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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held in Dublin, at University College and Grangegorman Mental Hospital, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12, 13, 14 and 15 July, 1955, under the Presidency of Professor John Dunne, M.D., B.Ch., D.P.M., D.P.H.

TUESDAY, 12 JULY

Meetings of Committees and Council were held at University College, Dublin.

In the evening the President-Elect entertained Members of Council to Dinner at the Summerhill Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, and at the kind invitation of the Ladies Committee of the Irish Division, wives of Council Members attended the Abbey Theatre to see a performance of "The Return of the Hero".

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY, AT GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL

Morning Session

Noel G. Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., retiring President, in the Chair.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Meeting held in London in July, 1954, having been published in the Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science* for October, 1954, were signed by the President as a correct record.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the loss by death of thirteen members during the past year, some of them being of outstanding repute:

ELIZABETH CASSON, *O.B.E.*, M.D., D.P.M.; an Ordinary Member since 1922.

STELLA CHURCHILL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.; who became an Ordinary Member in 1954.

SAMUEL EDGERLEY, M.A., M.D., C.M.Edin., M.P.C.; an Ordinary Member since 1895; Chairman, Northern and Midland Division, 1934–36.

HENRI FLOURNOY; a Corresponding Member since 1930.

HORACE GUY LANKASTER HAYNES, T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; an Ordinary Member 1920; Honorary Member 1947; Secretary, Parliamentary Committee, 1929–36; Chairman, S.E. Division, 1934–36; Registrar, 1938–47.

JOHN STEPHEN JOHNSTONE, M.B., Ch.B., Dipl. Psych.; an Ordinary Member since 1943.

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JAMES ERNEST MIDDLEMISS, F.R.F.P.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.P.C.; an Ordinary Member since 1910.

CHARLES BERNARD MOLONY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.; Chairman, Irish Division, 1940–42; an Ordinary Member since 1922.

DAVID R. OWEN, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch.; an Ordinary Member since 1935.

MARY HEMINGWAY REES, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; an Ordinary Member since 1947.

LOWELL SINN SELLING, Ph.D., M.D.; an Ordinary Member since 1929.

GERALD ANTONY VAN SOMEREN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; an Ordinary Member since 1938.

REGINALD WORTH, *O.B.E.*, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; an Ordinary Member since 1900 and an Honorary Member since 1943; Hon. General Secretary, 1919–36; President, 1935–36.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

It was moved from the Chair:

(*a*) THAT the Officers of the Association for 1955–56 be:

PRESIDENT: John Dunne, M.D., B.Ch., D.P.M., D.P.H.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN:

J. G. Hamilton, M.D., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).
Andrew Shepherd, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M. (South-Western).
G. McCoull, *O.B.E.*, V.R.D., M.D. (Northern and Midland).
E. J. C. Hewitt, M.D., D.P.M. (Scottish).
H. J. Eustace, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M. (Irish).

PRESIDENT-ELECT: T. P. Rees, *O.B.E.*, M.D., D.P.M.

IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT: Noel G. Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.

TREASURER: Thomas Tennent, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M.

GENERAL SECRETARY: R. W. Armstrong, M.A., M.D., D.P.M.

REGISTRAR: William Sargant, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

LIBRARIAN: Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.

DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES:

G. Somerville, M.D., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).
R. G. McInnes, F.R.C.P.E., D.Psych. (South-Western).
G. M. Woddis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Northern and Midland).
G. M. Bell, M.B., Ch.B. (Scottish).
J. N. P. Moore, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., D.P.M. (Irish).

(*b*) THAT the Representative Members of Council for 1955–56 be:

DIVISIONS: Drs. Vera Norris (South-Eastern), A. J. E. Rowe (South-Western), J. F. McHarg (Scottish), J. FitzGerald (Irish), R. M. Martlew (Northern and Midland).

SECTIONS: Professor F. L. Golla and Dr. T. J. Hennelly (Research and Clinical), Drs. S. A. MacKeith and J. Carse (Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry), Drs. K. Cameron and W. Warren (Child Psychiatry), Drs. R. G. Blake Marsh and A. Shapiro (Mental Deficiency).

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(*c*) THAT the Nominated Members of the Council for 1955–56 be:
Drs. Desmond Curran, Doreen P. Firmin, W. S. Maclay, Margaret M. Methven, E. B. Strauss, W. Rees Thomas.

(*d*) THAT the Parliamentary Committee be re-appointed:
ADDITIONS: Drs. Noel Harris, J. A. Hobson, Vera Norris, J. C. Sawle Thomas.
RESIGNATIONS: Drs. J. V. Morris, J. R. Murray, J. D. Silverston, C. J. Thomas.

(*e*) THAT the Education Committee be re-appointed:
ADDITION: Dr. J. Gould.
RESIGNATION: Dr. C. J. Thomas.

(*f*) THAT the Library Committee be re-appointed:
ADDITION: Dr. J. G. Howells.
RESIGNATION: Dr. E. Whatley.

(*g*) THAT the Papers and Discussions Committee be re-appointed:
ADDITIONS: Drs. O. W. S. FitzGerald, Noel Harris.
RESIGNATION: Dr. E. O. Lewis.

(*h*) THAT the Finance Committee be re-appointed:
ADDITION: Dr. Vera Norris.

(*i*) THAT the Journal Committee be re-appointed.
The motions were carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL, OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

(*a*) COUNCIL

THE GENERAL SECRETARY read the Report of the Council as follows:

The Council have to report that on 1 January, 1955, the Membership of the Association was 1,350. The figures for the past five years are:

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Ordinary Members	1,179	1,183	1,207	1,242	1,284
Honorary Members	21	23	24	26	26
Corresponding Members	34	33	36	36	37
Associate Members	2	3	3	3	3
Totals	1,236	1,242	1,270	1,307	1,350

The names of five members were removed from the Association's Roll in accordance with Bye-law 23 for non-payment of subscriptions.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Council were held on 4 November, 1954, 16 February, 4 May and 12 July, 1955. But before any of these took place, the hard work which had been put in on the Association's Memorandum of Evidence to the Royal Commission on the Lunacy Laws was completed, when four representatives, Drs. Harris, Burke, Tennent and Walk, attended before the Royal Commission on two occasions in October to give oral evidence. The Council would like to express its appreciation to them all for giving so much of their time to this work, and in particular wish to pay tribute to Dr. Walk, who gave the major part of the oral evidence, and whose interest and enthusiasm, together with his expert knowledge of the history and application of the Lunacy Laws, was an invaluable asset to the Association throughout the whole period of the preparation and presentation of the Memorandum. The Council considered it a great compliment to this Memorandum when the B.M.A. asked for permission to base their own evidence upon it, with only minor variations.

