Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, July 10, at 2.15 p.m., at the West Riding Mental Hospital, Wakefield.

Agenda: To appoint a Special Committee for the purpose of revising the Bye-laws on certain matters.

A report prepared by Dr. J. R. Lord (*vide* Council's minutes, July 18, 1927—Edinburgh) was considered, which had been already discussed in detail at a meeting of members on July 3, 1928, at the British Medical Association House. It was approved with some minor emendations, and ordered to be presented to the Annual Meeting on July 11, 1928 (Bye-law 84).

Quarterly Meeting.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of the Association was held on Friday, November 23, 1928, at British Medical Association House, 19B, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1, under the Presidency of Prof. J. Shaw Bolton, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.

The Library, Educational, Parliamentary, Research and Clinical Committees assembled on the previous day.

The Council Meeting.

The following matters of interest were dealt with by the Council, and would have been mentioned at the General Meeting which followed but for the curtailment of time rendered necessary by the presence on the agenda of an important debate.

Educational matters.—The Council approved the suggestion made by the Educational Committee that the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the Educational Committee should be called for the future "The Mental Nursing Consultative Committee." It was agreed to add to this Committee a member representative of the Mental Deficiency Training Schools.

On the question of the publication of a handbook for those nursing mental defectives the Council approved that action should be taken to supply the needs of mental nurses in this respect, and a panel of members was appointed to advise the Council in the matter.

Parliamentary matters.—The Parliamentary Committee drew the attention of the Council to an address given by Dr. C. H. Bond at the recent National Health Conference, which included the subject of early treatment of mental disorders. The Committee recommended that steps should be taken to give the widest publicity to it. The matter was referred to Dr. J. R. Lord to take appropriate action.

The Gaskell Bequest.—It was decided that no steps should be taken to alter the terms of the Bequest.

The General Meeting.

The Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having already appeared in the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, and were approved and signed by the President.

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The late Dr. J. Beveridge Spence, O.B.E.

(Ordinary Member since 1875 ; First Registrar, 1892–99 ; Chairman, Parliamentary Committee, 1910–12 ; President, 1899–1900.)

At the request of the relatives the usual obituary reference by the President (and which was to include the *Journal*) was omitted. The meeting, however, on the suggestion of the President, stood in silence, as a mark of respect to their departed friend.

THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Appointment of Librarian.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Council under Bye-law 68 had appointed Dr. J. R. Whitwell to be the Association's first Librarian. (Loud applause.)

Grant to Library Committee.

The Council recommended that the Library Committee be granted the sum of £25 for the current year, to enable it to carry out its new reference. [Agreed.

The First Study Tour.

Congratulations were offered by the Council to the Study Tours Sub-Committee, and particularly to Dr. Evans, its able secretary, for the success of the visit to the Dutch Mental Hospitals and Clinics, which took place from October 17–25. It was the first tour the Sub-Committee had organized and was thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part in it.

Revision of Bye-laws.

The revocations and alterations of the Bye-laws had been allowed by the Privy Council, and were now in force (since October 29, 1928).

The Presentation to H.R.H. Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles.

The reply which H.R.H. Princess Mary had been pleased to make to the Address of the President on the occasion of the presentation to Her Royal Highness of the Association's Nursing Medal in gold and Honorary Certificate in Mental Nursing was then read.

It was received with loud applause.

ELECTION OF NEW CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The PRESIDENT nominated as scrutineers for the ballot Dr. Douglas McRae and Dr. A. A. W. Petrie.

The following were unanimously elected ordinary members of the Association :

SCHOLBERG, HAROLD ALFRED, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H., (formerly Sir Trevor Lawrence Research Student in Pathology) ; Grocers' Company Research Scholar ; Fellow Royal Society of Medicine ; late Lecturer on Bacteriology, University College, Cardiff ; Senior Pathologist, Cardiff Royal Infirmary ; Pathologist, Cardiff City Mental Hospital. Address : 3, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff.

