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QUARTERLY MEETING.

The AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 15 November, 1951, at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, London, W. 1, under the Presidency of Dr. P. K. MCCOWAN.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting, held on 11 May, 1951, published in the Supplement to the October, 1951, issue of the Journal, were taken as read, approved and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The President announced with regret the death of the following members of the Association:

MOHAMMED ABD-EL-HAKEEM, M.B., Ch.B. Cairo, D.P.M., Director, Mental Hospital, Abbasia, Cairo; an Ordinary Member since 1928.

CHARLES HENRY COMERFORD, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.M., Physician Deputy Superintendent, Bexley Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1948.

J. S. SHARPE, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer (Biochemist), St. George's Hospital, Stafford; an Ordinary Member since 1930.

MAURICE BERESFORD WRIGHT, O.B.E., M.D., C.M. Edin., The Brae, Lower Bourne, nr. Farnham, Surrey; an Ordinary Member since 1917.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

After the ballot had been taken the President declared that the following had been elected to Ordinary Membership:

BAILEY, DEREK SIDNEY GEORGE MONTGOMERY, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Psychological Medicine, St. Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath.
Proposed by Drs. A. J. Galbraith, W. McCartan and J. F. Donovan.

CROSSE, GEORGE, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Central Hospital, nr. Warwick.
Proposed by Drs. M. W. Annear, G. L. Davies and C. Tetlow.

FREEMAN, WILLIAM JOHN, M.B., B.S.Melb., M.R.A.C.P., Neuro-psychiatrist, Royal Hobart Hospital, 154, Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.
Proposed by Professor Aubrey Lewis, Drs. E. Stengel and J. G. Hamilton.

JILLETT, RAYMOND LESLIE, M.B., B.S., Junior Assistant Psychiatrist, Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.
Proposed by Drs. N. McDiarmid, L. G. M. Page and R. J. Russell.

MOYLETT, TERENCE MANNIX, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., L.M., D.P.M., Junior Assistant Psychiatrist, Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.
Proposed by Drs. N. McDiarmid, L. G. M. Page and R. J. Russell.

QUINN, PATRICK JOSEPH GERARD, M.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison Service; H.M. Prison, Liverpool, 9.
Proposed by Drs. B. Finkleman, G. Egan and J. E. Howie.

SMELLIE, ARCHIBALD, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Barnsley Hall Hospital, Bromsgrove, Worcs.
Proposed by Drs. A. Shepherd, Delfun Lewis and C. Burns.

TORRE, MOTTRAM PETER, B.S., M.D., Psychiatric Consultant (Europe) to U.S. Public Health Service and Economic Co-operation Administration; 44, Avenue Kleber, Paris XVI*e*.
Proposed by Drs. J. R. Rees, Kenneth Soddy and R. F. Tredgold.

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TYNDALL, JOHN AUGUSTUS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Registrar, Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.

Proposed by Drs. N. McDiarmid, L. G. M. Page and J. R. Russell.

YOUNGMAN, NORMAN VINCENT, M.D.Melbourne, M.R.A.C.P., Senior Psychiatrist, Brisbane General Hospital; Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Queensland; Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, Australia.

Proposed by Drs. Desmond Curran, Kenneth Cameron and Hunter Gillies.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Dr. A. A. W. Petrie, *C.B.E.*, was presented with his Certificate of Honorary Membership by the President, who referred to the notable service Dr. Petrie had given to the Association for a period of over 40 years. Dr. Petrie expressed his appreciation of the honour which had been paid to him and his great pleasure in the work he had been able to do for the Association.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The Report of the Council, as follows, was read by the General Secretary, and approved:

The Council reported with pleasure that, in reply to the Association's representations, the Minister of Health said that he was fully alive to the need to increase the supply of Psychiatric Social Workers, and that there would be no avoidable loss of time in giving effect to such of the recommendations of the Mackintosh Report as might be adopted.

Dr. E. J. Harrison was appointed as Junior Representative on the Council from the Northern and Midland Division.

The last of the Association's Nursing Examinations was held on 5 November; there were 75 entries from 40 mental hospitals and 12 entries from 6 mental deficiency hospitals; the examinations were held at 9 centres.

The D.P.M. Examination was held on 12 and 13 November; there were 4 entries for Part I and only one candidate was successful; there were no entries for Part II.

The Librarian deplored the continued rise in the cost of books. He conveyed to the Council the kind offer of Dr. Myra Mackenzie to help in preparing abstracts and looking up literature for members.

The Treasurer again drew attention to the precarious state of the Association's finances.

On the recommendation of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and the Education Committee, the Council approved the withdrawal of a certificate from a nurse who had obtained it under false pretences.

The approval of D.P.M. Training Schools has continued (see Appendix), and Dr. M. J. McArdle has been appointed to serve as alternative examiner in psychosomatic medicine and neurology for the D.P.M.

As a matter of urgency the new G.N.C. Syllabuses were recommended for general approval by the Education Committee, and this general approval, together with a few suggestions for improvement, is being notified to the General Nursing Council. The Association's special sub-committee, however, will continue in being to attempt to formulate an optimum scheme of training.