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It gladly acceded to this request, feeling that this procedure would demonstrate to the Commission that there was general agreement throughout the whole medical profession on all main principles of Lunacy Law reform.

On 5 November, Professor Wilder Penfield honoured the Association by delivering the Maudsley Lecture for 1954. An exceptionally large audience attended to hear his paper on "The Role of the Temporal Cortex in certain Psychical Phenomena", and were enthralled by his account of his pioneer work.

Before both the November and February Quarterly Meetings Two-Day Lecture Courses were held. To give a more detailed report on these is the duty of the Registrar, but Council would like to express their pleasure that this comparatively recent innovation, made possible by the Maudsley Bequest, should continue to be so successful. This success has of course been largely due to the enthusiasm of Dr. Sargant, and this year, though he was officially on the sick list, he still maintained his interest in the Lecture Course Scheme. To him and to Dr. FitzGerald, who as Acting Registrar, implemented Dr. Sargant's plans, and took over the running of the Lecture Courses, the Council would like to express their thanks and appreciation.

The May Meeting for 1955 was held in Hove, in association with the Lady Chichester Hospital, which was celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary. This was a most successful meeting and gave all those who attended an opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Helen Boyle, whom the Association was proud to honour as the founder of the Lady Chichester Hospital and an untiring worker in the cause of Mental Health. The generous hospitality of the Management Committee, and of the Mayor of Hove, provided many enjoyable social functions, and on the scientific side, a fine series of papers on Schizophrenia completed the success of this most interesting and pleasant Spring Meeting.

In an Association which is over one hundred years old, each succeeding year seems to remind us of our links with the historic past. Last year we commemorated the centenary of our Journal, and this year those who attended our November Meeting were reminded by a fine exhibition of books and photographs arranged by Dr. Walk that the Presidential office and the Parliamentary Committee were both celebrating their centenary during 1954.

During the year the Council has been called upon to examine and take action upon several major problems in psychiatry. The question of Research in Psychiatry was first considered at length by the Research and Clinical Section, and acting on their report the Council approached the Medical Research Council to suggest that, in view of the special nature of research in this branch of medicine, there should be additional psychiatric representation on their Council. This proved impossible owing to the statutory limitation of the Medical Research Council's membership, but the Association informed the Medical Research Council that it was ready at all times to consider and advise on any problems in connection with psychiatric research that were referred to it.

In response to an invitation to submit evidence to the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution, the Council deputed a small sub-committee to draw up a draft report. After this had been circulated to all Members in the United Kingdom and Eire, it was considered by the Council together with all comments received. Overwhelming support was received for this document, but the discussion in Council showed clearly that complete unanimity of opinion in such a matter is not possible. It was therefore decided to adopt the memorandum with minor amendments and re-wording, and with the addition of a preface explaining how it has been prepared, and those appointed to give oral evidence were instructed to point out the important features on which there had been any dissent from the majority view.

A major problem with which the Council has been concerned throughout the year, has been the question of the Retiring Age and Superannuation Rights of Medical Mental Health Officers. As this matter was felt to be of vital concern to all Members, it was first referred for discussion at Divisional level. After receiving the Divisions'

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views on the subject, the Council held very full discussions and finally agreed that the Joint Consultants' Committee should be informed of the following points:

(1) That whatever representations are made on this subject, this Association does not yield on any proposal to raise the minimum retiring age or take away the rights of Medical Mental Health Officers in the matter of the number of years that may rank as double time for computation of pension.
(2) That in the opinion of the Association Mental Health Officers should not be compelled to resign until the age of 65.

Many aspects of Mental and Mental Deficiency Nursing have come before the Council during this year. Of particular concern, as always, has been the serious problem caused by the continued shortage of nurses. A Memorandum, drawn up by a small sub-committee appointed to examine and advise on all aspects of the problem, was circulated to all Members before the Autumn Meeting of their Divisions. The Memorandum was then studied in detail by the Council, and approved for forwarding to Government Departments, Official Bodies, certain Members of Parliament and other individuals concerned with Mental Nursing. The response to this Memorandum has shown a large measure of agreement with the views it expressed, and gratitude for the advice and guidance given.

A particular aspect of the nursing shortage was again under review when the Council learned that a Ministry of Health Circular—(regarding the secondment of general nursing students to Mental Hospitals for part of their training)—made no mention of Mental Deficiency Hospitals. The Ministry was asked to clarify the situation and to put Mental and Mental Deficiency Hospitals on the same footing for this purpose.

The General Nursing Council put before the Council another query concerned with nurses' training. They sought the Association's views on the question of whether case histories and progress notes should be made available to sisters and charge nurses for use in teaching students. After careful and detailed consideration on two separate occasions, the Council informed the General Nursing Council that, whilst the importance of professional secrecy could not be stressed too strongly, provided that the use of case notes was kept under medical supervision and subject to medical direction in each individual case, then they might be used for teaching purposes.

As well as considering problems connected with the nursing profession, the Council has also studied several matters affecting other workers in the Mental Health Service. Throughout the year a joint sub-committee of this Association, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and the Society of Mental Welfare Officers has been working on a scheme of training and a syllabus of examination for members of the Society of Mental Welfare Officers. As a result an agreed scheme of training has been drawn up and the Council has given its support to the National Association for Mental Health, which proposes to put this scheme into practice.

The joint sub-committee with the British Psychological Society has discussed aspects of the function of Educational and Clinical Psychologists, and has studied the general structure of their post-graduate training.

In reply to the British Medical Association, who forwarded for comment the Ministry of Health's report of the Working Party on the Statutory Registration of Medical Auxiliaries, it was pointed out that this Association, being much concerned with the training of Occupational Therapists, should be represented on the co-ordinating Council in the same way as the Royal Colleges.

The Council has supported the Confederation of Health Service Employees in their protest against the fact that there is no appeal from the Minister of Health's decision on queries arising out of the new National Health Service Superannuation Regulations.

In response to an invitation received from the Standing Medical, Nursing and Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health, a small sub-committee

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has prepared a memorandum on the Control of Dangerous Drugs and Poisons in Mental and Mental Deficiency Hospitals.

As usual, a number of names have been put forward in response to requests for nominations to fill vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals, and the Central Health Services Council, and in addition Dr. T. P. Rees was re-appointed as the Association's representative on the National Association for Mental Health.

