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WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

THE WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 17 February, 1955, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, under the Presidency of Dr. Noel G. Harris.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting held on 4 November, 1954, to be published in a forthcoming Supplement to the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the President.

OBITUARY

The President announced with regret the death of:

REGINALD WORTH, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly Medical Superintendent, Springfield Mental Hospital, Tooting, an Ordinary Member since 1900 and an Honorary Member since 1943. Hon. General Secretary 1919–36, and President 1935–36.

CHARLES BERNARD MOLONY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Waterford Mental Hospital. Chairman, Irish Division 1940–42, an Ordinary Member since 1922.

ELIZABETH CASSON, O.B.E., M.D., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Walker Dunbar Hospital, Bristol; Medical Director, Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy, an ordinary Member since 1922.

GERALD ANTONY VAN SOMEREN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Consultant Psychiatrist, North Staffordshire, an Ordinary Member since 1938.

DAVID R. OWEN, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., Medical Superintendent, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, an Ordinary Member since 1935.

JOHN STEPHEN JOHNSTONE, M.B., Ch.B., Dipl. Psych., Consultant Psychiatrist, Menston Hospital, an Ordinary Member since 1943.

SAMUEL EDGERLEY, M.A., M.D., C.M.Edin., M.P.C., formerly Medical Superintendent, Menston Hospital, an ordinary Member since 1895. Chairman, Northern and Midland Division, 1934–36.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership:

CHAMBERLAIN, GEORGE HARRY AMYRALD, M.D.(Dublin), M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. H. R. Rollin, A. Walk, R. W. Armstrong.

CRAFT, MICHAEL JOHN, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior House Officer, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, A. Walk, A. J. Oldham.

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FLANAGAN, HUGH MICHAEL, L.R.C.P. and S.I., D.P.M., Senior Hospital Medical Officer, St. George's Hospital, Stafford.

Proposed by Drs. T. O. T. Egan, A. D. M. Douglas, J. McGregor.

FLOOD, JOHN JOSEPH, M.D., N.U.I., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, The Priory, Roehampton, S.W.15.

Proposed by Dr. J. Ivison Russell, Mr. N. Croft Cohen, Dr. Noel Harris.

HAFFNER, CHRISTOPHER, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist i/c., Department of Child Psychiatry, St. James's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, K. Cameron, W. Warren.

LASCELLES, CLARENCE FELIX, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Cherry Knowle Hospital, Sunderland.

Proposed by Prof. A. Kennedy, Drs. L. G. Kiloh, R. Orton.

LUKIANOWICZ, NARCYZ, M.D.(Lwow), Senior Hospital Medical Officer, Bristol Mental Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. A. Leitch, S. Smith, E. Hare.

MACCAMMOND, IAIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Physician Superintendent, Argyll and Bute Mental Hospital, Lochgilphead.

Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, R. A. Y. Stewart, J. F. McHarg.

MASLOWSKI, HENRY ALEXANDER, M.D.(Pol.Sch.Med.), F.R.C.S.Ed., Consultant Neuro-surgeon (Asst.), Salford Royal Hospital, etc.; Visiting Neuro-surgeon, Lancaster Moor Hospital, Lancaster.

Proposed by Drs. J. Silverston, A. A. Martin, A. R. Grant.

NICHOLS, LOUIS ARTHUR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 130 Walton Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Proposed by Drs. M. Radzan, L. C. Cook, A. Norton.

NOOSIN, ABU MOZAFFAR, M.B., B.S.(Calcutta), D.P.M., Medical Officer, Warlingham Park Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. T. P. Rees, W. H. Shipley, J. Fleminger.

POPPER, ERWIN, M.D.(Prague), Consultant Psychiatrist, Tavistock Clinic; Senior Psychotherapist, The London Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. J. Bowlby, J. D. Sutherland, H. V. Dicks.

SHEPHERD, MICHAEL, M.A., D.M., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, S.E.5.

Proposed by Drs. D. L. Davies, A. Harris, F. Post.

SPENCER, SEYMOUR JAMIE GERALD, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Warneford and Park Hospitals, Oxford.

Proposed by Drs. I. Skottowe, S. Davidson, J. Beggs.

STEINART, REUBIN RALPH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Registrar in Psychiatry, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.

Proposed by Drs. J. McGregor, W. W. Roberts, C. Rose.

WEBSTER, JOHN HENRY DOUGLAS, M.D., Ch.B.(Edin.), F.R.C.P.E., F.F.R., 33 Portman Square, London, W.1.

