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QUARTERLY MEETING.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held at the Leicestershire and Rutland Mental Hospital, Narborough, near Leicester, on Friday, May 21, 1937, the President, Dr. M. A. Collins, O.B.E., occupying the chair.

On the previous day the Standing and Special Committees met in Leicester, and their members were entertained to luncheon by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City.

On Friday, at the termination of the Council meeting, the Association was entertained to luncheon by the committee of the hospital, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Hazelrigg, in the spacious entertainment hall.

The PRESIDENT expressed the thanks of the meeting to Sir Arthur Hazelrigg and Dr. Drury for the splendid arrangements which had been made for the Association's meeting. He pointed out that Leicester was unique in that the Chairman of the Mental Hospital Committee was also the Chairman of the County Council. In many counties the mental hospital committee was regarded as something of a nuisance, but here the council and committee were under the same Chief, and the mental hospital was one of his pets. What had been seen to-day showed what progress could be made when the heart of the public authority was with them in their work.

Sir ARTHUR HAZELRIGG, in reply, welcomed the Association to Narborough. Referring to the presence of the President-elect, Dr. McRae, he mentioned that Ayr was a place which always held a warm place in his, Sir Arthur's, heart, as it was his own birth-town.

He was sure that these meetings were most excellent things, for they provided opportunities for exchanging views and experiences, and the result was a great helping on of this special work which they were all trying to do.

Dr. DRURY also responded, and pointed out that this was one of the largest attended of quarterly meetings for some years, and it was very gratifying to see so many who had journeyed from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales to be present. He felt much indebted to Mr. Willday, who was responsible for the excellent display of articles by the Dryad Company, in connection with occupational therapy, and Mr. Ramsay for the looms.

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The Meeting.

Dr. Michael Collins (President) in the Chair.

The Minutes.

The President said a future meeting would be asked to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, after they had appeared in the Journal.

Obituary.

The President announced with regret the death, since the last meeting, of Dr. J. L. Jackson, Medical Superintendent of Knowle Mental Hospital, and Director of Mental Health Services of the Hampshire County Council. Dr. Jackson had been a member of the Association for many years, and had been a Divisional Chairman. He would be sadly missed.

Members present stood in silence for a period as a mark of respect to the departed member.

The President said that a letter of condolence had already been sent to Mrs. Jackson.

Matters Arising from the Council Meeting.

Dr. Masefield said that the following were the matters referred to:

The second Refresher Course would be held at the L.C.C. Central Pathological Laboratory at the Maudsley Hospital in the fortnight commencing November 8. The fee for the course would be two guineas. The programme would be published in the Journal.

The Parliamentary Committee was considering a letter from Mr. Claude Mullins, the Metropolitan Magistrate, regarding the giving of evidence by children in criminal courts. The matter would receive careful attention.

The British Medical Association had now formed their Psychological Medicine Group. It was hoped that the meetings of that Group would be arranged to coincide with the meetings of this Association.

The Nursing Handbooks.—The Handbook Committee had presented a Report, and, as a result, the Council had approved the following resolutions:

(1) That new editions of the Handbooks for Mental Nurses (Red Book) and those nursing Mental Defectives (Green Book) be prepared forthwith.

(2) That a professional editor be appointed to collate the work of the various authors asked to prepare chapters or paragraphs for the new editions.

(3) That a chapter on Occupational Therapy for Mental Nurses be written, and pending the issue of the new edition, a brochure on the subject be prepared and issued forthwith.

(4) That members of the Committee be provided with copies of the present books.

(5) That the Secretary of the Educational Committee be co-opted as Secretary of the Handbook Committee.

Child Guidance Council.—This Committee had revised its constitution, and were asking for subscriptions from its members and providing for corporate membership of such societies as may wish to support the Council. The Council of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association resolved that the Association should have three—or if that were not allowed, two—corporate members on the Child Guidance Council. The members proposed were Drs. W. J. T. Kimber, T. Lindsay, and W. Gordon Masefield.

Sir Hubert Bond and Dr. G. W. Smith, who would be attending the Second International Congress of Mental Hygiene, in Paris, had agreed to represent the Association.

Either Dr. James or Dr. Walk would be asked to represent the Association at the Congrès des Médecins Aliénistes et Neurologistes which was being held at Nancy from June 30 to July 5.

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ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT nominated Dr. MacDonald and Dr. McDiarmid to act as scrutineers for the ballot.

The following were unanimously elected:

GILLIES, HUNTER, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, West Ham Mental Hospital, Goodmayes, Essex; Clinical Assistant, Child Guidance Department, West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases.
Proposed by Drs. J. Harvey Cuthbert, G. Somerville and W. Gordon Masefield.

STALKER, HARRY, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Hospital; West House, Morningside, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Prof. D. K. Henderson and Drs. R. B. McInnes and C. M. Ross.

WILSON, THOMAS MUIR, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Resident Medical Officer, Gartloch Mental Hospital, Gartcosh, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. A. M. Dryden, J. R. Robb and W. M. McAlister.

EDEL, ERNST, M.D.Berlin, 63, South Hill Park, London, N.W. 3.
Proposed by Drs. E. Miller, W. Gordon Masefield and R. M. Macfarlane.

PAPER.—**"An Undecided Compensation Claim Arising from the Suicide of a Voluntary Patient,"** by Dr. K. K. DRURY and Mr. C. E. J. FREER (see p. 461).

PAPER AND DISCUSSION.—**"Syphilis in Mental Hospital Practice."** Opening paper by Dr. D. PRENTICE (see p. 472).

VOTE OF THANKS.

The PRESIDENT proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Drury for the excellent arrangements he had made for the comfort of the members at the meeting.

It was carried by acclamation.

NOTICE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL COMMITTEE.

Refresher Course.

The second Refresher Course organized by the Committee will be held at the L.C.C. Central Pathological Laboratory, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E. 5, during the fortnight commencing November 8, 1937. The full time-table is given on the next page.

DURATION.—Two weeks, commencing November 8, 1937.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Medical Officers proposing to attend the Course should send their names and the registration fee of Two Guineas to THE SECRETARY, R.M.P.A., 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1.

Cheques should be made payable to "The Treasurer, Royal Medico-Psychological Association".

ACCOMMODATION.—Residential hotel accommodation in the vicinity of the Maudsley Hospital is available at a cost from 2½ guineas per week. All enquiries respecting accommodation should be sent to—

Dr. S. A. MANN,
Central Pathological Laboratory,
Maudsley Hospital, S.E. 5.

SESSIONS.—Medical Officers who can only attend part of the Course may do so at a cost of 3*s*. 6*d*. per session. Fees are payable in advance and the Secretary must be notified of the sessions which will be attended.

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