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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 17 May, 1956, at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness, under the Presidency of Professor John Dunne.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting held on 9 February, 1956, to be published in a forthcoming Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, and confirmed and signed by the President.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of:

Dr. JAMES STANLEY JOHNSON, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Winterton Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1935.

Dr. JOHN CARR OSBORNE, Director, Lindville Private Mental Hospital, Blackrock Road, Cork; an Ordinary Member since 1933.

Dr. DALTON ERIC SANDS, Physician Superintendent, St. Ebba's Hospital, Epsom, Surrey; an Ordinary Member since 1935.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

ADAM, JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Westgreen Hospital, Liff, by Dundee.

Proposed by Drs. A. A. Bell, R. A. B. Rorie, J. D. Uytman.

BANWELL, GERALD STUART, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.R.C.O.G., Fellow, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, E. B. Strauss, W. J. B. Rogers.

COLLINSON, JOHN BARRON, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.G., Senior House Officer, Bangour Village, Bangour Hospital, Broxburn, West Lothian.

Proposed by Professor A. Kennedy, Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, F. G. Lassalle.

MCKINNON, ARCHIBALD LYNN, M.D.(Toronto), Medical Superintendent, Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, Ontario.

Proposed by Professor A. B. Stokes, Drs. J. L. Doust, G. J. Rich.

RAE, ALISTAIR SUTHERLAND LIVINGSTON, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist (Deputy Physician Superintendent), Westgreen Hospital, Liff, by Dundee.

Proposed by Drs. A. A. Bell, R. A. B. Rorie, J. D. Uytman.

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SINCLAIR, ALLAN, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Woodilee Hospital, Lenzie, Dunbartonshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. A. Crammond, R. H. Park, D. H. Williamson.

Candidature approved by Council, 8 February, 1956:

JETLEY, SRI KISHEN, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Specialist in Psychiatry, Army Medical Corps, India.

Proposed by Drs. N. G. Chakraborty, K. C. Dube, K. A. Lalkaka.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Report of the Council which follows, was read by the GENERAL SECRETARY and approved:

At their Meeting yesterday the Council appointed Drs. Noel Harris and W. Warren to meet representatives of the Society of Medical Officers of Health to discuss points of mutual interest to the two Associations.

The Council had before them a letter from Lord Moran in which he expressed willingness to consult representatives of the Association in the matter of the bestowal of merit awards. They appointed Drs. Tennent and Maclay, and in order that Scotland might be adequately represented, Dr. Hewitt of the General Board of Control.

The Treasurer reported that the audited accounts for 1956 showed a balance of income over expenditure amounting to £3,099. Nine members had not paid their subscriptions for 1955 and their Journals were stopped from January. Seven members were still in arrears, and will be informed of Bye-Law 23.

The Council approved the payment of the 400 Swiss francs annual subscription to the World Federation of Mental Health.

It was agreed that the Gaskell Medal should in future revert to gold instead of silver gilt, and that the additional prize should be the sum of £30.

The Education Committee presented the report of its Mental Nursing Sub-Committee in the form of a Memorandum embodying suggestions for a reformed scheme of training for mental and mental deficiency nurses, for submission to the Nursing Councils and other public and professional bodies. It was understood that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was already engaged in a revision of the curriculum. The Council approved the report and decided that the Memorandum should be circulated forthwith.

The Council approved in principle the institution of a Higher Diploma in psychiatric nursing, but agreed that this must be deferred until the General Nursing Council had published its proposals for a new curriculum in basic mental nursing.

The Sub-Committees on Training in Eclectic Psychotherapy and on Films have made useful progress in the preparation of their respective reports.

It was agreed to remove from the Association's roll of certificated Mental Nurses the name of a nurse convicted on charges of theft from her patients, but that no further action should be taken in the case of a nurse retired on pension with a good nursing record, who had been found guilty of a minor theft after retirement.

The Parliamentary Committee had discussed a number of matters which had been considered in the House of Commons, including a question on Medical Superintendents' remuneration, a debate on the training of Mental Health Workers, and the favourable reception of an amendment to the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill, designed to introduce the principle of diminished responsibility into English law.

Arising out of further consideration of the Guillebaud Report the Committee drew the Council's attention to a circular issued by the Ministry of Health relating to the appointment of Medical Officers of Health to the staffs of Mental Hospitals and to their being given special powers within the hospital. The Council decided to ask the Minister to give the Association an opportunity of expressing its views.

