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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING was held on 10th to 13th May, 1965, in Edinburgh under the Presidency of Dr. Ian Skottowe.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 11th February, 1965, having been published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, were approved.

Obituary

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

CROTTY, VINCENT GERARD, Physician Superintendent, St. Loman's Hospital, Co. Dublin. An Ordinary Member since 1951.

DEW-JONES, JAMES ATHOLL, Senior Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Norwich. An Ordinary Member since 1958.

GRAY, THEODORE GRANT, late Director-General of Mental Hospitals, New Zealand. A Corresponding Member since 1946.

HASTINGS, CYRIL MICHAEL THOMAS, late Commissioner, Board of Control. An Ordinary Member since 1947.

HENDERSON, SIR DAVID KENNEDY, formerly Professor of Psychiatry, Edinburgh University and Physician-Superintendent, Royal Edinburgh Mental Hospital. Chairman, Scottish Division, 1943–45; PRESIDENT, 1946–47. An Ordinary Member since 1916; an Honorary Member since 1955.

JONES, DEWI HEULUN, Medical Superintendent, Deva Hospital, Chester. An Ordinary Member since 1948.

MAINE, JOHN LEIF FRANCIS, Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Grendon Underwood. An Ordinary Member since 1956.

PALIES, A. L. C., Medical Inspector of Mental Health; General Adviser in Psychiatric Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Netherlands. A Corresponding Member since 1949.

SHERIDAN, MICHAEL, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Royal Dundee Liff Hospital. An Ordinary Member since 1963.

THOMPSON, ERNEST JOHN TYTLER, Consultant Psychiatrist, Havelock Clinic, Western Australia. An Ordinary Member since 1949.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

CHIRINOS, EDMUNDO, M.D., Head of Department of Neurophysiology, and Lecturer in Department of Psychiatry, Central University of Venezuela.
Proposed by Dr. D. L. Davies, Professor A. Lewis, Dr. G. F. M. Russell.

CUDJOE, SETH DZIFANU, L.R.C.P.&S.E., L.R.F.P.&S.G., Registrar, Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife.
Proposed by Drs. D. M. MacGregor, C. C. Adomakoh, T. Sikanartey.

DEAN, STANLEY ROCHELLE, B.S., M.D., Attending Staff, Stamford and St. Joseph's Hospitals; 122 Forest Street, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A.
Proposed by Drs. F. J. Braceland, W. G. Burrows, C. G. MacRae.

DOONGAJI, DINSHAW RUSTOMJI, M.D., D.P.M., Honorary Assistant Psychiatrist and Honorary Lecturer, K.E.M. Hospital and Seth G.S. Medical College, Bombay; 10 Reynolds Road, Byculla, Bombay, 8, India.
Proposed by Drs. N. G. Chakraborty, Kirpal Singh, W. E. S. Kiernan.

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FLACK, HENRY EDMUND DOUGLAS, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatrist, State Hospital, Lidcombe, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
Proposed by Professor E. Stengel, Drs. J. T. Robinson, L. S. Davies.

HOCKING, FREDERICK HARRY, M.B., B.S., Research Associate, Department of Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne; 17 Hampden Road, Armadale, Victoria, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. William Sargant, R. P. N. Singh, B. K. Banerjee.

IBRAHIM, HASSAN HAQ ALI, M.D., D.P.M., Physician in Psychological Medicine, Ministry of Health, Khartoum, Sudan.
Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, R. F. Hobson, G. F. M. Russell.

ISMAIL, MOSTAFA KAMEL, M.B., B.Ch., Clinical Demonstrator, Neuropsychiatric Department, Ari Shamis University, Cairo.
Proposed by Drs. A. M. F. Okasha, A. H. Hassan, M. K. el Kholy.

KESSELL, ABRAHAM, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Dandenong Psychiatric Centre, Victoria, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon Russell, B. M. Davies, C. McDonald.

KUSHNER, ARCHIBALD WILKIE, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Place, Edinburgh, 10.
Proposed by Drs. A. D. Forrest, A. J. Cooper, R. G. Priest.

MACDONALD, ESME JEAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., Senior Medical Officer, Ailsa Hospital, Ayr.
Proposed by Drs. H. E. R. Wallace, H. B. Miller, A. McClelland.

METHVEN, CHARLES THOMAS, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Leverndale Hospital, Crookston Road, Glasgow, S.W.3.
Proposed by Drs. R. H. Park, J. K. Binns, D. H. Nimmo.

SCHMIDT, KARL ERNST, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatric Specialist in Charge, Sarawak Mental Hospital, Malaysia.
Proposed by Professor E. W. Anderson, Drs. J. Hoenig, B. H. Burns.

SCHURECK, RALPH JOHN, B.A., M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Edinburgh, and Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside, Edinburgh, 10.
Proposed by Drs. D. H. Clark, I. Oswald, A. J. Cooper.