Proposed by Drs. Noel Harris, Aubrey Lewis, D. E. Sands.

WOOLF, PETER GRAHAME, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. E. P. H. Charlton, R. H. Wheeler, Rosalind Bearcroft.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

In the absence of the General Secretary, the Report of Council, as follows, was read by the President.

At its meeting yesterday, the Council took great pleasure in congratulating one of its members, Dr. W. S. Maclay, on the award of the C.B. which he received in the New Year's Honours. They are also pleased to record that two members of the Association, Dr. J. H. O. Roberts and Dr. W. M. Ford Robertson, were honoured with an award of the O.B.E.

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Council considered at length the Joint Consultant Committee's request for a statement on the retiring age and superannuation rights of Mental Medical Health Officers. It was agreed that the following two points should be communicated to the Joint Consultants Committee:

(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 our rights in the matter of the number of years that may rank as double time for computation of pension."

(2) "That in our opinion Mental Health Officers should not be compelled to resign until the age of 65."

The Treasurer reported that there was likely to be a small credit balance on the working of the Association for this year, but the accounts have not yet been audited.

Fourteen members have not paid their subscriptions for 1954, and there are 10 members who are in arrears with their subscription over a period of three years.

The Acting Registrar reported that there had been large audiences for the Lecture Course held at the beginning of this week, on the two subjects of "Research in Psychiatry" and "Psychopathy".

The last of the Association's examinations for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine was held last November. Seven candidates passed Part I and 3 passed Part II, bringing the total of those holding the Association's Diploma to 29. Holders of Part I are now eligible to sit for the Conjoint Board Part II Examination.

The Librarian reported that Dr. W. Starkey had kindly presented 20 books to the Library, including two late 18th century works which are particularly welcome acquisitions. A list of available works on Child Psychiatry and Psychology will be circulated shortly.

The Parliamentary Committee had considered the Parliamentary Agent's reports on questions raised in the House during the last quarter which had dealt mainly with the following topics: overcrowding and accommodation in mental hospitals, capital expenditure, including the "mental million", mental deficiency services, staff recruitment, and research.

The Parliamentary Committee also discussed the Bradbeer Report on the Internal Administration of Hospitals. The recommendations affecting mental hospitals were in general approved, but it was noted that the report did not deal with mental hospitals forming part of a group, especially a mixed group, nor with the relation of the Medical Superintendent to the administrative structure of the group. It was also felt that there was need for clarification of the method of appointing Medical Superintendents.

The arrangements for the Papers Session at the May Meeting at Hove are as follows:

Dr. Boyle and Dr. Hingston will give a short address on the history of the Lady Chichester Hospital. The rest of the session will be devoted to the subject of Schizophrenia. It is hoped that the morning speakers will be Dr. Stafford Clark and Dr. A. Watt, and that in the afternoon the speakers will be Dr. Eliot Slater, Dr. Linford Rees and Dr. Shadforth.

For the Annual Meeting in Dublin in July provisional arrangements include papers on:

(i) **"Post-Concussional cases with residual sub-dural fluid producing mental symptoms,"** by Dr. Adams McConnell.

(ii) **"Administrative Psychiatry,"** by Dr. G. M. Smith.

(iii) **"Occupational Therapy,"** by Dr. E. O'Sullivan.

Arrangements are going ahead for the Association's Study Tour in Holland which it is hoped to hold in September next.

The Swiss Psychiatric Association have made a provisional enquiry as to the possibility of a tour in this country in 1956, and Council have welcomed this suggestion, leaving the Study Tour Committee to present further details at a later date.

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The Committee preparing evidence for the Departmental Committee on Homosexuality and Prostitution is continuing to work on its draft memorandum which it is hoped will shortly be completed.

The Committee considering the Training of Mental Welfare Officers, which consists of representatives from this Association, the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the Mental Welfare Officers Association, has nearly completed the proposed training syllabus which it has been preparing.

The Joint Standing Committee with the British Psychological Society had also held a meeting and discussed the functions of Educational and Clinical Psychologists, the recruitment and pre-training requirements of Psychologists, and the general structure of postgraduate training in Educational and Clinical Psychology.

The memorandum on the Shortage of Mental Nurses has been given a wide circulation to Departments and official organizations concerned with the problem. Council was glad to learn that many most favourable comments have been received and that the document has been given careful attention by those to whom it was sent. A small minority only criticized the view that Nursing Assistants rather than Enrolled Assistant Nurses should be employed in addition to State Registered Mental Nurses.

