He laid great emphasis on Recommendation 21, and considered that special legislation and accommodation were required for drug and alcoholic addicts.

Dr. A. GUIRDHAM considered that there was no fundamental difference between the psychoneuroses and psychoses, and that they should be treated together and under the same roof.

Lieut.-Col. R. W. ARMSTRONG said that mild cases of the psychoneuroses should not be admitted to mental hospitals, but that there should be beds for them in general hospitals. They did not want a special hospital for the psychoneuroses alone.

Dr. R. G. MCINNES said that he ran a small hospital for the psychoneuroses alone. He found in actual practice that it was not good to treat the psychoneuroses and psychoses together. He went so far as to insist that in a general hospital the psychoneuroses should be segregated from those physically ill—their absorption in a general hospital ward being inappropriate. His opinion was that the general hospital nurses were not competent to deal with the psychoneuroses, but he realized the difficulty of having good nurses for the psychoneuroses in a general hospital. Further, that even the mentally trained nurse was not sufficiently capable of dealing with the psychoneuroses. She was inclined to look upon a psychoneurotic as a more difficult and complicated case.

He referred to the last meeting of the Registered Hospitals Association, when doubt was expressed whether there would be a sufficient number of patients capable of paying for the treatment, accommodation and amenities which they supplied. He, however, looked favourably to a limited span of life for them. At this meeting of the Registered Hospitals Association there was a discussion as to whether Registered Hospitals should not devote a part of their energy to special research work and post-graduate study, especially if they were near a teaching centre. His opinion was that registered hospitals should not be too conservative in what they did. We psychiatrists seemed afraid to oppose the authoritarian organization of our speciality. We kept quiet and did not take any other line. We really wanted to watch the motive for any change closely. We failed to apply the knowledge of our special branch of medicine to the questions involved.

Capt. G. T. STOCKINGS, R.A.M.C., agreed with a Medical Officer of Mental Health, but thought expense would have to be considered. He thought it very important that the Child Psychiatry Service should be under him.

Dr. C. DAVIES-JONES said in the Isle of Wight he had the plan on a smallish scale. Everything should be run under the guidance of the psychiatrist. In the Isle of Wight the Child Guidance Clinic was under the Education authorities, but the local psychiatrist was the director —unpaid. We should certainly fight for the Child Psychiatry Service to come out of the hands of the School Medical Officer—he knew nothing about it.

Dr. ELIZABETH CASSON said we must use our aggressive tendencies to fight authoritarianism. She agreed with the way the authorities in Bristol and Bath ran a small nursing home for psychoneurotics with attached out-patients' clinic. If too much under the Medical Officer of Health it would be spoilt.

Dr. B. ARMITAGE said although a guest he would like to clear up a point about Recommendation 20, "there being no fundamental scientific difference between the psychoneuroses and psychoses." This had been placed there for members to "bite at." It was really more an administrative than a clinical difference.

Dr. JONATHAN GOULD stressed the fact that we must be more coherent among ourselves and also the usefulness and importance of research work.

ALL THE MEMBERS agreed that provision must be made in any future mental health service for senile psychotics. The present way of their being dumped in any place, workhouses, etc., must not be tolerated.

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