SCOTT-ORR, DONALD NOBLE, M.B., B.S., Psychiatrist, Adolescent Unit, Verdun Protestant Hospital, Montreal, Canada.
Proposed by Drs. S. J. Shamsie, J. J. Werry, A. Walk.

SOMERVILLE, DON MCLACHLAN, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Psychiatrist Superintendent, Dandenong Psychiatric Centre, Victoria, Australia.
Proposed by Drs. J. B. Gordon Russell, B. M. Davies, C. McDonald.

SULIMAN, HASSABEL RASOUL, M.D., D.P.M., Physician in Psychological Medicine, Ministry of Health, Khartoum, Sudan.
Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, R. F. Hobson, G. F. M. Russell.

THORNBER, IAN RICHARD, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Medical Officer, St. James's Hospital, Portsmouth.
Proposed by Drs. P. E. Sundi, P. Goddard, E. G. W. Cross.

WALLACE, DOUGLAS EATON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.
Proposed by Professor W. M. Millar, Drs. J. G. Henderson, C. McCance.

Election of Associate Members

The following, approved by Council on 19th November, 1964, were unanimously elected to Associate Membership:

HASSAN, J. W. M., M.A., Ed.B., Child Care and Protection Inspector, Scottish Home and Health Department.
Proposed by Drs. F. H. Stone, K. R. H. Wardrop, C. B. Whittaker.

PATERSON, M. H., M.A.(Hons.Psych.), Principal Psychologist (Eastern Area), Scottish Approved Schools.
Proposed by Drs. S. Kumar, R. A. W. Ratcliff, J. K. W. Morrice.

PHILIP, A. E., M.A., Dip.Clin.Psych., Clinical Psychologist, Kingseat Hospital, Newmachar, Aberdeen.
Proposed by Drs. R. A. Y. Stewart, G. E. Faulkner, J. M. Todd.

Report of Council Proceedings

THE GENERAL SECRETARY read the following report:

At yesterday's Council the President gave an interim report on the work of the Special Committees on the Bye-Laws and on the Presentation of the Petition for a Supplemental Charter.

He said that the Bye-Laws Committee had met frequently throughout the winter and spring and

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had set up and made use of working parties. Proposals for a collegiate structure were virtually complete, as was the general structure of the examination for a higher qualification. Proposals for rearrangement of Divisions and Sections were well advanced. When the work had been completed it would be laid before a special meeting of Council.

As regards the Petition Committee, two meetings had been held with the Clerk of the Privy Council. Meetings had taken place with the Principal Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and also with the Minister. In the light of these meetings the Committee considered that there appeared to be three main courses open to the Association:

1. To go ahead with the petition to change the title to 'Royal College'. Information at present available was to the effect that this might be refused, and in that event we could not go back to the Privy Council for probably another five years at the least. The basis of petitioning now would be that we had amended our Bye-Laws to produce a collegiate structure and were poised to start a higher qualification of adequate standard within a specified time.
2. An alternative would be to petition for the title of 'Royal Medico-Psychological Association and College of Psychiatrists'. This would enable holders of the proposed higher qualification to be designated 'Fellows of the College of Psychiatrists'. This petition might be successful, and would pave the way to apply for the title of 'Royal College' in two years or so with a greater prospect of success than now.
3. If it was decided that we had to wait for a year or two before having a chance of success, we could retain the title of R.M.P.A., change our structure to that of a College, and run a higher qualification to which would be attached the guarantee that those holding it would become Fellows of the Royal College if and when a petition was granted.

The President said he did not think this was the occasion to make a decision or to discuss the issues. The Association had the services of a solicitor experienced in Privy Council work and would seek further help by briefing a Q.C. if this appeared to be indicated. There was no discussion, and the President asked Council to give the matter further thought before the special meeting of Council which would be called before the Annual Meeting.

The President then dealt with the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. He indicated that the structure of the proposed College did not include an office of President-Elect in its present form. It was quite possible that the Bye-Laws would be amended before a new President-Elect, if nominated, was due to assume office. It therefore appeared unwise to nominate to an office which might be abolished before the holder could assume office of President. It was also possible that the Bye-Laws would be passed in time for an election to be held under the new arrangements before July, 1966. The Ad Hoc Committee therefore recommended that no names should be put forward at this time for the office of President-Elect. The Committee should hold itself in readiness to be recalled at any time during the coming year, and the Annual Meeting due to be held in July should be adjourned, so that a President-Elect could be nominated and elected under the old Bye-Laws should this be necessary. This provision meant that if the new Bye-Laws were not approved in time for an election under them to be held for the President in 1966, the President could still be elected under the old Bye-Laws. It was emphasized that the hope was that it would be possible to hold the election under the new Bye-Laws.

