" That the Research and Clinical Committee be reappointed with the following additions:

" Drs. Russell Fraser, J. H. O. Roberts."

" That the Mental Deficiency Committee be reappointed with the addition of Dr. Gavin J. Bell."

" That the Library Committee be reappointed with the following additions :

" Drs. Edward Lewis, W. J. T. Kimber, William Sargant."

" That the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee (Official Members) be reappointed as follows :

England and Wales.—Drs. S. Edgar Martin, G. W. Smith, W. Gordon Masefield, B. Reid, H. Dove Cormac.

Scotland.—Drs. W. McAlister, W. Boyd, H. Stalker, W. D. Chambers, D. Ross.

N. Ireland.—Drs. D. Gardner, N. B. Graham, J. Watson,

Eire.—Drs. S. Blake, C. B. Molony, W. J. Coyne, P. Grace."

This motion was also carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT said that a number of important committees had shown the resignation of Dr. M. Abdy Collins. Dr. Collins informed him that he had been a member of these Committees and Council since 1912 ; he was an ex-President, and members would regret that he had withdrawn from his activities after so many years of valuable work for the Association.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

(*a*) COUNCIL.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (Dr. Masefield) read the Council's Report as follows :

The Council has to report that the number of members, as shown in the 1945 Year Book, is 1,116. This figure shows an increase of 41 compared with 1944, which is particularly gratifying in view of the increased annual subscription.

	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Ordinary Members . .	953	951	966	1,003	1,046
Honorary Members . .	30	26	27	26	24
Corresponding Members .	47	47	47	46	46
	1,030	1,024	1,040	1,075	1,116

Owing to the postponement of the last Annual Meeting until November, only two Quarterly Meetings have been held during the year. The May Meeting took place in Birmingham by kind invitation of Dr. Thos. C. Graves. The meeting was well attended, and the hospitality extended by the Lord Mayor, the Chairman of the Mental Hospitals and Mental Deficiency Act Committees, Dr. Graves and Dr. Earl was greatly appreciated.

The Joint Report drawn up by Representatives of the Royal College of Physicians, British Medical Association, and the R.M.P.A. on the Future Organization of the Psychiatric Services has now been adopted, with minor alterations, by the three bodies. Members will have an opportunity of discussing the Report to-morrow morning.

Lt.-Col. Petrie, Dr. K. K. Drury, Dr. T. P. Rees and Dr. W. Gordon Masefield have been appointed to represent the Association on the new Mental Health Sub-Committee of the Negotiating Body for the Profession. Representatives of the Royal College of Physicians are Lord Moran (or his nominee), Prof. D. K. Henderson, Dr. C. P. Symonds, and Dr. Aubrey Lewis. Dr. Doris Odlum, Dr. N. H. M. Burke, Surg.-Capt. D. Curran and Brigadier J. R. Rees will represent the British Medical Association.

Salaries and conditions of service in the Mental Health Service have also been reviewed by a Special Committee, and the Report was placed before the Quarterly General Meeting in February last. In accordance with the wishes of Members the Report was then forwarded to the British Medical Association, by whom it will be considered in relation to the whole future scales of medical salaries.

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The Special Committee appointed to consider medical planning, and which is widely representative of all branches of our specialty, was requested to revise the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Association. The proposed revisions have been circulated to all members and a discussion on the subject will be held to-morrow. The Council adopted a proposal by this Revision Committee that an Emergency Committee of Council should be appointed to deal with matters arising between Council meetings that require immediate attention. This Emergency Committee will consist of the President, immediate Past-President, Treasurer and General Secretary, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee concerned.

On May 25 Representatives of the Association—Lt.-Col. A. A. W. Petrie, President and Chairman of the Educational Committee, the Registrar, the Chairman and Secretary of the Mental Deficiency Committee, the Secretary of the Educational Committee and the Hon. General Secretary—met Representatives of the General Nursing Council, and had a frank discussion about the continuation of the Association's examinations. The result of the conference was discussed at the May Quarterly Meeting, when it was agreed that consultations with the General Nursing Council should continue, that a report be made to the Association either in September or November, and ratification obtained from the Association before the negotiations are completed.

A number of distinguished members of the Association have passed away during the year. Sir Hubert Bond's death has been sincerely mourned by us all, and the sudden decease of Dr. Whitwell was a great loss to the Association and its Library.

Sir HUBERT BOND, *K.B.E.*, D.Sc., M.D.Ed., LL.B.Lond., F.R.C.P., M.P.C. (Hon. Member since 1928; Ordinary Member, 1892; General Secretary, 1906–12; President, 1921–22).

EDWIN GOODALL, *C.B.E.*, M.D., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.P., M.P.C. (Hon. Member since 1938; Ordinary Member, 1889; Asst. Editor, 1894–5, and Co-Editor, 1895–98; President, 1923–24).

M. J. NOLAN, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., *J.P.* (Hon. Member since 1931; Ordinary Member, 1888; President, 1924–5).

J. R. WHITWELL, M.B. (Hon. Member since 1934; Ordinary Member, 1889; Acting Hon. Librarian and Chairman, Library Committee, since 1927; Hon. Librarian since 1928).