In the international sphere there are several activities to report. The Council accepted with pleasure an invitation to become a sponsoring body of the United Kingdom Committee of the World Health Organization. Dr. J. R. Rees carried the good wishes of the Association when he attended the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association at Atlantic City in May, 1955. The organizers of the Second World Congress for Psychiatry have been in touch with the Association about the Congress which is to be held in Zurich in 1957, on the subject of Schizophrenia. A small sub-committee consisting of representatives from the Association and the Royal Society of Medicine has considered suggestions for speakers at this Congress and has forwarded these to the organizers. There has been an enthusiastic response to the Study Tour of Holland which is to take place in September this year, under the able guidance of Dr. Isabel Wilson; and next year it is hoped that the Swiss Psychiatric Association will be making a similar tour of this country. Throughout the year notifications of various overseas conferences have been received and have been duly announced at Quarterly Meetings. The following have yet to take place, and the Council is always pleased to hear from Members attending, with a view to their being appointed as the Association's representatives:

Eighth Annual Meeting, World Federation for Mental Health, Istanbul, 21–27 August, 1955.

European League for Mental Hygiene, Istanbul, 20 August, 1955.

Israel Medical Association, Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, 10–20 August, 1955.

53rd Congress of French Alienists and Neurologists, Nice, 5–11 September, 1955.

First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, Geneva, 22 August–3 September, 1955.

Turning from international to purely domestic affairs, the Council wishes to record its thanks to the Chairmen, Secretaries and Members of all Standing Committees, whose record of useful activity will be given in their separate reports. They would particularly like to congratulate the ever vigilant Treasurer and his Finance Committee on the continuingly satisfactory state of the Association's finances; and they wish to extend to Dr. Brookes, whose resignation from the Secretaryship of the Parliamentary Committee they have accepted with great regret, their warmest thanks for his valuable services whilst in office. Similarly they would like to thank all those Members of special sub-committees for all their hard work in dealing with the preliminaries on several important matters, and thus greatly facilitating the Council's work in the final stages.

The Council has noted with satisfaction the continuing high standard of the Divisional Meetings, which for some Members, particularly those in remote areas, provide almost the only means of hearing scientific papers and keeping in touch with fellow Members. They would like to record their gratitude to the Divisional Secretaries who put in so much work to ensure the success of these meetings. You will be hearing a separate report on the activities of each of the four Sections, but the Council would like to record its pleasure that it has been possible for interesting and varied programmes to be arranged by every Section at least twice and sometimes more during the year, and congratulates the Section Secretaries for their share in maintaining this very satisfactory state of affairs.

At yesterday's meeting of Council the President welcomed the return of Dr. Sargant, who was attending his first Council Meeting since his recent illness. The Council learned with regret that Dr. Drury was due to retire as a Nominated Member

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after 20 years' service on the Council and expressed their appreciation of his services as a Council Member during this period.

On the subject of Medical Mental Health Officers' Retiring Age and Superannuation Rights, a letter has been received from the Secretary of the British Medical Association to the effect that this matter has been brought before the Consultants and Specialists Committee, and the trend of opinion seemed to be that the Minister should be advised that Mental Health Officers should at some stage of their career be allowed to opt whether they wish to retire between the ages of 55 and 60 with the retention of their existing rights as mental health officers, or whether they would wish to continue until the age of 65 years, under the ordinary conditions for medical hospital staff. In view of this the Council has decided that a further letter should be sent to the British Medical Association, pointing out that the opinion of the Association is that those working in psychiatric hospitals should retain their rights as mental health officers, but should in addition be allowed to stay on to the age of 65 if they so desire.

The Council received a letter from the Ministry of Health referring in complimentary terms to the Association's Memorandum on the Shortage of Mental Nurses, and intimating that the recommendations of this Memorandum had been carefully studied, and in many cases already implemented. Further, that the Ministry hoped to consult with representatives of the Association in the near future on further points in the Memorandum.

The Council decided that certificates should be withdrawn from a male nurse convicted on charges of forgery and receiving stolen medical goods, and from a female nurse who had been fined for ill-treatment of a patient. It was decided that no action should be taken in the case of two nurses reported on charges of petty thieving.

The Education Committee is to hold a special meeting in September to consider the Ministry of Health's recent circular on the training of Nursing Assistants, and has also appointed a sub-committee to study the use of Educational films.

Both the Education and the Parliamentary Committee are to study aspects of the problem of allowances to mental hospital staff suffering from tuberculosis.

It has been decided to ask the Minister of Health to supply to the Association copies of all circulars on matters affecting Mental Health, and to ask that he should consult the Association before issuing circulars which affect the work of its members.

The subject of the papers at the November Meeting will be "Aspects of the Electroencephalogram in Psychiatry", and it is hoped that the speakers will be Dr. Denis Hill, on adults, Dr. Pond, on children, and Dr. Martin Roth, on old people. The subject of both sessions at the February Meeting will be "Chemotherapy in Psychiatry".

The Sub-Committee on the training of Mental Health Workers is continuing its work, but certain set-backs have delayed the implementation of the training scheme by the National Association of Mental Health.

The Council approved the Memorandum on the Control of Dangerous Drugs in Hospital, subject to one minor amendment, and this will now go forward to the Departmental Committee which requested the submission of evidence on this subject. Oral evidence will be given by Drs. Firmin, McCartan and Walk.

It was agreed that Dr. Maclay should act as observer for the Association at the Annual Conference of the European League for Mental Hygiene to be held in Istanbul on 20 August, and that Drs. T. P. Rees and Margaret Methven should represent the Association at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the French Alienists and Neurologists in Nice on 5 and 11 September.

The date of the Annual Meeting, 1956 was fixed for 17, 18, 19 and 20 July.

REPORTS OF SECTIONS

Research and Clinical Section

Two meetings of the Section's Executive Committee were held during the year, in November, 1954 and February, 1955.

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The list of members of the Research and Clinical Section on 21 January, 1955, totalled 510.

The Clinical Psychiatry Sub-committee (Secretary, Dr. M. Roth), arranged the following open meetings during the year. On 3 November, 1954, Dr. S. Karagulla read a paper on "Psychical Phenomena in Temporal Lobe Epilepsy and the Psychoses", On 17 February, 1955, Professors J. J. Elkes and E. W. Anderson and Dr. K. Rawnsley read papers on "LSD and Mescaline", Drs. J. A. Ardis and P. McKellar on "Mescaline and Hypnagogic States", and Dr. R. A. Sandison on "Clinical Uses of LSD".

The Pathology Sub-committee (Secretary, Dr. H. Weil-Malherbe), arranged an open meeting of the Research and Clinical Section at the Maudsley Hospital on 16 February, 1955. Drs. Denis Hill and W. A. Kennedy spoke on the "Electroencephalographic Aspects of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy", and Professor A. Meyer and Dr. J. B. Cavanagh on the "Pathological Aspects".