The Papers Session at the November Meeting will be on the subject of "Mental Hospital Administration", and in February, 1957 the subject is to be the "Report of

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the Royal Commission on Mental Health Legislation", which it is expected will have been published by that time.

The Council agreed that an approach should be made to the College of General Practitioners on the subject of Psychiatry and the General Practitioner, as a suggestion had been received that the two Associations might work together on this matter.

There was a long discussion on the training of Mental Welfare Officers, and after careful consideration, it was decided to refer this subject back to the Education Committee who would report to Council again in July.

Council took note of the following meetings and conferences:

5 and 6 June.	The French Society of Neurologists at Paris.
29 June.	Conference on the Manchester Mental Nursing Survey at Tooting Bec Hospital. Any Medical Officers are welcome to attend.
11 August.	European League of Mental Hygiene Annual Meeting in West Berlin. Dr. Isabel Wilson is to be asked to represent the Association at this Meeting.
12–17 August.	World Federation of Mental Health, 9th Annual Meeting in West Berlin.
30 August–4 September.	The Society of Alienists and Neurologists of France, 54th Annual Meeting at Bordeaux.

The Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Nominations Committee which will come before the Annual Meeting in July.

Papers

The following papers were read:

Morning Session:

"Aspects of Psychological Medicine in the Highlands"

By Dr. M. M. Whittet.

"Assessment Procedures in Psychiatry"

By Professor W. M. Millar.

Afternoon Session:

"Blood Pressure Changes During Interview"

By Dr. Max Valentine.

"Initial Psychiatric Illness in Involutional Women"

By Dr. A. C. Tait.

Seminars

There was a good attendance at the Seminars which were held at Craig Dunain Hospital on 16 May. The subject was, "The Problem of the Long Term Patient", and the opening speakers were Dr. Adam Milne and Dr. John D. Uytman.

Hospitality and Votes of Thanks

All Members who attended were most grateful for the opportunity to meet in such delightful surroundings, and for the magnificent hospitality which they enjoyed throughout the Meeting.

On 16 May all Members attending Meetings and Seminars were entertained to a very fine luncheon in the Hospital Hall, and greatly appreciated this most sociable occasion.

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In the evening Members were royally entertained by the Board of Management and the Physician Superintendent to a dinner and dance. The Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. C. B. McCombie, J.P., welcomed the guests to the Hospital, and Provost Wotherspoon extended a welcome from the town of Inverness. The Chairman of the Northern Regional Hospital Board, Mr. E. McIntosh, proposed the "Toast of the Association", to which the President, Professor John Dunne, replied, and the "Toast to the Guests", which was proposed by the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. E. Smith, was answered by Mr. D. J. MacDonald, Rector of the Royal Academy, Inverness. At the conclusion of the dinner the Physician Superintendent, Dr. Martin Whittet, thanked the speakers and welcomed the guests on behalf of all the hospital staff. The beauty of the setting, the ceremonial entry of the pipers, and the friendly welcome given to the guests were but a few of the very many pleasant factors which went toward making this an unforgettable evening.

On the following day the ladies of the Association took great pleasure in the tour of the surrounding countryside, including Loch Ness and Glen Doe, which had been arranged for them. They returned to the Hospital in time to join the rest of the party for another most enjoyable luncheon.

At the close of the Meeting the President, on behalf of the Association, expressed the grateful thanks of the Members to the Chairman and Board of Management, and to the Physician Superintendent, Dr. Martin Whittet, and the Hospital Staff for all that had been done to make their stay so happy and pleasant.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 17, 18, 19 and 20 July, 1956, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, and at Warlingham Park Hospital, Surrey, under the Presidency of Thomas Percy Rees, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.

TUESDAY, 17 JULY

Meetings of Committees and Council were held at 11 Chandos Street. In accordance with the new arrangements agreed for the Annual Meeting, Seminars were also held on this day and there was a very good attendance at each Session. Subjects and Speakers were as follows:

Morning

"Scope and Limitations of Hypnosis"

Speakers: Professor A. Kennedy,
Drs. D. Stafford-Clark and A. A. Mason.

Chairman: Dr. William Moodie.

Afternoon

"Common Marital Problems in Psychiatric Practice"

Speakers: Drs. H. V. Dicks, E. F. Griffith and J. F. Lovel Barnes.

Chairman: Dr. J. D. Sutherland.

In the evening the President-Elect entertained Members of Council to Dinner at the Café Royal, and at the kind invitation of Mrs. T. P. Rees, wives of Council Members attended a performance of the Ballet at the Royal Festival Hall.

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