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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 2 May, 1957, at Barrow Hospital, Barrow Gurney, near Bristol, under the Presidency of Dr. T. Percy Rees.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting, held on 14 February, 1957, 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. KATE FRASER, *C.B.E.*, formerly Commissioner, General Board of Control for Scotland; Chairman, Scottish Division 1946–49. An Ordinary Member since 1919 and an Honorary Member since 1949.

Dr. S. G. JAMES, Medical Superintendent, Broadmoor, Crowthorne, Berks; an Ordinary Member since 1949.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

BLACK, ANN DORA, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Medical Officer, Napsbury Hospital, near St. Albans, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. J. S. Gladstone, J. H. Paterson and A. H. D. Hunter.

BUCHANAN, JANE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G., Junior Medical Officer, Leavesden Hospital, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. E. W. Shepherd, A. Shapiro and Prof. L. S. Penrose.

DAVIES, EVAN WILLIAM, M.B., B.Ch., Lieut. *R.A.M.C.*, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Southampton.
Proposed by Drs. J. McGhie, J. McQuillan and W. B. Spry.

DEWHURST, KENNETH EASTHAM, B.Litt., L.R.C.P.I., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Littlemore Hospital, near Oxford.
Proposed by Drs. E. O. Hagedorn, R. W. Armstrong and A. Walk.

GORDON-RUSSELL, JAMES BERTRAND, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wilts.
Proposed by Drs. K. C. Bailey, R. W. Armstrong and O. Gough.

KNIGHT, GEOFFREY CURETON, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Neurological Surgeon, Runwell Hospital; Senior Surgeon, West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases; Neurological Surgeon, British Post-graduate Medical School.
Proposed by Drs. R. Strom-Olsen, H. Weil-Malherbe and G. D. Fraser Steele.

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PATCH, IAN CHARLES LODGE, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

Proposed by Drs. C. J. Lodge Patch, J. G. Hamilton and R. F. Hobson.

TROUTON, DERRICK STARLING, M.A., M.Sc., M.B., B.Chir., Research Assistant, Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. M. Shepherd, J. S. Bearcroft and D. Leigh.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

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

The Council began by considering the important question of co-operation with the Royal Commission appointed to deal with remuneration of Medical Practitioners within the National Health Service. After careful consideration, it was decided that the Royal Medico-Psychological Association should offer to give evidence before this Commission. A Committee consisting of Drs. A. Shapiro, Jonathan Gould, Noel Harris, Alexander Walk, Rosalind Bearcroft, R. W. Armstrong and J. G. Howells, under the chairmanship of Dr. T. P. Rees, was appointed to make recommendations on this subject at the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the Association had a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £2,720 during the year 1956. Seven members who after repeated letters have not paid their subscriptions have been removed from the Roll of the Association.

The annual payment of 400 Swiss Francs to the World Federation for Mental Health was again recommended.

On the recommendation of the Journal Committee the Council approved that the Third Volume of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, which it is hoped will be published in October of this year, should be sold to members at a special price of £2, and not 25*s.* as originally proposed.

The Registrar informed the Council that he had been successful in arranging for a joint meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine on 10 and 11 September, at which distinguished American psychiatrists visiting Europe for the Second International Congress had agreed to speak.

The Council learned that the Papers and Discussions Committee were reserving the November Meeting for discussion of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Law Relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency.

Plans are going ahead for the Study Tour in Scotland in 1958, and Scandinavian Psychiatrists have accepted an invitation to visit this country in 1959.

The Parliamentary Committee reported that, following an approach to Members of the House of Lords, the Association's views on the Homicide Bill had been given expression at the Committee stage in that House, and although the Bill was passed unaltered, there is no doubt that the trend of the debate will influence judges trying cases coming within the scope of the new Act.

The Council considered a preliminary verbal report of the joint discussion with the Psychological Medicine Group of the B.M.A. on the relationship between medical superintendents and the medical staff of psychiatric hospitals. This was received with interest, but it became clear that sufficient information was not yet available about the conclusions of this Joint Committee to form a useful basis for discussion at a general meeting, and the matter was deferred for further consideration by Council at their next meeting after the full written report had been received.

The Council received a further report from the Committee which is studying the teaching of Psychotherapy, and decided to send out an enquiry to all Members of the Association in order to ascertain the names of those who wish to receive instruction, and those prepared to teach.

It was learned that the British Medical Association sought this Association's co-operation in the review of the Mental Health Service's aspect of the National Health Service. Before setting up a Committee to deal with this, it was decided to

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circularize Members to ask for their views on existing difficulties and suggested improvements in the psychiatric part of the National Health Service.