A meeting between representatives of the R.M.P.A. and the Secretary of the Medical Research Council took place on 29 May, 1954, in regard to the Government White Paper on "Clinical Research in the National Health Service", the details of which were reported to the Council at its November, 1954, meeting, with the request that the Council of the R.M.P.A. emphasize to the M.R.C. the special nature of psychiatry and the research being done in mental and allied hospitals.

The setting up of a Genetics and Eugenic Sub-committee is to be considered at its next meeting.

Child Psychiatry Section

The Child Psychiatry Section held four meetings during the year. In July, 1954, the Section visited University College Hospital, London, to hear a symposium on "Mental Health in Childbirth". In November, 1954, Dr. Emmanuel Miller gave the Chairman's address on "Facts and Fictions in the Early Disorders of Childhood". In February, 1955, a symposium was held on "Methods of Introducing the Practice of Mental Health into the Maternity and Child Welfare Service". In May, 1955, there was a joint meeting with the Mental Deficiency Section at the Heritage Hospital and Craft School, Chailey, Sussex, in which Dr. Quibell, Physician Superintendent, and Dr. Elizabeth Whatley spoke on their work for handicapped children and particularly the psychiatric aspects of it.

The Executive Committee met regularly throughout the year to continue the study of matters relating to the training and status of child psychiatrists and the administration and organization of child psychiatric clinics.

Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section

The Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section held three meetings during the year. At the first, Dr. W. Clifford M. Scott read a paper on "Changes in Teaching Psychotherapy in Recent Decades". At the second, Dr. S. Lowy spoke on "The Psychotherapist and other Medical Advisers of his Patients". At the February Meeting a Symposium on "Social Psychiatry" was arranged by Dr. Maxwell Jones. The speakers were Dr. R. Freudenberg, Miss Olive Griffiths, Dr. Robert Rapaport and Dr. Maxwell Jones. A fourth meeting on "The Psychotherapy of a Schizophrenic" could not be conveniently arranged to fit in with the already full programme of the Quarterly Meeting in May.

The Executive Committee met four times during this period. Among its current activities is an inquiry into the facilities for psychotherapy and appropriate training. It is hoped that as a result of this inquiry facilities for the training of psychotherapists will be increased and more evenly distributed over the country. An initial step in this direction was the recent starting of weekly case seminars in some mental hospitals in the Home Counties, at which experienced psychotherapists from a Clinic in London give practical instruction to the junior psychiatrists of the mental hospital who report their own case material.

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Mental Deficiency Section

The Section held five meetings during last year.

Last July Dr. Tizard and Dr. Crawford read papers on "Modern Developments in Mental Deficiency Practice".

In November Dr. Engler reported the results of his investigations on the effects of Tolserol and Tolseram in the treatment of Spastics and Athetoids.

In February Dr. H. Harris spoke on "Biochemical Advances in the Field of Mental Deficiency".

The Annual General Meeting at Colchester was in April at the kind invitation of Dr. Bates and the Management Committee of the Royal Eastern Counties Hospital, and was followed by a visit to the different units of the Hospital.

In May the Section held a joint meeting with the Children's Section to visit the Heritage Craft School and Hospital for disabled children at Chailey.

The Report of the Council was adopted.

(*b*) Treasurer and Finance Committee

The Treasurer reported that the income of the Association during the last year amounted to £7,557 and the expenditure was £6,762. This showed an increase in expenditure over the preceding year of £201. It appeared likely that the expenses in publishing the *Journal* would be materially reduced by the new printers, but only 3 issues had been published during the period under review.

The investments of the Association stood in the accounts at £18,582—their market value on 31 December, 1954, was £19,092.

The Report was adopted.

(*c*) Editor-in-Chief and Journal Committee

In the absence of the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Walk read his report which was as follows:

The Editorial Committee met twice during the year 1954-55. The change over from Adlard's to Headley's has been a success apart from some minor difficulties which had to be settled. Rising costs are still a problem in this age of inflation and we may expect an increase in the cost of the *Journal* during 1955-56-57. The new type used by Headley's is an improvement on that previously used.

Cost of Journal

1938			1953				1954		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1,868	14	1	4,009	7	8	Printing and Postages	3,795	15	2
50	7	0	50	0	0	Publisher's Fee	50	0	0
1,919	1	1	4,059	7	8	Total Cost	3,845	15	2
375	18	4	1,412	6	9	Sales of *Journal*	1,543	12	5
101	4	0	273	11	10	Advertisements	175	0	0
477	2	4	1,685	18	7	Total Receipts	1,718	12	5
1,441	18	9	2,373	9	1	Net Cost of *Journal*	2,127	2	9
	3	8		5	11	Net Cost per copy		5	2
1	3	3	2	11	3	Net cost per page	1	19	9
1,237			926			Size of *Journal* in Pages ..	1,071		
1,325			1,950			Number of Copies per Issue ..	2,050		

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BALANCE SHEET, 31 DECEMBER, 1954

1953 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	The General Fund:		
	Creditors:		
1,065	Journal Account	783 0 5	
434	Sundry	242 5 7	
100	Burlingame Prize Account, unexpended	100 0 0	
1,599			1,125 6 0
	Capital Fund:		
	As at 31 December, 1953	22,243 0 9	
	Add Refresher Course surplus ..	85 5 8	
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	795 4 7	
	Premium on Defence Bonds converted	8 1 0	
		23,131 12 0	
	Examination Account:		
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	99 0 1	
22,243			23,230 12 1
	Special Funds:		
	Maudsley Bequest:		
	Income Account as at 31 December, 1953	729 16 0	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	68 5 1	
730			661 10 11
2,086	Capital Fund		2,086 5 10
	Gaskell Memorial Fund:		
771	Income Account as at 31 December, 1953	770 16 8	
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	62 7 1	
			833 3 9
2,126	Capital Fund		2,125 18 3
29,555	Carried forward		30,062 16 10

1953 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	The General Fund:		
117	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings as at 31 December, 1953	116 18 0	
	Less Depreciation	11 14 0	
			105 4 0
146	The Library		
	Sundry Debtors:		
263	Subscriptions	110 0 0	
662	Examination Fees Account	760 11 8	
1,353	Journal Account	1,415 4 0	
2	11 Chandos Street	96 10 6	
1	Income Tax Claim	14 18 6	
464	Recent progress in Psychiatry ..	277 16 5	
204	Handbook	252 11 9	
3,212			2,927 12 10
2,040	Lloyds Bank Ltd.		2,708 6 6
8	Cash in Hand		32 14 1
	Investments at Cost:		
	£12,482/14/10 3½% Conversion Loan	10,470 15 2	
	£1,864/1/2 3½% War Loan	1,919 19 7	
	£213/18/1 Manchester Corporation 3% Guaranteed Stock	143 6 3	
	£329/15/9 British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock	239 6 5	
	£590/0/0 3% Defence Bonds 1978/88	590 0 0	
	£399/3/0 British Electricity 3½% Stock	400 0 0	
	£1,805/0/0 3½% Defence Bonds ..	1,805 0 0	
	£1,498/5/11 British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	1,500 0 0	
	£1,651/11/8 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70	1,513 13 3	
18,582			18,582 0 8
	Market Value at 31 December, 1954, £19,092/0/0		
23,842	Carried forward		24,355 18 1

