THE

JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE

[*Published by Authority of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.*]

SUPPLEMENT

JANUARY, 1939.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.

THE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, on Thursday, November 24, 1938, under the presidency of Dr. J. R. GILMOUR.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been published in the Journal, were taken as read and confirmed.

OBITUARY.

The PRESIDENT announced the death of Dr. J. W. Astley Cooper. He said that Dr. Cooper, after service in the Ministry of Pensions for some time, settled down in charge of Middleton Hall Private Mental Hospital. He was a man of most charming personality and most knowledgeable in his work. He unfortunately met with a fatal accident in a motor collision. His son was a member of the Association. The Association would desire to send to the relatives an expression of sympathy in their loss.

The members stood in silence.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Dr. GORDON MASEFIELD (Hon. General Secretary) read the following report of the Council:

The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed to confer with the Editors that the management of the *Journal of Mental Science* shall be in the hands of a Managing Editor, Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming, in collaboration with Drs. McRae, Walk and Penrose and with the assistance of the following Advisory Committee: Dr. Petrie, Dr. McCowan, Prof. Adrian, Prof. Golla, Prof. Bartlett, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. C. J. C. Earl, Dr. Holme, Dr. A. Meyer, Dr. Quastel, Dr. Slater, Dr. Blacker, Dr. Coleman, Dr. Nicole and Dr. Scott, plus one member to be nominated by the Irish Division.

The Special Committee appointed by the Council to draw up a Memorandum for submission to the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses has submitted its Memorandum to the Council. The Council has approved the Memorandum, which will now be forwarded to the Inter-Departmental Committee and has elected the following three members to give oral evidence before the Inter-Departmental Committee—Dr. Haynes, Dr. N. Burke and Dr. Petrie.

Indian Division.—It is anticipated that the inaugural meeting of the Indian

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X39242322 Published online by Cambridge University Press

Division will take place on January 23 and 24, 1939, when Dr. C. J. Thomas expects to be in Lahore. An illuminated address has been prepared for presentation at this meeting, and Dr. Thomas will also take with him the Chairman's Badge.

The Fifth Biennial Mental Health Conference will be held from January 12 to 14, 1939, and the National Council for Mental Hygiene has invited the Association to appoint delegates. Dr. Evans and Dr. Glaister were elected to represent the Association.

The National Council for Mental Hygiene has asked the Association to appoint a representative on their Council, as they are strongly of the opinion that a closer liaison between the two bodies would be of mutual advantage. The Council decided to ask Dr. G. W. B. James whether he would agree to represent the Association.

It has been decided to write to Divisional Secretaries informing them that any members who would like to receive the Agendas of Divisional Meetings other than their own could do so by writing to the Secretary at Chandos Street.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. G. W. SMITH, the Report was adopted.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A ballot was taken for the election of the following candidates:

GILLESPIE, JOHN EUSTACE O'NEILL, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Dublin, D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. J. G. Hamilton, D. Whittaker and W. Gordon Masefield.

DAVIS, ROBERT BROCKLESBY, M.B.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Capt. I.M.S., Specialist in Mental Diseases, Northern Command; c/o Indian Military Hospital, Rawalpindi, India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

KENNEDY, WILLIAM GRAEME, M.B., Ch.B.St. And., Capt. I.M.S., Specialist in Mental Diseases, Eastern Command; Indian Military Hospital, Lucknow.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

SMITH, EDWIN CHARLES ALLAN, M.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.R.F.P.&S.Glas., D.P.H., Superintendent, Central Hospital for Mental Diseases, Yeravda, Poona, India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

RIZVI, KHWAJA NASIR HUSAIN, M.B., B.S.Lucknow, D.P.M., Medical Officer, Civil Hospital and Thomason Engineering Hospital, Roorkee, U.P., India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

BHATTACHARJYA, BIDYAPATI, M.B., B.S.Pat., M.R.C.P.Lond. & Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., D.P.M., Officer Commanding, Indian Military Hospital, Gorakhpur, U.P., India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

SHARMA, RAM SINGH, M.B., B.S.Pb., D.T.M.Cal., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Punjab Mental Hospital; 37, Jail Road, Lahore, India.
Proposed by Drs. C. Lodge Patch, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

SENANAYEKE, IRVING ALOYSIUS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Angoda, Ceylon.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, H. G. L. Haynes and W. Gordon Masefield.

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X39242322 Published online by Cambridge University Press

ZSCHERPEL, HAROLD DUNCAN, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Superintendent, Central Prison, Peshawar; Medical Officer i/c Mental Hospital, Peshawar; 1a, North Circular Road, Peshawar, India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, W. Gordon Masefield and H. G. L. Haynes.

ROY, JYOTIRMAY, M.B.Cal., D.P.M.Eng., Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Nagpur, India.
Proposed by Drs. Banarsi Das, W. Gordon Masefield and H. G. L. Haynes.

The PRESIDENT called attention to the fact that of the ten candidates nine were from India, and these would form the new Division in India, which had been mentioned in the Report of the Council.

At the conclusion of the ballot the scrutineers announced that all the candidates had been unanimously elected.

The members then adjourned to Manson House, 26, Portland Place, for the Maudsley Lecture.

