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QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 17 November, 1950, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, and the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1 (by kind permission of the President and Committee), under the Presidency of Dr. K. K. DRURY.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting, held on 10 May, 1950, to be published in a forthcoming issue of the Supplement, were taken as read, approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The President announced with regret the death of the following members of the Association:

C. CHARLES BURLINGAME, M.D., Psychiatrist-in-Chief to the Institute of Living, Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A.; a Corresponding Member since 1947 and elected to Honorary Membership at the Annual Meeting in July, 1950.

DAVID BLAIR, M.A., M.D., C.M.(Glas.), late Medical Superintendent, Lancaster County Mental Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1898.

NEIL THOMSON KERR, M.B., C.M.(Edin.), *J.P.*, Ardfenaig, Ardrishaig, Argyll; Chairman of the Scottish Division, 1930–31; an Ordinary Member since 1902.

ELECTIONS.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

BATES, THOMAS JOHN NEVILLE, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Winwick Hospital, nr. Warrington.
Proposed by Drs. G. J. Harrison, H. Fleming and W. A. M. Robinson.

ELWELL, HUGH VALENTINE WILLMOTT, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Littlemore Hospital, nr. Oxford.
Proposed by Drs. R. W. Armstrong, F. M. Stewart and Alexander Walk.

GODING, GEOFFREY ARTHUR, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Registrar, Warlingham Park Hospital, Warlingham, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, R. D. Scott and R. A. Sandison.

LIVINGSTON, WILLIAM VICTOR, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent, South Ockendon Group Hospitals; 18, Woodcote Close, Epsom, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. Bernard Matheson, H. MacMahon and H. Pozner.

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ROSENBERG, HYMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Registrar, Bexley Hospital, Bexley, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. L. C. Cook, C. Comerford and M. Radzan.

SALZMANN, MAURICE MICHAEL, L.R.C.P.&S.E., L.R.F.P.S., Registrar, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester.

Proposed by Drs. Martin Roth, E. P. H. Charlton and David Rice.

TOWERS, JOHN, B.M., B.Ch., Registrar, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex.

Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, J. D. Morrissey and David Rice.

WELLISCH, ERICH, M.D.(Vienna), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Crayford Child Guidance Clinic; 11, Glenhouse Road, Eltham, London, S.E.9.

Proposed by Drs. R. L. Moody, A. Pool and C. Beresford.

WHALLEY, NORMAN, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E., Neurosurgeon, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Regional Hospital Board; 19, St. George's Crescent, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

Proposed by Drs. G. F. Rowbotham, D. D. Webster and T. M. Cuthbert.

WHEELER, RICHARD HANDLEY, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Belmont Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. A. S. Thorley, Thos. Tennent and Alexander Walk.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

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

The General Secretary conveyed the congratulations of the Association to T.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the birth of their daughter and received a letter of sincere thanks in reply.

Drs. T. P. Rees and W. S. Maclay submitted interesting reports on the Annual Meeting of the World Federation for Mental Health and the International Congress of Psychiatry which they had attended respectively as the Association's delegates.

A request was received from the organizers of the International Congress for funds to meet the cost of the meeting and those members who had signified their intention of attending the Congress were asked to make a small subscription, which resulted in a donation of approximately £30 being remitted to the organizers.

The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee was considering the possibility of instituting a reduced annual subscription for retired members and members of over 40 years' standing.

The Editor reported that the publication of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, Vol. II, had been held up by the printers' strike, but it was hoped to issue it by the end of November or early in December. The October issue of the Journal would be issued soon.

The Registrar reported that 197 entries had been received for the November Nursing Examinations, 119 of which were re-entries; 7 candidates had entered for Part I of the D.P.M. and 6 for Part II, and these examinations would be held on 27, 28, 29 and 30 November.

The Education Committee reported that Dr. Petrie was re-elected as Chairman until February, 1951, Dr. Rees-Thomas as Vice-Chairman, and that Dr. Otto Fitz-Gerald was elected as Secretary. The Council have placed on record their thanks to Dr. Burke and their appreciation of his excellent services as Secretary of the Education Committee for the last five years.

The Council agreed that a candidate for one of the D.P.M. Examinations might receive a refund of his fee if he gave an adequate reason for absence from the examination to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

They approved a further list of D.P.M. Training Schools and the D.P.M. Sub-Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows:

Drs. W. Rees-Thomas, Thos. Tennent, T. P. Rees, L. C. Cook, Prof. D. R. MacCalman; Chairman, Education Committee; Secretary, Education Committee; Registrar.

The Parliamentary Committee submitted for the consideration of the Council a consent form for Convulsive Therapy Treatment; the Council is asking the two medical protection societies for their considered opinion on this form.

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The Council appointed the President, General Secretary, Dr. McInnes and Dr. T. P. Rees to give verbal evidence before the Central Health Services Council's Committee on the Internal Administration of Hospitals, a Memorandum on the subject so far as it concerns Mental Hospitals having been prepared at a Special Meeting of the Council held on 29 September.

On the recommendation of a special Committee the Council decided to devote the afternoon session of the second day of the February Meeting (15 February) to an open discussion on the suggested establishment of a College of Psychiatry and to invite speakers opposed to the idea as well as speakers in favour.

At the morning session on 15 February papers on "Animal Neurosis" will be given by Prof. ROGER W. RUSSELL and Dr. PHYLLIS G. CROFT.