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29,555	**Brought forward**		30,062	16	10	23,842	**Brought forward**	24,355 18 1
							Special Funds:	
							Maudsley Bequest:	
						730	Lloyds Bank Ltd., Deposit Account	661 10 11
							Investment—£2,112/13/11 3½% War Loan, Market Value at 31 December, 1954, £1,843/0/0	
						2,086		2,086 5 10
							Gaskell Memorial Fund:	
						766	Lloyds Bank Ltd., Deposit Account ..	815 17 0
						5	Income Tax Claim Account	17 6 9
								833 3 9
							Investments:	
							£370/0/0 3½% War Loan	370 0 0
							£356/1/8 Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock 1955/58	356 1 8
							£1,392/2/8 British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	1,399 16 7
						2,126		2,125 18 3
£29,555			£30,062	16	10	£29,555		£30,062 16 10

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Accounts with the Books and Vouchers. In our opinion the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Association at date thereof and the Accounts properly disclose the Income and Expenditure for the period under review. We have received all the information and explanations required by us.

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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1954

EXPENDITURE

1953 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
4,059	Printing, Publishing and Distribution of Journal		3,845 15 2
105	Expenses of Annual General and other Meetings		122 15 3
170	Library Expenses		421 19 6
4,334			4,390 9 11
	Expenses—11 Chandos Street:		
400	Rent	400 0 0	
912	Salaries	975 8 4	
29	Telephone	32 13 11	
75	Printing and Stationery	52 1 9	
23	Electric Light and Gas	17 10 9	
9	Water	9 0 0	
86	Rates	85 10 0	
249	Postage and Sundries	243 6 3	
1,783			1,815 11 0
68	Audit and Accountancy Charges		68 5 0
356	Miscellaneous Expenses		475 19 7
7	Study Tour Expenses		— — —
13	Depreciation on Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		11 14 0
837	Surplus to Capital Account		795 4 7
£7,398			£7,557 4 1

INCOME

1953 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
628	Interest on Investments		709 6 5
	Sales:		
1,411	Journal and Year Book	1,543 12 5	
12	M.D. Manuals, etc.	21 9 2	
275	Advertisements	175 0 0	
1,698			1,740 1 7
4,999	Members' Subscriptions		4,967 2 1
73	Lecture Course		140 14 0
£7,398			£7,557 4 1

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1954

1953	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	1953	INCOME	£	s.	d.
£					£				
110	Lecture Course and Fees	88	0	4	74	Interest on Investments	73	18	10
5	Use of Room	12	12	0	14	Bank Interest	10	3	11
71	Advertising	25	16	0	81	Lecture Course Receipts	—	—	—
25	Stationery and Sundry Expenses	25	19	6	42	Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income	68	5	1
£211		£152	7	10	£211		£152	7	10

GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1954

1953	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	1953	INCOME	£	s.	d.
£					£				
115	Prizes and Medals	—	—	—	60	Interest on Investments	55	0	5
21	Examination Fees	21	0	0	15	Bank Interest	10	19	11
	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	62	7	1	5	Income Tax Claims	17	6	9
					56	Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	—	—
£136		£83	7	1	£136		£83	7	1

EXAMINATION ACCOUNT

1953	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	1953	INCOME	£	s.	d.
£					£				
348	Expenses of Examinations	395	17	5	421	Examination Receipts, etc.	494	17	6
73	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	99	0	1					
£421		£494	17	6	£421		£494	17	6

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REGISTRAR'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1954

RECEIPTS

1953		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£			
384	Examination Fees		364 7 0
	Sales:		
25	Badges and Medals	16 5 6	
7	Certificates	9 6 0	
			25 11 6
5	Sundries		3 2 0
£421			£393 0 6
588	Balance at 1 January, 1954—Lloyds Bank Ltd.		661 11 7
73	Balance from Receipts and Payments Account		99 0 1
£661			£760 11 8

PAYMENTS

1953		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£			
262	Invigilator's and Examiners' Fees and Expenses		268 5 6
50	Salaries		6 13 6
10	Printing and Stationery		3 6 5
10	Postage, Telephone and Sundry Expenses		15 15 0
16	Audit and Accountancy Charges		99 0 1
73	Balance being Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year, carried down		
£421			£393 0 6
	Balances at 31 December, 1954:		
661	Lloyds Bank Ltd.	757 16 8	
—	Cash in Hand	2 15 0	
			760 11 8
£661			£760 11 8

We have examined the above Account, together with the Books, Bank Accounts and Vouchers and in our opinion same properly sets forth the Receipts and Payments of the Association for the year under review.

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(*d*) Registrar

The Registrar opened his report by thanking Dr. FitzGerald who had deputized for him during his illness; he then reported as follows:

Two Day Lecture Courses preceded the November and February Quarterly Meetings and there was a large attendance at both. In November the whole course was on various aspects of Psychotherapy, and in February the subject for the first day was "Research in Psychiatry", and on the second day, "Psychopathy". Once again we have to thank the speakers who gave up so much of their time to take part in these courses, and also the Royal Society of Medicine who provided facilities for them. More courses are planned for next year.

There were 4 entries for the examination for the Gaskell Prize, which was won by Dr. A. W. Beard.

Dr. Sydney Catterall has been awarded the Bronze Medal.

The last examination for the Association's Diploma in Psychological Medicine was held in November, and the final total of those who hold this Diploma was then brought up to 29.

The Report was adopted.

(*e*) Librarian and Library Committee

The Librarian reported as follows:

Two meetings of the Library Committee have been held since the last Annual Meeting. Dr. Warren, with the co-operation of members of the Child Psychiatry Section, has compiled a very full list of recent works in that field, and it is hoped that this part of the Library's stock will be enlarged shortly.

The Library has to thank Dr. W. Starkey for a valuable gift of books, and also an anonymous donor for presenting an almost complete and beautifully bound set of the Commissioners' and Board of Control reports for England and Wales, superseding the incomplete set in our possession.