The Treasurer reported that the Auditors considered there was a likelihood that the Association's finances would show a deficit of over £4,000 during the year. This was due partly to the increased rent of the new premises at Chandos House and partly to an expected deficit on the *Journal* of over £7,000. This figure was arrived at as a result of a new and more realistic method of costing the *Journal*. The Finance Committee recommended that the subscriptions should not be raised in 1966, but that the cost of the *Journal* to subscribers should be raised to £7 10s. a year and every attempt should be made to improve the advertising revenue to the *Journal*. It was agreed that great caution should be exercised over all forms of expenditure during the coming year. The Building and Endowment Committee should start work at the earliest possible opportunity and launch the Appeals Committee on its work to raise money. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Council ratified the structure of the Endowment and Building Committee, to consist of the present Finance Committee with the addition of Dr. Howells in his office as Chairman of the Appeals Committee. The Endowment and Building Committee was to be under the Chairmanship of the President. Council also ratified the setting up of the Appeals Committee with Dr. Howells as Chairman and Drs. Slater, Sargant and Warren as representatives of the Finance Committee. These four members were given power to co-opt three members who might have special experience in the financial field.

The Education Committee recommended that Professor Stengel should become the Examiner for the Gaskell Prize in 1966 in place of Dr. Eliot Slater.

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They recommended that Professor Dent of University College Hospital should be the first Blake Marsh Lecturer. They had considered whether an M.D. Thesis could be submitted for the Bronze Medal and recommended that this should only be accepted if evidence was produced of some degree of extension or development of the thesis. Council approved the Report and referred the question of the date of the first Blake Marsh Lecture to the Papers and Discussions Committee. Council authorized the Education Committee to submit written and oral evidence on undergraduate education, to the General Medical Council in the name of the Association.

The Parliamentary Committee indicated that they had appointed a Sub-Committee with Dr. Markowe as Convenor to prepare evidence for the Sheldon Committee on the medical functions and staffing of child welfare centres. The Committee concerned with considering Building Notes issued by the Ministry of Health was reconstituted as a Special Committee of Council, with Dr. Shapiro as Convenor.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported on the arrangements for the Annual Meeting in Glasgow in July. On the Wednesday morning Dr. Joseph Wortis would deliver a paper on Sigmund Freud, and on the Thursday the papers would be on Neurological Contributions to Psychiatry and on Psychological and Pharmacological Contributions to Psychiatry. The main session at the November meeting would be devoted to "The Effects of Early Bereavement on Mental Disorders" and to "Personality Disorders in Later Life".

The remainder of the Quarterly Meeting was devoted to a Joint Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association and the R.M.P.A. A full report will be published in a later issue.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at Severalls Hospital, Colchester, Essex, on Wednesday, 7th April, 1965, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and the medical staff.

Dr. Russell Barton and his medical colleagues received members of the Association in the main hall of the hospital. Groups of members were then escorted around the hospital by members of the medical and nursing staff. During their tour the following items were found to be of considerable interest:

1. *The Firms System*—each consultant has some 200 beds in two wards and two villas but share the common admission villa.
2. *Geriatric Firm*—in which month-in month-out treatment enables 350 beds to assist some thousand families in the catchment area.
3. *Industrial Therapy* for men and women in two factories and other employment methods.
4. *Household Management Unit* directed at awakening interest of long-stay patients and helping them to live outside hospital.
5. *Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics* covering a large unwieldy catchment area, providing 27 sessions a week at different centres of population.
6. *Day Hospital Care* at Severalls Hospital, and *Psychiatric Unit* at the Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.
7. *Education:*
   (*a*) Postgraduate—medical library, details of lectures for staff and medical practitioners.
   (*b*) Nursing Staff Refresher Courses for senior nursing staff.
   (*c*) Post-graduate courses for Health Visitors.
   (*d*) Public education and press relationship.
8. *EEG Department.*
9. *Surgical Unit*—a thirty-bedded surgical unit has been established in Severalls, and is staffed and run by a local general hospital surgeon.
10. *Demonstration of an apparatus* which prevents speakers at meetings from going over their allotted time.

At lunch the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. H. Hepburn Reid, welcomed the Association to Severalls Hospital. Dr. S. W. Hardwick, Chairman of the Division, replied on behalf of the Association.

After lunch, the main meeting of the Division was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hardwick.

The Secretary then presented the report of the last Meeting of the Divisional Committee of Management held at 11 Chandos Street, London, on 18th February, 1965. He announced that arrangements had been made for the Spring Meeting of the Division in 1966 to be held at Shenley Hospital and for the Autumn Meeting to be held at Warley Hospital. The Committee had decided that its future meetings should be held at the Association's Headquarters rather than on the day of Divisional Meetings. The Secretary pointed out that the future of Divisional organization was currently being investigated by a Sub-committee of Council and he thanked members for replying to a

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