A letter was received from the British Medical Association voicing some disquiet about the Ministry's recommendations about the future control of medical auxiliaries, which entails a considerable degree of autonomy for all these bodies. The Council considered this carefully and agreed that there was some ground for apprehension, and decided to associate themselves with the B.M.A. in making representations to the Minister.

The Council agreed to sponsor the final report of the Survey which is at present taking place at 54 hospitals on the relation between Blood Grouping and mental disease.

The Council considered the question of payment of the expenses of their Members who had to travel considerable distances in order to attend Scientific Meetings of the Association, and instructed the General Secretary to take up the matter with the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee.

It was agreed that the Mental Deficiency Section should take part in the preliminary arrangements for the setting up of an international body concerned with Mental Deficiency.

The following Conferences were announced:

(*i*) The European League of Mental Hygiene, Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, Sunday, 11 August, 1957.
Dr. Isabel Wilson is to be asked to be the Association's representative.

(*ii*) World Federation for Mental Health, Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, 11–17 August, 1957

(*iii*) Annual Congress of French-Speaking Alienists and Neurologists, in Lyons, 9–14 September, 1957.

Papers

The following Papers were read:

Morning Session:

"The Changing Use of Observation Wards"
Dr. D. F. Early.

"The Development of the Day Hospital"
Dr. E. G. W. Cross.

"Social Background to Mental Health in a Bristol Housing Estate"
Dr. John Spencer and Miss J. Tuxford.

Afternoon Sessions:

"Infanticide Depression and the Threat to the Child"
Dr. R. E. Hemphill.

"The Significance of EEG in Psychiatric Patients over 60"
Dr. E. C. Turton.

Seminars

Seminars were held at Barrow Hospital on 2 May. The attendance was most satisfactory and the following papers were read:

Morning Session:

"Modifications of Electro-Convulsive Therapy"

(*a*) "Unilateral E.C.T."
Dr. N. P. Lancaster.

(*b*) "Comparative Value of E.C.T. with and without Relaxants"
Dr. C. P. Seager.

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Afternoon Session:

"Homosexuality as a Medico-Legal Problem"

Dr. A. Leitch and Mr. G. A. Forrest.

Friday, 3 May

On Friday, 3 May, the day following the Quarterly Meeting, many Members took advantage of Professor Golla's kind invitation to visit the Burden Neurological Institute, and followed this by visiting Fishponds Hospital and Prichard House, at the kind invitation of the Management Committee of the Bristol Mental Hospitals Group.

Hospitality and Votes of Thanks

On Tuesday, 30 April, Members were entertained to a wine tasting session by Messrs. Averys of Bristol, and those fortunate enough to attend were most grateful for this extremely hospitable welcome to Bristol.

The Members of Council and the Standing Committees, together with those attending Seminars on Wednesday, 1 May, were entertained to Luncheon at Barrow Hospital on that day; during the afternoon the ladies of the party were taken for a most enjoyable trip to the city of Bath; and in the evening over one hundred Members and guests attended a performance of "Look Back in Anger" at Bristol's historic Theatre Royal. The day ended with a dance at Fishponds Hospital to which the Social Club of the Bristol Mental Hospitals had kindly invited the Association's Members.

On the following day Members and their wives attended a most enjoyable Luncheon at Barrow Hospital, at which they were given a welcome to the city of Bristol by the Lord Mayor. Mrs. A. D. Field, Chairman, then welcomed Members on behalf of the Bristol Mental Hospitals Management Committee. The President, in his reply, thanked these speakers for their kindly interest in the Association's work, and expressed the gratitude of all those attending to them and to Dr. Hemphill and all his staff for all that had been done to make this Meeting such an enjoyable and successful occasion. After Luncheon the ladies of the party were taken on a coach tour of Cheddar and Wells, and finally, on the day after the Meeting, this very fine series of hospitable occasions was ended by a Luncheon at Fishponds Hospital which was attended by those making the visit to this hospital and the Burden Neurological Institute.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 2, 3, 4 and 5 July, 1957, at Rhodes House, Oxford, and at Littlemore Hospital, near Oxford, under the Presidency of Robert William Armstrong, M.A., M.D., D.P.M.

Tuesday, 2 July

Meetings of Committees and Council were held at the Ashhurst Clinic, near Oxford, where Members attending these meetings were entertained to luncheon at the Clinic.

Seminars were also held on this day at the Warneford Hospital, Oxford. The subjects and speakers were as follows:

Morning:

"Observations on Selective Frontal Leucotomy"

By Walpole S. Lewin, Esq., M.S., F.R.C.S.

(Assistant Neurological Surgeon, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford)

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