Altogether 127 books have been added during the year. Among those of historic interest may be mentioned the following: Purcell's "Treatise of Vapours and Hysterick Fits", 1707; Blackmore's "Treatise of the Spleen and Vapours", 1726; Robert Jones' "Nervous Fevers", 1789; and Tissot's "Traité des Nerfs", of the same date; and two pamphlets relating to King George III's insanity, "Reflexions on the Consequences of H.M. Recovery", 1789; and the Report of the House of Lords Committee on the King's last illness, 1810.

The increased need for shelf space has been met by the fitting of a new set of shelves in the front library. It is proposed to have another small set fitted, after which all the wall space in the library will have been filled.

The exhibition commemorating the Centenary of the Presidency and the Parliamentary Committee was held at the November Meeting.

The Librarian again asks members to send him information of any 18th or 19th century works on psychiatry which they may come across in their own hospitals or in antiquarian bookshops.

The Report was adopted.

(*f*) Education Committee

Dr. O. W. S. FitzGerald, the Hon. Secretary of the Education Committee, reported as follows:

The Education Committee met four times in the year with an average attendance of 14 members.

Reports from the Sub-committee dealing with the training of Mental Welfare Officers and those of the Joint Committee with the British Psychological Society were discussed freely at the Meetings of the Education Committee since the reports were concerned with educational matters, but the findings of those Committees are recorded elsewhere as reports to Council.

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A suggestion was received from Dr. O'Sullivan of Killarney that the Irish Members would appreciate a week's refresher course. Consideration was given to the possibility of holding Maudsley Bequest Lectures in Ireland, but this was found to be impracticable and in any case was not the kind of compromise or alternative which would meet the wishes of the Irish Members. The Education Committee felt that the suggestion of holding a refresher course might be further explored by the Registrar.

Four cases were dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee. In two cases the Committee recommended Council to withdraw the Certificates from the offending parties, and in the other two cases the Committee advised no action.

The Education Committee records its thanks to Dr. J. Gould and Dr. D. Small who gave Seminars on the theme of Adolescent Instability on the first day of the May Meeting in Hove.

A Sub-committee has been appointed to consider the use of medical films in psychiatry.

The Committee is engaged in studying the practical application of the Ministry of Health's recommendations on the training of nursing assistants.

Attention also is being given to the anomalies which exist in regard to the sick pay allocation of nurses suffering from tuberculosis.

The Report was adopted.

(*g*) Parliamentary Committee

The Report of the Committee, which was read by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. A. Walk, was as follows:

The Committee has held four meetings during the year. At the first meeting Dr. Brookes offered his resignation as Secretary for personal reasons, and the Committee were only successful in retaining his services as Joint Secretary for another year. We wish to pay a tribute to his most valuable work during the time he held the Secretaryship; this included much preparatory work on Mental Health legislation which greatly facilitated the later work of the Evidence Committee.

Up to November the preparation of the evidence to be given to the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution was entrusted to a sub-committee of the Parliamentary Committee. After that date the sub-committee became a special committee reporting direct to Council.

At the Committee's request Council agreed to raise the remuneration of the Parliamentary Agent. The reports on questions in the House of Commons and debates in both Houses have been summarized and circulated for consideration at each meeting. An ever-increasing interest is being shown in Parliament in matters concerning mental health, particularly on the allocation of funds for mental and mental deficiency hospitals, and on nursing recruitment. For the first time for many years the Minister of Health was able to announce the commencement of a new mental deficiency hospital and the decision to build at least one new mental hospital.

The Bradbeer Report on the Internal Administration of Hospitals was fully discussed, and the Committee's general approval, together with criticism of some of the details, was reported to Council.

At the Committee's suggestion, representations were made to the Minister of Health with a view to mental deficiency hospitals being put on an equal footing with mental hospitals for the purpose of the secondment of nurses from general hospitals. On the Committee's recommendation also, Council decided that the Evidence Committee should remain in being, with authority to offer further evidence to the Royal Commission by way of comment on evidence offered by other bodies and on suggestions made by members of the Commission itself.

At yesterday's meeting the position in regard to mental hospital farms was discussed. Arising out of this it was recommended that the Minister of Health should

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be asked to send to the Association copies of all circulars issued on matters concerning psychiatric work, and should whenever possible consult with the Association before issuing such circulars. This was agreed to by Council.

The Report was adopted.

(*h*) Papers and Discussions Committee

The Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Dr. L. C. Cook, gave his report as follows:

Four meetings of the Committee were held during the year, with an average attendance of 12. At the suggestion of the President (Dr. Noel Harris) a planned programme was evolved for the first three meetings of the year, starting with Medical Education in Psychiatry (July, 1954), and continuing with Prophylaxis in Childhood (November, 1954) and with Mental Hygiene and Education of the General Public in Mental Health (February, 1955).

The May Meeting at Hove opened with a brief, stimulating talk by Dr. Helen Boyle, followed by a short account of the history and work of the Lady Chichester Hospital by Dr. C. Lamorna Hingston. A highly successful symposium on Schizophrenia followed.

The Study Tours Sub-committee held three meetings and arranged a tour in Holland to take place in September, 1955. Approximately 50 names have already been received by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Isabel Wilson, whose success in running previous tours fore-ensures a most enjoyable time in Holland.

The Report was adopted.

Reports of Special Committees

The General Secretary informed the Meeting that there was no report to be made under this item.

Other Business

The usual grant to the President during his year of office was approved.

The following dates for Quarterly Meetings were approved:

9 and 10 November, 1955 (London).

8 and 9 February, 1956 (London).

17, 18, 19, and 20 July, 1956 (Warlingham Park Hospital and London).

The appropriate officers were authorized to fix the date and place for the Spring Meeting in May, 1956.

[Subject to approval by Council it has since been arranged to hold the meeting at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness, on 16 and 17 May, 1956.]

Elections

The Candidates for Honorary, Corresponding and Ordinary Membership whose names were set out in the Agenda, were duly elected.

Honorary

Sir David Kennedy Henderson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.Ed., F.R.F.P.S., late Physician Superintendent, Edinburgh Royal Mental Hospital, and Professor of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh. (Chairman, Scottish Division, 1943–45; President, 1946–47).

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, John Dunne, A. Walk, and Professor F. L. Golla.

Edmund Oliver Lewis, M.A.(Camb.), D.Sc.(Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy; (Secretary, Mental Deficiency Committee, 1935–43; Chairman, Mental Deficiency Section, 1947–50).

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, John Dunne, A. Walk and Professor F. L. Golla.

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WILLIAM REES THOMAS, *C.B.*, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., M.P.C., Senior Commissioner, Board of Control; (Vice-Chairman, Mental Deficiency Committee, 1935–46; Vice-Chairman, Education Committee, since 1941; President, 1948–49).

