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Dr. J. S. Stead, Consultant Psychiatrist, read a most interesting paper on **"Group Reactions to the Paranoid Personality"**. In this Dr. Stead reviewed the history of this subject and illustrated the subject matter with personal cases.

Dr. Klaus Bergmann, Consultant Psychiatrist, then read the second paper **"Problems of Psychogeriatric Care in the Mid-Sussex Area"**.

Dr. Bergmann stressed the need for more psychogeriatric beds, and discussed the relationship between this and the community services.

Both papers were well received and a number of members took part in the discussion.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Borocourt Hospital, near Reading, on Thursday, 20 October, 1966, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. G. O'Gorman, Physician Superintendent.

During the forenoon, members were shown around the Hospital and were most impressed by the new buildings. At lunch, members and guests were welcomed by Sir Godfrey Nicholson, Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. A. J. Galbraith, gave thanks in reply.

Report of the Divisional Committee of Management

It was reported that the proposed meeting of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section in Bristol had had to be cancelled owing to lack of support.

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With reference to the payment by Regional Hospital Boards of Course fees, travelling and subsistence allowances to attend medical meetings, the Committee had received and accepted an explanatory letter from Professor Russell Davis regarding changes which the South-Western Regional Hospital Board had now introduced. Dr. Monro had also written that the Association would take the matter up in a general way at national level.

Members were asked to forward any specific complaint to the Divisional Secretary.

The following nominations were suggested for appointments to Regional Hospital Boards:

Wessex Dr. A. J. Galbraith

Oxford Dr. R. G. McInnes, if he were available, and failing him Dr. B. M. Mandelbrote.

The Committee again noted with concern that several Regional Hospital Boards still had no psychiatric member and hoped that this situation would soon be rectified.

The Proceedings of the last two meetings of Council were received and discussed.

Medical Assistant Grade

The difficulties in filling these posts were discussed. The Committee considered that the feeling had arisen that this was an inferior position, especially on account of the salary scale, and that it was rarely accepted as a step in the promotion ladder to Consultant status. There should be more flexibility in relationship to increments. It was also considered that the post of Registrar was often being wrongly used in Psychiatry.

The Committee decided that these views should be reported to the Educational and Parliamentary Committees of the R.M.P.A., who should be asked to investigate the position nationally.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

It was decided to accept an invitation from the Chairman, Dr. A. J. Galbraith, to hold the Spring Meeting at Knowle Hospital and the Wessex Regional School of Psychiatry on Thursday, 6 April, 1967.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following Candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

ANTHONY, ERIC, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Medical Officer, Neuropsychiatric Centre, R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton, Swindon.
Proposed by Dr. R. H. Cawley, Professor W. H. Trethowan, Dr. D. N. Johnstone.

BLYTH, ROBERT IAN KENNEDY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Exeter.
Proposed by Drs. I. G. W. Pickering, F. P. D. Easby, D. Prentice.

CARPENTER, WILLIAM HOWARD KENNETH, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.S., Senior Hospital Medical Officer, Stoke Park Hospital. Stapleton, Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. Heaton-Ward, J. Jancar, L. Lynch.

DENING-SMITHERMAN, PETER, M.B., B.S., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Parkhurst.
Proposed by Drs. R. R. Prewer, G. G. Brown, I. G. W. Pickering.

ELLIOTT, EDWARD SYDNEY, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, H.M. Prisons, Parkhurst and Camp Hill.
Proposed by Drs. R. R. Prewer, J. S. Know, I. G. W. Pickering.

LYNCH, MARGARET THERESA, L.R.C.P., Medical Assistant, St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin, Cornwall.
Proposed by Drs. D. D. Ellis, L. F. W. Rowe, D. E. Suleman.

OSTLER, EDWARD GEORGE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Glenside Hospital, Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. D. F. Early, A. H. Ogden, A. Leitch.

SEDGWICK, JOHN PHILIP, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Adviser to John Wyeth and Brother, Huntercome Lane South, Taplow, nr. Maidenhead, Berks.
Proposed by Drs. D. J. Richards, N. W. Imlah, J. Owens.

SHANKARAPPA, THIPPE S., B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Registrar, Barrow Hospital, Barrow Gurney, nr. Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. J. D. W. Fisher, P. N. Sarkar, C. E. Salter.

