The Registrar, DR. MORRIS MARKOWE, read the following report:

'Council has met on two occasions since the last Quarterly Meeting and together with the Executive and Finance Committee has again got through a tremendous amount of work.

In February, Council nominated Sir Martin Roth for a third year of office as President, and his election was confirmed at last week's meeting.

Meetings between representatives of the College and the Department of Health and Social Security at which manpower problems have been discussed continue, and there has also been a meeting between the officers of the College and representatives of the DHSS which discussed administrative arrangements in relation to the reorganized NHS. These meetings provided a useful and frank discussion on many topics concerned with manpower and with the impact of reorganization on the psychiatric services, the difficulties of the present interim phase, and the importance of psychiatric representation not only at Regional and Area levels but also within the Districts.

Last year the College submitted a memorandum of evidence to the Trethowan Committee on the Role of the Psychologist in the Health Service, and the Child Psychiatry Section issued a minority Report and some concern was expressed by various bodies within the College. Subsequently Council appointed a new Special Committee to comment on the Consultative Document to be issued by the Trethowan Committee. This document has now been received and last week the Special Committee submitted a preliminary draft of comments to Council. This is being 'edited' and further comments invited. The final document has to be sent to the Department by 15 May.

Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of a College headquarters in London. Contracts have been exchanged and we are awaiting completion.

The Court of Electors has announced a change in the training requirement for candidates taking the M.R.C.Psych. Examination. Candidates who declare their intention in advance may, with the permission of the Dean, be allowed to do one year of recognized training in general medicine before their psychiatric training. The Court of Electors has also asked the Editor to publish in *News and Notes* a recent Preliminary Test multiple choice question paper.

A memorandum on the psychiatric training of general practitioners has been prepared by the joint working party of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Education Committee, and has been accepted as a basis for discussion by a new Joint Committee being set up by the two Colleges.

A memorandum of evidence on Child Health Services has been prepared by the Child Psychiatry Specialist Section, approved by Council and submitted to the D.H.S.S./D.E.S. Committee. This follows the two previous memoranda on Child Guidance and Child Psychiatric Services.'

In the discussion which followed reference was made to the following matters:

(1) It was suggested that any member of the College aware of any specific instances of difficulties arising from re-organization should send details to the Chairman of his Division.

(2) The importance of psychiatric representation on District Medical Committees was stressed.

(3) The view was expressed by one member that it was not desirable to allow one year of general medicine to count towards the three-year training period for the Membership. The view was also expressed that the current regulations in regard to this were too inflexible and that it was not reasonable to require candidates to declare their intentions at the beginning of the three-year period.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS

The following have been elected to the Fellowship:

D. T. Barnes, R. W. Barton, S. Benedek, A. Bentovim, M. F. Bethell, A. Brook, I. W. Browne, R. F. Caddell, H. S. Capoore, M. W. P. Carney, J. L. Crammer, J. P. Crawford, D. P. Cronin, J. M. Cuthill, P. R. Doherty, M. D. Enoch, J. Erulkar, J. D. W. Fisher, I. A. Fraser, N. L. Gittleson, K. L. Granville-Grossman, H. P. Greenberg, S. M. Haq, G. G. Hay, Dorothy H. Heard, J. M. C. Holden, E. Howarth, H. Hunter, I. M. Ingram, D. H. Irwin, E. Jacoby, M. S. Kamal, R. J. Kerry, S. J. Knox, C. F. Lascelles, T. E. Lear, E. Lewis, I. C. Lodge Patch, J. Lomas, W. A. G. MacCallum, H. A. McClelland, H. B. McNamee, R. D. H. Maxwell, R. P. Michael, H. B. Milne, P. A. Morris, A. Okasha, J. O'Neill, J. D. Orme, A. Orwin, R. R. Prewer, R. G. Priest, D. A. A. Primrose, M. J. Pritchard, C. Protheroe, Naomi I. Rae-Grant, J. L. Reed, H. Richardson, P. H. Rogers, Monica D. Rowbotham, J. T. Silverstone, G. B. Simon, F. G. Spear, B. Steinberg, D. R. K. Street, Nancy I. Swift, E-S. Tan, C. M. Tonks, K. F. Weeks, W. P. C. D. Wijesinghe, Y. C. Wong.

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