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, John Dunne, A. Walk and Professor F. L. Golla.

CORRESPONDING

PROFESSEUR HENRI GASTAUT, Faculté de Médecine, Marseille, Professeur à la Faculté de Médecine de Marseille et Chef du Laboratoire d'Electrophysiologie des Hôpitaux de Marseille; (Président Elu de la Ligue Internationale contre l'Epilepsie et Secrétaire General de la Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Electroencéphalographie et de Neurophysiologie Clinique.)

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong and Professor F. L. Golla.

DR. PAUL REITER, Medical Superintendent, Kobenhavens Hospitalsvaesen, Kommunehospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong and O. W. S. FitzGerald.

ORDINARY

BOARDMAN, REGINALD HIBBERT, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Springfield Hospital, Upper Tooting, S.W.17.

Proposed by Drs. H. C. Beccle, J. Lomas and M. Markowe.

CROWLEY, PATRICK JOHN, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P.I., D.C.H., L.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Pewsey Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. A. E. P. Swinson, W. E. W. Bridger and S. Smith.

DAVIES, MURIEL JOAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Hospital Medical Officer, Barnsley Hall Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Proposed by Drs. C. Tetlow, E. S. Stern and S. W. Gillman.

HANNIGAN, JOSEPH AUGUSTINE ALOYSIUS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Broadmoor Institution.

Proposed by Drs. J. Gould, R. Payne and R. W. Armstrong.

HARRIS, DAVID WILLIAM THEODORE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Glenfrith Hospital, Leicester.

Proposed by Drs. A. A. Valentine, T. Wishart Davidson and C. E. H. Turner.

HOLDWAY, VERA, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Hospital Medical Officer, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Leicester.

Proposed by Drs. O. W. S. FitzGerald, S. J. Hayward and D. Bardon.

JENKINS, DAVID CYRIL WYNN, M.B., B.Ch.(Wales), M.B., B.S.(London), Junior Hospital Medical Officer, St. Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon.

Proposed by Drs. G. M. King, Peter Fry and D. Ellis Jones.

LAING, RONALD DAVID, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. T. F. Rodger, A. M. Shenkin and A. Balfour Sclare.

LATNER, GERTRUDE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Professorial Unit, Newcastle-General Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. J. Justice, L. G. Kilch and J. P. Child.

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MACGILLIVRAY, RONALD CHARLES, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Little Plumstead Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. V. Morris, Ian Skottowe and S. L. Last.

MANOCHA, BALBIR SINGH, M.B., B.S., Post-Graduate Student, Maida Vale Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, D. Leigh and M. Shepherd.

RYAN, JOHN P. A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P.I., Registrar, Warlingham Park Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. K. F. Weeks, J. D. Sullivan and M. M. Glatt.

SHERWOOD, STEPHEN LUDWIG, L.R.C.P. & S.(Ed.), L.R.F.P.S.(Glas.), Director, Department of Electroencephalography, Severalls Hospital, Colchester.

Proposed by Drs. R. Strom-Olsen, W. Ross Ashby and D. W. Liddell.

SURYA, NARAYANA CHIRUVOLU, B.Sc., M.B., B.S.(Andhra), D.P.M., Registrar, Clifton Hospital, York.

Proposed by Drs. W. Fraser, M. C. Gordon and D. R. K. Street.

THOMAS, ROBERT OLYN, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Assistant Senior Medical Officer (Mental Health), Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

Proposed by Drs. P. F. O'Brien, S. J. Harrison and L. Couper.

TRAILL, ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL, M.B., Ch.B., Clinical Assistant at Brixton Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. W. Warren, J. D. Murphy and Nina Meyer.

Re-election (resigned 1948).

HARGREAVES, GEORGE RONALD, *O.B.E.*, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Chief of Mental Health Section, World Health Organization, Geneva; After 1 October, 1955, Professor of Psychiatry, Leeds University.

Proposed by Drs. Thos. Tennent, O. W. S. FitzGerald and R. W. Armstrong.

Candidature approved by Council, May, 1955:

CITRY, EDGAR, M.D.(Bologna), L.M.C.C., Toronto Psychiatric Hospital, Ontario, Canada.

Proposed by Professor A. B. Stokes, Drs. S. Lovett Doust and A. Parkin.

The Association extended congratulations to Dr. the Hon. W. S. Maclay, who had been awarded the *C.B.* in the New Year Honours List, and to Drs. J. H. O. Roberts and Ford Robertson, who had each received the *O.B.E.*

The Association and guests lunched at Grangegorman Hospital at the kind invitation of the Hospital Board.

Afternoon Session

VOTE OF THANKS TO OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

At the beginning of the Afternoon Session DR. HARRIS thanked the City Manager, the Chairman and the Board of Grangegorman Hospital for the welcome given to the Association, and MR. COLEMAN, Chairman of the Hospital Board in his reply, expressed a warm welcome on behalf of the whole hospital, and wished members a successful meeting.

DR. J. J. O'REILLY in proposing the vote of thanks to the Officers and Council of the Association, pointed out that this had been one of the busiest years in its history. He congratulated Dr. Armstrong on his successful handling of the year's work, and expressed on behalf of all members their appreciation to the Treasurer who had so ably supervised the Association's finances. He knew that all those present would wish to extend to Dr. Sargant a warm welcome on his return to work, and

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lastly he recorded the deep appreciation of the whole Association for Dr. Drury's invaluable services to it throughout his long period as a Council Member. To these and to all their fellow office-bearers and colleagues on the Council he recorded the gratitude of all members.

DR. T. W. H. WEIR who seconded Dr. O'Reilly, said he warmly endorsed all his remarks, and the vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation.

THE PRESIDENT thanked Drs. O'Reilly and Weir for their kind remarks, and expressed his personal thanks to all his colleagues who had helped to make his term of office a most pleasant and enjoyable period.

INDUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

DR. HARRIS vacated the Chair in favour of the new President, Dr. John Dunne. He invested Dr. Dunne with the Presidential Badge, and expressed every good wish to him in his term of office as President.

DR. DUNNE took the Chair, and invested Dr. Harris with the Past Presidential Badge, and thanked him on the Association's behalf for all that he had done to further its work during his presidency.

The following delegates were presented to the President:

Dr. Noel Peron, a Corresponding Member, representing the French Neurological Society and the Medico-Psychological Society of France.

Dr. Yves Porc'her, a Corresponding Member, representing the League of Mental Hygiene of France.

Dr. Gosta Von Greyers, representing Psykiatriska Foreningen (the Swedish Psychiatric Association).