WALLEN, GERALD DESMOND PATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.(Obst.)R.C.O.G., D.P.M., Registrar, Barrow and Glenside Hospitals, Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. R. E. Hemphill, A. Leitch, A. Flood.

WILCOCK, PHILIP GEOFFREY JOSEPH, M.B., Ch.B., Generla Practitioner and Clinical Assistant for Psychotherapy, Exe Vale Hospital, Exeter.
Proposed by Drs. G. E. Langley, W. Rodger, W. J. T. Kimber.

WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN HAROLD, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, St. Ann's Hospital, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.
Proposed by Drs. A. C. Gibson, M. Valvis, G. F. Andrews.

WRIGHT, JOHN GERALD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Lecturer in Mental Health, University of Bristol; Hon. Senior Registrar, United Bristol Hospitals.
Proposed by Professor D. Russel Davis, Drs. F. J. Roberts, A. Flood.

PAPERS AND DISCUSSION

Day Hospital Children and their Parents

Dr. NINA MORTON-GORE said that there was much evidence to show that children tended to develop

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intellectually, emotionally and socially more satisfactorily when living at home than they did when separated from their families. She discussed the benefits of the Day Hospital system, both for the child and the mother. The day centre at Borocourt Hospital attempted to provide the retarded child with educational and social situations which would help him to mature in a permissive setting run on psychotherapeutic lines. It now catered for over 40 children and performed two main functions: (*a*) it served as a training school and special care unit and (*b*) it was an observation, diagnostic and treatment centre. Referral and placement procedures were described. Dr. Morton-Gore stressed the importance of psychiatric support and help to the parents when necessary, and explained her arrangements to cover this, which included an active Parents' Association affiliated to the Hospital League of Friends. She then went on to describe what happened to the child when he first came to the Day Hospital, and the gradual process of complete psychological, psychiatric and medical investigation and assessment. An integrated approach was made towards treatment, the aim being to produce an individual who was emotionally well adjusted and functioning to the maximum of his potential. Within the day hospital setting, emphasis must constantly be placed on a dynamic, stimulating and loving atmosphere, which must also be receptive to changing ideas and progressive methods of approach.

Design and Functions of the new Subnormality Hospital

Dr. G. O'Gorman described the types of patients admitted to Borocourt Hospital, stressing that not all were subnormal and that it was no longer the policy to insist on an IQ of below 100. Admission included a proportion of emotionally disturbed, psychopathic and psychotic children, and he considered that a Subnormality Hospital was best equipped and had most experience to look after these patients until the time when special units might be instituted. He believed that some patients were often said to be subnormal with a superimposed psychosis when the condition was really schizophrenia beginning at an early age and it was the subnormality which was secondary. This often happened with the autistic child, who excluded many external stimuli and there resulted a failure of intellectual growth. The aim was to induce the patient to make more use of his available intelligence.

The development of the child's intelligence was very much retarded by the psychotic process, and what happened in later life very much depended on the age of onset of the schizophrenic illness.

Emotional disturbance short of psychosis could also result in intellectual retardation. He criticized the effects of overcrowded classes on the deprived subnormal.

It was not the subnormality alone which commonly led to admission to hospital. The reason for admission was usually an additional physical or emotional disability.

The hospital had a dual role, acting as a hospital caring for mentally and physically sick people, and also as a sort of training school for people who needed to be taught how to live in society and how to hold down a job.

Dr. O'Gorman described the various departments of the hospital, and the treatment, care and rehabilitation carried out. He then gave a critical appraisal of the design and construction of the new units, which were costing £1½ million to provide 160 new beds. He concluded by proposing that there was a need for members of the profession or the R.M.P.A. to discuss and agree on a basic ward pattern, as in his view the acceptance of this would reduce building costs nationally.

Many members participated in the wide and varied discussion which followed both papers.

Dr. A. Heaton-Ward, in proposing the vote of thanks, congratulated both speakers on their stimulating papers and their efficient answering of the many questions. He stressed the need for an integrated service for subnormality.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 20 October, 1966, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee.

In the morning, members made a tour of inspection of the hospital.

The Divisional Committee reported that they had resolved to recommend to Council that if and when the Association becomes a College it should, in searching for new premises, consider moving outside London, bearing in mind the cost, convenience and prestige of such a move.

It was decided that the Spring Meeting of the Division should be held at Winwick Hospital, Warrington.

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