The date of the Annual Meeting in Dublin next year (1955), was fixed for 12, 13, 14 and 15 July, and it was provisionaly agreed that the November, 1955, Quarterly Meeting should be held on 9 and 10 November. Council learned with pleasure that Sir Russell Brain has kindly consented to give the 1955 Maudsley Lecture.

The organizers of the Second World Congress in Psychiatry to be held in Zurich in 1957, have asked the Association, jointly with the Royal Society of Medicine, to recommend speakers who are specially qualified to speak on aspects of Schizophrenia, which is to be the main theme of the Congress. A small sub-committee has been appointed to make suggestions, and in addition it is hoped to circulate the first Bulletin about the Conference to all Members early in the New Year.

The Council were informed that the Magistrates' Association was proposing to hold a Congress of Correction, possibly in 1955, and it was agreed to inform them of this Association's interest in this proposal.

A proposal received from the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section to circulate to all Mental Hospital Advisory Committees a Questionnaire on facilities for Training in Psychotherapy was deferred for fuller consideration at the February meeting.

Papers

"Factors of Basic Importance in Character Formation and Development"
Opening Speaker: Dr. William Moodie.

"Possible Methods for the Prevention of Psychiatric Illness in Children"
Opening Speaker: Dr. R. E. Barham Carter.

MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The Twenty-Ninth Maudsley Lecture was given in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, by Professor Wilder Penfield, O.M., C.M.G., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.C., F.R.S., F.R.S.C., on **"The Role of the Temporal Cortex in Certain Psychical Phenomena"**.

The vote of thanks to Professor Penfield, proposed by Professor F. L. Golla, was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The Autumn Divisional Meeting was held at Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, on Tuesday, 5 October, 1954, by kind permission of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. Macdonald, Physician Superintendent.

Members of the Association were received by Dr. Macdonald and parties were escorted round the hospital by members of the medical staff. A most favourable impression was obtained of the standards of comfort and service provided for the patients. It is interesting to note that when the hospital was taken over by the National Health Service in 1948, an undertaking was given that the essential character of admissions would be in accordance with the wishes of the Founder—who defined the hospital as a place for curable patients of the "reduced" middle classes.

Over fifty members and guests were entertained to lunch. Sir J. Cameron, Bart., Chairman of the Management Committee, honoured the gathering with his presence and welcomed the members of the Association. Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association, expressed appreciation and thanks for the hospitality extended and for the admirable arrangements made for the reception of the members.

At the meeting in the afternoon, which was attended by the President, Dr. Noel Harris, the following were elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

Carstairs, George Morrison, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., Medical Research Council, Unit for Occupational Adaptation, Maudsley Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. W. L. Tonge, R. C. Gledhill, B. C. Ackner.

Griffith, Edward Fyfe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Medical Officer, Psychiatric Department, Middlesex Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, J. A. Hobson, M. A. Jackson.

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KLINGHARDT, FREDERICK WILLIAM, Med.Dip.(Moscow), Junior Medical Officer, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.

Proposed by Drs. S. A. MacKeith, E. A. Bennett, B. W. Orchard.

ROSENTHAL, MICHAEL JOHN, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5; Psychiatrist, Sutton (Surrey) Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. J. B. Hamilton, Michael Fordham, Ian J. MacDonald.

At the request of the Council the following matters were duly considered:

(*a*) *Nomination to Regional Hospital Boards*

It was decided to recommend that the Council should consider for nomination by the Association not only members of the R.M.P.A. but laymen who were knowledgeable in the field of mental health and sympathetic to its advancement. With regard to nominations, it was decided that in future this matter should be placed on the Agenda for the Spring Meeting in order to give sufficient time for action to be taken.

(*b*) *Shortage of Mental Nurses*

The recommendations of the Special Committee's Memorandum were accepted by the Division.

(*c*) *Superannuation Rights*

It was felt that this was not a suitable matter to be discussed in detail at this Meeting, and it was recommended that the Council should set up an *ad hoc* committee which should prepare a memorandum which could be later considered by members of the Association.

The following papers were read:

"Holloway Sanatorium and the Amenity Bed"

Dr. Macdonald gave an interesting account of the special character and function of the hospital which holds a unique position in the South-Western Region. He emphasized the difficulty of maintaining their standards under their present budget. Holloway Sanatorium is essentially a hospital for the professional classes. The admission rate in 1953 totalled 728 and of direct admissions over 90 per cent. are voluntary.

"Symposium—the Pathology and Psychopathology of Schizophrenia"

Dr. D. M. Parfitt gave a thought-provoking paper on the pathology of schizophrenia. He considered that there was an organic pathology in certain areas of the brain and suggested that the different types of schizophrenia depended upon the area of brain involved. He drew an interesting comparison between the hypoglycaemia associated with adenoma of the pancreas and that of "insulin shock". He was of the opinion that insulin shock acted by destroying brain cells which were already diseased.

Dr. T. F. Main gave some account of the psycho-analytical conceptions of the psychopathology of schizophrenia with a review of the literature. In the discussion which followed, Drs. Leiberman, Copeland and Munro took part.

The President of the Association, Dr. Noel Harris, proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Macdonald and the other speakers, and this was seconded by the Chairman of the Division, Dr. J. G. Hamilton.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held within the City Chambers, Glasgow, on Saturday, 3 April, 1954.

Twenty-three members were present.

The Chairman, opening the Meeting, referred briefly to the stimulating Meeting held in the forenoon with the Scottish Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health. Dr. Boyd also mentioned the recent Honour conferred on Dr. James Curran —the C.B.E. The Chairman and Secretary had both written on behalf of themselves and the Division to congratulate Dr. Curran.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

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