NINETEENTH MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

The Nineteenth Maudsley Lecture was given at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W. 1, on Thursday afternoon, November 24, 1938, by Prof. D. K. Henderson, who took as the title of his lecture **"A Revaluation of Psychiatry".**

The PRESIDENT, in introducing the lecturer, said that these lectures were founded by a bequest from Dr. Henry Maudsley of London, and a large discretion was allowed in the choice both of lecturer and subject. The Society was fortunate in the selection of Prof. David Henderson as the Nineteenth Lecturer. Prof. Henderson, after holding a similar appoinment in Glasgow, was now Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Edinburgh and the head of the great mental hospital at Morningside. He was engaged in many fields of activity in connection with mental work. His institution at Morningside represented an awakening of interest in what Maudsley called this " track of work ", and under Prof. Henderson its great incentive was still being continued and extended. He was following worthily in the great traditions his predecessors had set.

Dr. HENDERSON then delivered his lecture.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Dr. ISABEL WILSON, in proposing a vote of thanks, said that it was not in the tradition of that meeting to discuss the lecture. She knew they would all read it with pleasure, not on this occasion because it had been obscure or difficult to follow on hearing it, but because it was so rich, so wide, so closely logical, not to say lively, that they would get all the greater pleasure from apprehending it through the eye after hearing it that day through the ear.

After a reference to the great textbook of Henderson and Gillespie, Dr. Wilson went on to say that that day they had a very good new edition of Henderson. Their lecturer on this occasion could be thought of as at least four different people. The first of these was the shadow of Major Henderson of the R.A.M.C. The second one was a butterfly—she hoped she would not be considered disrespectful in that analogy, but Psyche in her more airy moments was so figured—who in an earlier phase browsed in the American tree of psychiatric knowledge and spun those threads which had woven themselves into the rich silk of the broad psychiatry about which they had heard that day—a psychiatry which Prof. Henderson himself, in his Morrison Lectures, had pictured as stretching forth to take her proper place in medical work and everyday affairs. Then there was the ex-physician superintendent of the Royal Mental Hospital, Gartnavel. Those of them who did not know the hospital in the days when Dr. Henderson was in charge of it knew at any rate of the detailed and careful work which he carried out there. Perhaps he would allow her, again without being considered disrespectful, to give that

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X39242322 Published online by Cambridge University Press

sisterly tweak which was familiar as between eastern and western Scotland, and to speak of his migration from Glasgow to Edinburgh in this fashion: "After being in Glasgow David departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: . . . and every one that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became the captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men."

For an estimate made some thousands of years ago that was not very far from the truth, though it did not mention that there were also some 500 women.

The last of the persons of whom they had to think was the physician superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Nervous and Mental Disorder. In that role Prof. Henderson had the supervision of Craig House and West House, and of the associated nursing homes for private patients under his own survey, also of Jordanburn Hospital and the out-patient clinic, as well as of the Child Guidance Clinic lately instituted at the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary, where he was a consultant physician. He was also concerned in the management of Tipperlinn House, with its great traditions and charming hospitality. To Dr. Henderson, the distinguished Maudsley Lecturer on that occasion, she had the honour to propose a very hearty vote of thanks.

Dr. ANGUS MACNIVEN, in seconding, said that they had listened to an address which had been inspiring and stimulating to a high degree. Prof. Henderson had revealed his mastery of the subject and his breadth of view. One of the characteristics of Prof. Henderson was his ability to arouse and maintain the loyalty of those who had the privilege of serving under him. His old pupils had followed his progress to the foremost position in British psychiatry with the warmest interest. Prof. Henderson complained some time ago in a conversation with him that he (Dr. MacNiven) never agreed with him, but he wanted to assure him that he had found nothing whatever to disagree about in the lecture just delivered, and he supported its spirited attack on those heretical doctrines which would be amusing if they were not so pernicious.

He heartily endorsed all that Dr. Wilson had said, and desired to pay his own personal tribute to Prof. Henderson as a teacher. He was one who had always taken the keenest personal interest in those who had served under him, and in spite of the tremendous demand upon his working hours he still continued to do so. He seconded the vote of thanks with the utmost pleasure.

The proposition was carried with acclamation.

Prof. HENDERSON expressed his thanks to Dr. Wilson and Dr. MacNiven for their kind words. He had had no idea that his professional career had so many side issues as Dr. Wilson had suggested.

The proceedings then terminated.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Hill End Hospital and Clinic, St. Albans, on Tuesday, October 18th, 1938.

During the forenoon members inspected the Hospital and Grounds.

A Meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management was held at 1 p.m.

Members and their guests were entertained to lunch. After the Loyal Toast the CHAIRMAN of the VISITING COMMITTEE extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Division. Dr. CEDRIC BOWER replied. Dr. G. W. SMITH proposed a vote of thanks to the hosts, which was seconded by Sir LAURENCE BROCK.

The meeting then took place. Dr. Cedric W. Bower, Chairman of the Division, took the Chair.

The following members were present: Drs. J. F. Lovel Barnes, F. G. L. Barnes, Edith Booth, A. Helen Boyle, Cedric W. Bower, B. Brown, C. K. Bushe, W. Alex. Caldwell, H. Crichton-Miller, E. C. Dax, E. Edel, G. W. T. H. Fleming, I. Frost, Gwenvron M. Griffiths, H. G. L. Haynes, E. J. Hewitt, G. W. B. James,

https://doi.org/10.1192/S0368315X39242322 Published online by Cambridge University Press