The Council discussed the question of Research in Psychiatry and decided to act on the Research and Clinical Section's suggestion that the importance of this subject should be stressed to the Medical Research Council.

A small Joint Sub-Committee with the Royal Society of Medicine has been considering suggestions for speakers at the Second International Congress of Psychiatry to be held in Zurich in 1957, when the subject will be "Schizophrenia".

A proposed Questionnaire drawn up by the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section was considered at length, and Council approved its circulation to Medical Advisory Committees of Mental Hospitals, subject to certain alterations in the wording.

The D.P.M. examination, having been discontinued, made it necessary to choose 2 examiners to assess papers for the Bronze Medal and Divisional Prizes, work previously done by the D.P.M. examiners. It was agreed that Drs. Minski and Tennent should continue to examine these entries before they are submitted to the President for adjudication.

An invitation for this Association to become a sponsoring body of the United Kingdom Committee of the World Health Organization arrived too late for inclusion on the Agenda, and it was decided to defer consideration of this most important invitation until the May Meeting.

Council learned with pleasure that the B.M.A. wished to base its evidence to the Royal Commission on Mental Disorder and Mental Deficiency on the Association's Memorandum of Evidence. Full acknowledgment will be made to the Association and points of difference clearly stressed. Council was pleased to confirm the Association's assent to this request which would, it was hoped, make clear the large measure of unity between specialists and the profession as a whole.

Dr. T. P. Rees was reappointed as the Association's representative to the National Association for Mental Health.

In answer to a request from the G.N.C. (England and Wales), Council considered whether summaries of case histories and progress notes should be made available to sisters and charge nurses for use in teaching students. It was felt that the answer to be given should indicate that the importance of professional secrecy cannot be stressed too strongly, but that provided the use of case notes is kept under medical supervision, and subject to medical direction in each individual case, they could be used for teaching purposes.

Council took note of the following Meetings and Conferences:

The 53rd Congress of the French Alienists and Neurologists will be held in Nice, from 5–11 September. Council would be glad to hear from any members who would like to attend this meeting, with a view to their being appointed as the Association's representative.

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The United Nations is to hold its first Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders in Geneva from 22 August–3 September, 1955. The programme of the Conference has been received and those interested should apply at this office for further details.

The United Nations are also holding a Conference in Geneva, from 31 March to 7 April, 1955, to exchange views on various aspects of non-governmental action in combating prejudice and discrimination.

Arising out of the Report of Council there was some discussion on the Council's proposed reply to the General Nursing Council on the subject of the use of case notes for teaching students. It was proposed by Dr. K. Bailey, seconded by Dr. J. J. O'Reilly that the matter should be referred back to the Council for further discussion and this motion was *carried.*

Papers

Morning Session:

"Mental Hygiene."

Opening Speakers: Dr. J. R. Rees, C.B.E., Dr. R. F. Tredgold, Dr. Noel H. M. Burke, O.B.E.

Afternoon Session:

At the Barnes Hall,

" Education of the General Public in Mental Health."

Opening Speakers: Miss P. Hornsby Smith, M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health), Dr. R. R. Bomford, Dr. The Hon. W. S. Maclay, C.B., O.B.E.

General discussion opened by Francois Lafitte, Esq.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES AT THE ASSOCIATION'S LAST D.P.M. EXAMINATION HELD IN NOVEMBER, 1954

Part I

Mary J. Collins, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.
W. J. H. Collins, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.(Dublin).
M. S. De Mowbray, B.M., B.Ch.
Dorothy I. Ogden, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.(Dublin).
A. Raman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.S.A.
D. Sherret, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasgow).
W. D. Wilson, M.B., Ch.B.(Aberdeen).

Part II

L. N. Cook, M.B., Ch.B.(Glasgow).
J. Mukerjee, M.B.(Calcutta).
G. S. Stirling, M.B., Ch.B.(Aberdeen).

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

The Autumn Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held on Friday, 8 October, 1954, at Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, by kind permission of Dr. J. McGregor and his Management Committee.

Members were entertained to luncheon in company with the Chairman of the Management Committee. There were present some 46 Members.

Business Session

The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Campbell, Fergus Aidan, L.R.C.P.I. & L.M., L.R.C.S.I. & L.M., D.P.M., Assistant Senior Psychiatrist, Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe-on-Trent.
Proposed by Drs. James McGregor, Clement Rose and W. W. Roberts.

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