Proposed by Lt.-Col. E. Goodall, Drs. E. Barton White and J. R. Lord.

WESTON, ANGUS HAROLD, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Devon Mental Hospital, Exminster.

Proposed by Drs. Richard Eager, C. F. Bainbridge and W. Starkey.

HOWIE, JAMES ERSKINE, M.B., Ch.B.Liverp., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.M.Manch., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. L. C. F. Chevens, G. C. Parkin and J. Ernest Nicole.

QUINE, MARGARET ANNETTE, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Lancs.

Proposed by Drs. F. M. Rodgers, J. Gifford and J. Ernest Nicole.

CALDER, FLORA HANNAH MACDONALD, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Winwick, Warrington, Lancs.

Proposed by Drs. F. M. Rodgers, J. Gifford and J. Ernest Nicole.

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GORDON, RONALD GREY, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin., 9, The Circus, Bath.
Proposed by Drs. R. Langdon-Down, J. D. Thomas and Edward Mapother.
CALDWELL, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.M., attached to the Pathological Laboratory, Maudsley Hospital, S.E.
Proposed by Drs. J. R. Lord, W. D. Nicol and A. Walk.

DISCUSSION.

A discussion followed, under the auspices of the General Paralysis Sub-Committee, on certain points raised in papers on the subject by Drs. J. Brander and J. F. Smyth at the Annual Meeting (*vide* p. 1).

There were present about 80 members, of whom 17 took part in the discussion.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. G. H. Adam, at Malling Place, West Malling, Kent, on Monday, September 24, 1928.

There were present twenty-seven members and the following guests: Misses E. L. Adam, E. M. Adam, Dr. A. D. Parr-Dudley, Dr. H. Gray, Dr. A. H. Roberts, Mrs. Dorothy M. Hardcastle, Dr. C. M. Hext, Dr. Margaret M. Knight, of Auckland, New Zealand, Mrs. E. E. Adam, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. L. Bird, and Dr. A. F. Cole.

Members and guests were escorted in small parties by Dr. G. H. Adam and his friends and colleagues, and taken round the various portions of the House and grounds. Dr. and Mrs. Adam then entertained the members and visitors to lunch in a marquee in the grounds.

Dr. J. R. LORD proposed the health of the host and hostess, which was drunk with acclamation. Dr. Adam replied.

At the meeting which followed Dr. Lord took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been published in the Journal, were taken as read and approved, and signed by the Chairman.

The arrangements for the date and place of the Spring Meeting, 1929, were left in the hands of the Divisional Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN then expressed regret for the delay which had occurred in completing the arrangements for holding clinical meetings in the Division. He had promised at the Spring Meeting to lend a hand, but other urgent work for the Association, such as the organization of the Annual Meeting, and an unfortunate breakdown in health, had prevented him until recently. At the Honorary Secretary's request the temporary secretaries of sub-areas were sending him lists of hospitals and other information, and it appeared to him that the main difficulty was the presence of the metropolis in the centre of the Division. He was working out the details of a scheme of areas to overcome this, which he hoped to circulate very soon. Once the areas were settled (they would, of course, be subject to revision) machinery for carrying out the meeting had already proved very successful in other Divisions.

The members authorized the Chairman to take over the organization of these meetings, with the cooperation of those who had been kindly acting as ar ea secretaries.

The nomination of nurse representatives of the Division on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee was left to a later date.

Dr. ADAM read an interesting paper on "Malling Place 1808–1928."

A vote of thanks, proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and seconded by Dr. WOLSELEY-LEWIS, was carried by acclamation.

After this, an informal discussion took place on "Some of the Special Difficulties Arising in the Care of Private Mental Patients," in which the CHAIRMAN, Drs. E. J. NORMAN, F. DILLON, H. WOLSELEY-LEWIS, A. F. COLE, J. M. KNIGHT, NATHAN RAW and NOEL SERGEANT took part.

Members and guests were then entertained to tea, which brought to an end a pleasant and informative meeting.

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