honorary Membership was of considerable importance. For nine years the Association had had the benefit of the very wise help and guidance

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of Dr. Gordon Masefield and owed him a deep debt of gratitude. It was quite unnecessary for him to emphasize all that Dr. Masefield had done except that some of his more recent activities might be referred to. The Joint Report was his work, and was a triumph because so many people said that psychiatrists could not agree, and the agreement contained in the Report was largely due to the wisdom, judgment and tact of Dr. Gordon Masefield, who was one of the principal authors of a report which it was hoped would be carried into effect as the wishes of the developing psychiatric world.

Salaries had been casually mentioned, but they were of importance, and Dr. Masefield had taken part in a great number of negotiations in regard to salaries, and when these came to fruition it would be found that a debt of gratitude was owed to him in regard to these. The result of his work with the General Nursing Council had been heard that day.

In accepting his resignation as General Secretary and in making him an Honorary Member, the President asked the Association to record a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Masefield for his guidance of the Association during the emergency of the war with a tact and balanced judgment which was rare, even among the members. He would like the Association to express its gratitude to Dr. Masefield for his services as Secretary.

A ballot was taken, and the PRESIDENT declared that the Honorary Member and Ordinary Members had been unanimously elected.

Dr. MASEFIELD, who was received with applause, said that to have made him an Honorary Member of that ancient Association was far too great an honour for one who had so small a claim to distinction in the specialty. During the years he had held office he had made many friends, and at all times had received the forbearance of his fellow members. He believed that during the war years the Association might have increased its prestige, and if he had contributed in any slight degree to that increase of prestige his work was more than rewarded.

The Ordinary Members who were elected are as follows:

BOND, JOAN PATRICIA, M.D., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Lancs.
Proposed by Drs. G. Talbot, A. McGlashan and F. Kratter.

BURNS, CHARLES L. C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Director, Child Guidance Clinic, Birmingham; Psychiatrist, Midland Nerve Hospital; 19, Highfield Road, Birmingham, 15.
Proposed by Drs. R. G. Blake Marsh, C. J. C. Earl and H. Freize Stephens.

DEWSBERY, JOHN PATRICK, B.M., B.Ch.Oxf., M.R.C.P., Surg.-Lieut.-Cmdr. *R.N.V.R.*, Royal Naval Barracks, Lee-on-Solent, Hants.
Proposed by Surg.-Capt. Desmond Curran, Drs. E. S. Foote and N. Langdon-Down.

HOLLIDAY, PETER, M.A.Camb., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Physician, Bucks Mental Hospital, Stone, nr. Aylesbury.
Proposed by Drs. I. Skottowe, S. R. Tattersall and P. R. H. Davis.

HOLMAN, PORTIA GRENFELL, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Middlesex C.C. and London Hospital Child Guidance Clinics; 6, Gordon Square, London, W.C. 1.
Proposed by Drs. Margaret Methven, Olive B. Sharp and E. S. Stern.

KAHAN, VLADIMIR LEON, L.M.S.S.A., Major *R.A.M.C.*, 21 B.G.H., India Command.
Proposed by Brigadier J. R. Rees, Lt.-Col. A. A. W. Petrie and Dr. W. G. Masefield.

O'NEILL, DESMOND, *M.C.*, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Capt. *R.A.M.C.*, 32 British General Hospital, B.L.A.
Proposed by Lt.-Col. P. L. Bachus, Major S-M. Rayner and Capt. L. J. Segal.

SINGH, BENY CHANDAR, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Major, *I.A.M.C.*, Indian Mental Hospital, Lahore, India.
Proposed by Col. Moore Taylor, Drs. L. P. Varma and J. Roy.

WHATLEY, ELIZABETH, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Psychiatrist, E. Grinstead, Canterbury and Walthamstow Child Guidance Clinics; 20, Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C. 1.
Proposed by Drs. Margaret Methven, E. Huband and Olive B. Sharp.

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Greetings and Honours to Members.

The Hon. General Secretary (Dr. Drury) reported receipt of telegrams from Dr. Jens Christian Smith, Roskilde, Denmark, conveying best wishes for the meeting and kindest regards, and from the Dansk Psykiatrisk Selskab sending best wishes, and regretting the inability of the Danish Society to send a representative to the meeting.

During the year five members had been honoured:

Lt.-Col. A. A. W. Petrie, *C.B.E.*
Dr. Kate Fraser, *C.B.E.*
Dr. Bernard Hart, *C.B.E.*
Dr. A. R. Grant, *O.B.E.*
Dr. W. M. McAlister, *O.B.E.*

Presentation to the President of Foreign Delegates.

The Hon. General Secretary said that for the first time for many years it was the duty of the Secretary to present to the President some foreign delegates. The Association was more than pleased to welcome them.

The following delegates were then presented to the President:

France:

Dr. Noel Peron and Madame Peron.
Dr. Jean Dublineau, General Secretary, Société Médico-Psychologique de France; also representing the Congrès des Médicins Aliénistes et Neurologistes de France.
Dr. Albert Brousseau, representing the Société Médico-Psychologique de France.

Holland:

Dr. Van der Hoop and Mrs. Van der Hoop.
Dr. Kraus, President, Nederlandsche Vereeniging voor Psychiatrie en Neurologie.
Dr. A. J. Westerman Holstijn and Mrs. Holstijn, Secretary, Nederlandsche Vereeniging voor Psychiatrie en Neurologie.
Professor K. Bouman, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the University Psychiatric Clinic, Amsterdam.

Dr. C. A. Meier, representing the Swiss Society, had been expected, but had not yet arrived.

This concluded the business part of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting and the gathering passed to the scientific discussions.

Ageing and Senility.

"Ageing and Senility: A Major Problem of Psychiatry," by Dr. Aubrey Lewis, (see p. 150).

"Social Aspects of Ageing and Senility," by Miss H. Goldschmidt (see p. 182).

"Psychological Aspects of Ageing and Senility," by Mrs. Margaret Eysenck (see p. 171).

"Some Biochemical Changes in Senility," by Dr. Derek Richter.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Wednesday evening, September 5, 1945, under the chairmanship of the President, Lieut.-Col. A. A. W. Petrie. There was a distinguished company of guests, the principal being the new Minister of Health, the Rt. Hon. Aneurin Bevan, M.P.

"The Ministry of Health."

The President, in proposing the toast of "The Ministry of Health," coupled with the name of the Minister, said that in Mr. Aneurin Bevan they had a man of great determination and courage, all of which he would need to tackle the twin

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