The purpose of the International Medical Society for Psychotherapy is to provide a platform for all schools of medico-psychological thought; and the characteristic of the Congresses held hitherto by the Society has been the catholicity of approach.

Up to 1936 the International Medical Society for Psychotherapy held its Congresses in Germany. The 1937 Congress met in Copenhagen; and the holding of the Congress of 1938 in Oxford is the first occasion on which a Congress of the Society has taken place in an English-speaking country.

At the last Congress it was decided that one of the main themes for discussion in 1938 should be psychotherapy at the various periods of life.

There are many general physicians, neurologists and alienists, who, while recognizing the importance of the medico-psychological approach, are dismayed by the plurality and apparent divergencies of psychotherapeutic theories and techniques. At this time, then, the importance of an International Congress, which provides a platform for the expression of the views held by adherents of all "schools" and of none, cannot be over-emphasized.

Further, the personal contacts made possible by such a Congress help the practising psychotherapist to escape from the relative isolation which the conditions of his work frequently tend to force upon him, and form a valuable basis for further co-operation.

Details concerning the programme and accommodation will be announced later. The fee for membership of the Congress has been fixed at a sum not exceeding 17*s*.

It would greatly assist the organizers of the Congress if all those interested, or intending to attend the Congress would communicate immediately with the Honorary Secretary, Dr. E. B. Strauss, 81, Harley Street, W. 1.

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The Psychological Review.
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L'Encéphale.
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Mental Hygiene.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Revue Neurologique.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.
Zentralblatt für die Gesamte Neurologie und Psychiatrie.
Psychiatric Quarterly.

"Sociorum Annales."

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Bronze Medal and Prize for 1938.

Dissertations for the Association's Bronze Medal and Prize must be delivered to the Registrar by April 30, 1938.

Divisional Prizes for 1938.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1938.

Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The examinations for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in May, 1938.

Applications for entry to each examination to be made to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

There is no fee for entrance to the Gaskell Prize Examination.

The entrance fee for the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is three guineas.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly Meeting.—May 20, 1938, at 11, Chandos Street.

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