Dr. A. L. C. Palies, representing the Netherlands Association for Psychiatry and Neurology.

The following Associations who had been unable to send delegates sent their best wishes for a successful Meeting:

The Belgian Neurological Society.

The Belgian Society for Mental Medicine.

The South African Neuro-Psychiatric Society.

PRESENTATION OF PARCHMENTS TO HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

With the acclamation of members the PRESIDENT presented parchments of Honorary Membership to SIR DAVID HENDERSON and DR. E. O. LEWIS, and of Corresponding Membership to DR. P. J. REITER. Dr. Rees Thomas who was unable to attend to receive his parchment of Honorary Membership sent his thanks to all Members for the honour they had conferred on him, and Professor Gastaut, who was prevented from attending to receive his parchment of Corresponding Membership, also recorded his gratitude to the Association.

PRIZES

The President presented Dr. Weil-Malherbe with the Burlingame Prize, and congratulated him on behalf of the Association. Dr. A. W. Beard, winner of the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize, and Dr. Sydney Catterall, winner of the Bronze Medal and Prize, were unable to be present to receive their awards, but the announcement of their achievement was received with applause by the Meeting.

MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The General Secretary announced that Sir Russell Brain would give the Maudsley Lecture in November, 1955, and that in November, 1956, it would be given by Dr. J. R. Rees.

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Presidential Address

The President then delivered his address entitled:

"The Contribution of Physical Sciences to Psychological Medicine"

Vote of Thanks to the President

Sir David Henderson proposed a vote of thanks to the President for an address which reflected the many-sidedness of his psychiatric interests, and this was seconded by Dr. T. P. Rees, and carried with acclamation.

Members and guests were then entertained to tea at "St. Dymphna's", by Dr. and Mrs. Dunne.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner, which was followed by a dance, was held at the Gresham Hotel, the President, Dr. John Dunne, in the Chair.

Dr. H. J. Eustace, proposing the toast of "The Guests", said that the Association was glad to welcome the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians of Ireland, and of University College, and was delighted to have the company of delegates from fellow organizations overseas. In particular the Association would like to express its appreciation of the honour paid them by the attendance of Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C., the Minister for Health, whose interest in the cause of the mentally ill was of great encouragement to all workers in psychiatry.

Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, S.C., replying for "The Guests", spoke of the projected improvements in mental hospitals in Ireland. He recalled that the Association's last Annual Meeting in Dublin had been held in 1931, and in reviewing the improved attitude toward the mentally sick which had been noticeable over the intervening years, he stressed that this beneficial change was largely due to the great work which had been done by the Association and its Members.

Dr. E. T. Freeman, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, proposed the toast of "The Royal Medico-Psychological Association". He spoke of the Association's pioneer work in the training and examining of mental and mental deficiency nurses and stressed the need for the integration of psychiatry and general medicine.

The President thanked the Minister for Health for honouring the Association with his presence, and also expressed gratitude to Dr. Freeman for his remarks.

Thursday, 14 July

Papers—Morning Session, at University College

(1) **Discussion on "Administrative Psychiatry in the Hospital"**
Opening Paper by Dr. G. M. Smith.

(2) **"Group Therapy"**
By Dr. T. P. Rees.

Members were entertained to lunch at University College by kind invitation of "An Bord Failte". During the morning wives of Members were entertained to a Mannequin Parade through the kindness of Messrs. Brown, Thomas and Co., Ltd., Grafton Street, Dublin.

Papers—Afternoon Session

(3) **"The Cephalic Post-Traumatic Syndrome. Pathological Observations"**
By Mr. A. A. McConnell, F.R.C.S.I.

(4) **"Clinical Records of Six Cases of Sub-dural Effusion"**
By Professor John Dunne.

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In the afternoon the ladies were taken for a most enjoyable coach tour, passing through many famous beauty spots, and pausing for tea by the sea at Greystones.

In the evening Members and their wives were the guests of the Minister for Health and Mrs. O'Higgins at a State Reception in Dublin Castle, and all those who attended were most appreciative of the kind hospitality shown to them, and of the very beautiful setting in which the Reception was held.

Friday, 15 July

Papers—Morning Session, at University College

(5) **"Geriatrics"**
By Dr. B. E. Honan and Dr. R. A. MacCarthy.

(6) **"Occupational Therapy—A General Survey"**
By Dr. E. M. N. O'Sullivan.

(7) **"The Working of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945"**
By Dr. R. A. MacCarthy.

At the end of this Paper Session the General Secretary said it gave him pleasure to express on behalf of all Members their warmest thanks to the very many people who had worked so hard to make the Meeting such an unqualified success. He thanked the Minister for Health for the interest he had shown in the whole proceedings, and for his kind hospitality at the State Reception. To Dr. and Mrs. Dunne he offered the thanks of all those who had attended the Meeting for all that had been done to make them welcome. Members also wished to express their gratitude to the Manager, Chairman, the Board, Matron and Staff of Grangegorman for the excellent arrangements they had made for the holding of the Annual Meeting at the hospital, and for entertaining Members and guests to a most enjoyable luncheon. Similarly, thanks were due to the President of University College for permission to hold meetings at the College, and to the staff who had facilitated the arrangements for these meetings. Members were indebted to the Chairman and Board of "An Bord Failte" for their kind invitation to lunch, and the Council Members wished to thank the Managing Director and the firm of Guinness's for the Luncheon to which they had been entertained. To the Provincial and the Brothers of St. John of God a special vote of thanks was due from members of the Child Psychiatry and Mental Deficiency Sections, for the hospitality shown to them, and for the opportunity to study the great work carried out by that Order. To the Ladies' Committee, headed by Dr. Mary Sullivan, the wives of Council Members wanted to express their warmest thanks for the most entertaining performance of "The Return of the Hero" to which they had been taken, and the wives of all Members wished to thank them for the delightful coach tour that had been organized for them, and also for the arrangements made for the Mannequin Parade, for which they also wished to say how grateful they were to Messrs. Brown, Thomas and Co. The General Secretary concluded with a particular vote of thanks to Dr. Coyne and his organizing committee, consisting of Drs. O'Brien, Sullivan, Eustace, Moore and McLoughlin, who had worked hard for many months to ensure the overall success of this very enjoyable meeting.

Child Psychiatry and Mental Deficiency Sections Visit

In the afternoon of Friday, 15 July, members of the Child Psychiatry and Mental Deficiency Sections were entertained to tea at the St. John of God Hospital by kind invitation of the Provincial and the Brothers of the Order. Each Section was then taken to see aspects of the Brothers' work which were of particular interest to them, and Dr. John Stack gave an address to the Child Psychiatry Section members.

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