The Council learned with regret of the resignation of Dr. C. W. Bower and Dr. W. G. Masefield from the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship respectively of the Parliamentary Committee, and takes this opportunity of thanking them for the very valuable service they have given to the Committee over a period of years. Dr. Armitage has been elected to the Chair, and the duties of Secretary, which he discharged so admirably for a long period have been undertaken by Dr. M. J. Brookes. As the Board of Control was not represented, on the Committee the Council has added Dr. W. Rees-Thomas to its membership.

In view of the changes in the Committee's officers it had been decided to retain the services of the Parliamentary Agent for a further twelve months.

Arrangements for a Study Tour in Switzerland, probably in September, 1952, are in hand, and the possibility of a Study Tour in this country in 1953, to which Belgian psychiatrists will be invited, is being considered.

"Projective Techniques in Psychiatry" will be the subject for the February, 1952, Quarterly Meeting, and arrangements for the May, 1952, Meeting at Cardiff are well advanced. The morning session of the Cardiff Meeting will be held jointly with the Medical Superintendents' Society, and it is hoped that the Minister of Health, or, failing him, his Parliamentary Secretary, will open the session, which will be devoted to "Hospitals and the State." The afternoon session will be confined to the Association, and Dame Olive Wheeler will open a discussion on "Education and Mental Health."

The resignation of Dr. E. C. Dax from the Secretaryship of the Handbook Committee, following on his appointment in Australia, has been received with great regret. He takes with him the Association's thanks for his many services and good wishes in his new appointment.

The Council is greatly indebted to Dr. Petrie for taking on the secretarial duties of the Handbook Committee in addition to its Chairmanship. The Committee has started a series of meetings with the Editor, and the Council is very pleased to report definite progress towards production.

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The Report of the Joint Committee on Mental Deficiency Legislation has been approved for transmission to the Ministry of Health and the National Association for Mental Health. The Council is glad to know that the Report has received the approval of the Psychological Medicine Group of the British Medical Association.

A Committee has been appointed to work with the Electro-Physiological Technologists' Association in the arrangements for their examinations and the award of a Diploma, it being understood that the R.M.P.A. will incur no financial commitments thereby.

At the request of the Minister nominations are being sent forward for vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards and the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

It has been decided to submit a joint memorandum with the British Medical Association to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce, and Drs. T. Tennent, Henry Wilson and J. A. Hobson have been appointed to the Committee set up by the B.M.A. for this purpose. As the memorandum is required at an early date the Committee has been granted full powers.

Drs. John Bowlby and T. P. Rees are being asked to prepare a draft memorandum for W.H.O. on the possibilities of developing work of mental hygiene within the public health service.

Dr. T. P. Rees will continue as the Association's representative member on the Council of the National Association for Mental Health.

Dr. H. V. Dicks has been appointed to represent the Association on the International Committee of the National Association for Mental Health.

It is hoped that Dr. Mayer-Gross will represent the Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Indian Psychiatric Society in December, 1951.

Dr. Alan Maberly (with Dr. T. P. Rees as his named substitute) has been appointed to serve for a further period on the Mental Health Course Advisory Committee.

The Association hopes to be represented at the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Margate in 1952.

A Resolution from the Northern and Midland Division concerning the absence of whole-time medical staff representation on the staff side of the Whitley Council was sympathetically considered, and the matter will be brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

Joint Meeting with the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The object of the Meeting was to promote an exchange of views in regard to the incidence and control of tuberculosis in mental hospitals among patients and staff, and opening papers were read by—

Dr. Andrew Morland, Consultant Chest Physician, University College Hospital, London.

Dr. R. Gordon McLaren, Medical Superintendent, Barming Heath Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.

Dr. Bertram T. Mann, Consultant Chest Physician, Leeds Regional Hospital Board.

Dr. Frieda R. Hendeles, Physician, Shenley Hospital, St. Albans.

The Joint Meeting was well attended by members of the two Associations, and the papers and ensuing discussion were both interesting and valuable.

Maudsley Lecture.

The Twenty-Sixth Maudsley Lecture was given by Sir Cyril Burt, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A., on " The Assessment of Personality."

On the motion of Dr. E. O. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Isabel G. H. Wilson, a vote of thanks to Sir Cyril was carried by acclamation.

Seminars.

In connection with this Quarterly Meeting, and for the first time, seminars were held at St. George's Hospital, S.W. 1, on 14 November. The subjects were—

" Experiences with Out-patient E.C.T." (Sir Paul Mallinson and Dr. N. Dembovitz).

" Child Psychiatric Problems " (Dr. Emanuel Miller). " Experiences in Leucotomy with Reference to the ' Under-cutting ' Technique " (Dr. M. Partridge).

The seminars were so well attended and received, particularly by the younger members of the Association, that it is intended to continue them as a regular feature of Quarterly Meetings.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division took place at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on Saturday, 27 October, 1951, by kind invitation of the Tavistick Clinic and the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

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