The Papers at the May meeting would be on "Geriatrics" and on "Child Psychiatry."

Progress is being made with the new edition of the Red Handbook, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee are interviewing the Editor to fix a date in January, when the manuscript can be discussed.

The Council considered nominations for membership of Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals and Hospital Management Committees and are putting forward appropriate recommendations.

In reply to the Association's letter to the Australasian Association of Psychiatrists expressing the desire for close and friendly co-operation a letter had been received reciprocating this desire and inviting R.M.P.A. members visiting Australia to let them know in advance so that they can, if necessary, arrange for R.M.P.A. members to be met in whatever capital city they should arrive, and putting all possible facilities at their disposal.

With regard to National Insurance Cards of patients in mental hospitals and institutions, the Council were glad to learn that, in future, the cards of admissions to hospitals would not be required for three months after the date of admission to hospital and, in the meantime, to cover that period, an ordinary hospital certificate would be sufficient. A Board of Control circular is about to be issued on the subject.

Subject to their consent, Dr. R. G. A. McLaren, Barming Heath Hospital, and Dr. J. H. Watkin, Leavesden Hospital, were appointed to meet the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and discuss the question of tuberculosis in mental hospitals.

Drs. Golla and Petrie, and Prof. MacCalman were appointed assessors for the Burlingame Prize this year.

The Council have approved a scheme put forward by the World Health Organization to establish national committees in as many countries as possible to bring together organizations concerned with health work and to create and stimulate interest and support for W.H.O. aims and work. Details of these committees have not yet been decided, but they will probably be partly governmental and partly representative of voluntary organizations. A number of members have signified their desire to be kept in touch with developments and their willingness to assist the inauguration of a national committee in Britain.

Prof. Meyer and Dr. R. M. Norman have been nominated to serve on a national committee which will make preparatory arrangements in this country for a first international meeting of neuropathologists to be held in Europe in 1952 under the auspices of the American Association of Neuropathologists.

A Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider the Ministry of Health's new policy with regard to Registrars laid down in R.H.B. (5)106 so far as it affects the mental hospital service. (Membership: President, General Secretary, Drs. Burke, McInnes, Sawle Thomas, Tredgold; co-opted: Prof. MacCalman and Dr. W. S. Maclay.)

The Council have recorded their appreciation and acceptance of a kind invitation from Dr. W. J. McCulley to hold the May, 1951, meeting at St. Andrew's Hospital, Thorpe, Norwich. The meeting will be held on 10 and 11 May.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Crichton Royal, Dumfries, on 10, 11, 12 and 13 July, 1951.

The General Secretary would be glad to hear from any member who intends joining the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Southport (23 to 27 April, 1951) with a view to appointment as the Association's delegate.

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Paper and Discussion.

"**Casualties in Mental Hospitals,**" by Dr. Otho W. S. FitzGerald.
The discussion was opened by Dr. The Hon. W. S. Maclay, *O.B.E.*

Maudsley Lecture.

The Twenty-fifth Maudsley Lecture was given in the Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, by Prof. Aubrey Lewis, M.D., F.R.C.P., on "**Henry Maudsley: His Work and Influence.**" (See p. 259).

On the motion of Dr. Otho FitzGerald a vote of thanks to Prof. Lewis was carried by acclamation.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the President and Committee of the Royal Society of Medicine for their courtesy in granting the use of the Barnes Hall.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was held on Friday, 27 October, 1950, at Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham, by kind permission of the Management Committee and of Dr. Duncan Macmillan, the Physician Superintendent.

During the morning members were shown various parts of the Hospital, especially the Children's Unit at St. Ann's Hospital. Members sat down to luncheon at 1 p.m. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Brackett, welcomed the Division, and the Chairman of the Division, Prof. D. R. MacCalman, replied in an amusing speech.

Business Meeting.

The Business Meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m.

1. The President of the Association, Dr. K. K. Drury, exercised his statutory right and took the Chair, vacating it in favour of the Divisional Chairman, Prof. D. R. MacCalman, after the Minutes had been signed as correct. In a short speech Dr. Drury made a strong plea for more people from the Division to enter for Divisional Prizes.

2. Sixty-two members and two visitors were recorded as being present.

3. Apologies for absence were received from nine members.

4. *Report of Divisional Committee of Management.*—The Secretary reported on the Meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management held in the morning and read a letter from the R.M.P.A. Council on the action taken on the two Resolutions put forward by the Division at the Spring Meeting.

With regard to Resolution A, the President pointed out that a meeting of the Special Sub-Committee was due to be called some time in the middle of November, but the Chairman suggested, as so much feeling had been expressed in the Division on this matter when originally discussed, it might be wise to press for further information.

Resolved: "That the Secretary be asked to write to the General Secretary requesting information on the progress so far made by the Special Sub-Committee.

With regard to Resolution B—

Resolved: To leave the matter in abeyance.

5. *Report of the Divisional Representative on Council.*—The Secretary drew attention to the fact that this would cover the same items as under the previous heading. The President referred, in addition, to the Special Council Meeting held recently, to discuss the draft Memorandum to be presented to the Central Health Services Committee on the internal administration in hospitals.

There was some discussion in which a number of members expressed the feeling that unless a *modus vivendi* could be worked out between medical superintendents and consultants, there might be administrative difficulties in the future.

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