Sir HUMPHRY ROLLESTON, Bt., *G.C.V.O.*, *K.C.B.*, D.C.L., LL.D., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Hon. Member since 1927.)

E. F. SKINNER, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.P. (Ordinary Member since 1935).

S. E. GILL, M.D., D.P.H. (Ordinary Member since 1931).

W. L. R. FLEMING, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., *J.P.* (Ordinary Member since 1904).

G. S. WILSON, M.B., D.P.M. (Ordinary Member since 1938).

C. RANKIN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ordinary Member since 1944).

He added that he had correspondence from the General Nursing Council.

The PRESIDENT said that this correspondence was of such moment that he thought the Association should hear it because it represented fine and careful work by the Secretary in vital matters concerning the Association.

Dr. Masefield then read letters to and from the General Nursing Council with regard to mental nurses' examinations. He added that those who knew something of the negotiations years ago with the General Nursing Council would realize that there was a different spirit abroad, and he was bold enough to say that progress could be reported. He moved the adoption of the Report of the Council.

Dr. MASEFIELD then read the Report of the Council Meeting held the previous day as follows:

The Council approved a recommendation by the Educational Committee that a letter be sent to the Rushcliffe Committee stating that, in the view of the Association, Occupational Therapy when carried out by a mental nurse qualified by examination is a nursing duty and should be recognized as such.

The Council adopted a resolution passed by the Child Guidance Sub-Committee that there is a definite place for Play Therapists in the Child Guidance Clinics. They should be employed under medical psychiatric supervision, and should be registered as medical auxiliaries.

The Library Committee Report, which showed considerable enthusiasm, involved serious questions of finance, and had been referred to the Finance Committee.

The next Quarterly Meeting would be held on November 30. Sir Laurence

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Brock would deliver the Maudsley Lecture. Council and Committees would meet the previous day.

An invitation has been received from Dr. Pool and the Committee of The Retreat, York, inviting the Association to hold the May Meeting there. The Retreat at that time will be celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The PRESIDENT said that the Report contained a number of very important points. It would be agreed that the correspondence with the General Nursing Council was of outstanding importance. For the first time the G.N.C. had shown some disposition to listen to the Association's difficulties and to consider the problem as it should be considered, namely, the best way of training mental nurses. Previously the Council had taken the point of view that if the mental nurse could not be trained in their way she should not be trained as all, an attitude which resulted in 4,000 candidates sitting for the R.M.P.A. examination and 400 sitting for their own. If they had persisted in their attitude, there would not be sufficient adequately trained mental nurses for the institutions in the country. The G.N.C. now appreciated that problem and were trying to meet the Association. Negotiations were continuing.

On the other aspects of the Council's Report there was an item in regard to child psychiatry. The Child Psychiatry Sub-Committee recommended that there was a definite place for the play therapist in the Child Guidance Clinics. They should be employed under medical supervision, and should be registered as medical auxiliaries. There was a difference of one letter in the resolution as submitted by the Sub-Committee and the Resolution adopted by the Council. The Council insisted that it was intended to cover the play therapists, the people who carried out this particular technique in child guidance clinics, but the general principle that lay *psychotherapists* should be employed under medical guidance raised a whole series of issues. A Joint Report had been issued, and the B.M.A. took a definite stand some years ago that lay psycho-therapists should not be employed even as medical auxiliaries. The resolution as submitted by the Sub-Committee was a departure from that policy, and would make the Association diverge from the unity which at present existed between the Royal College, the B.M.A., and the Association. If the word " play " would satisfy the child psychiatrists, the question of principle could be discussed later with the joint body.

Dr. KIMBER, speaking for the Child Guidance Sub-Committee, said that the term " lay therapist " was used, and it was understood and definitely expressed what it was intended to convey. The Research and Clinical Committee advised the change, and the resolution went to the Council with the word " play therapist." The point which he wished to raise was as to the correctness of the condition that the play therapists should work under medical supervision. The Sub-Committee were strongly of opinion that they should work under psychiatric, and not merely medical supervision, otherwise it was quite possible that play therapists might be established in some small school clinic and work under a school medical officer or even a general practitioner without psychiatric experience. It was very important that that should not happen and was what the recommendation was intended to convey.

It was agreed to inset the word " psychiatric " after " medical " in that part of the Report, and the Report was adopted.

(*b*) TREASURER.

Dr. G. W. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer) reported as follows: I beg to report that the state of the accounts is that we have a credit balance of £330 5*s*. I beg to submit the Balance-Sheet for the year 1944. This was submitted to the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon, who gave it their careful consideration. The Balance-Sheet showed a deficit on the year of £392 6*s*., which was a great improvement on the deficit showed for 1943 of £809. The income of the Association, from all sources, showed an increase of £1,546, and there was an increase in expenditure of £1,129. This was almost entirely due to the cost of the special number of the Journal, so that there seems to be some prospect that the 1945 Balance-Sheet will show a balance on the credit side. In view of this the Finance Committee has no special recommendations of a financial character to make.

He moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

The PRESIDENT said that the Association was gradually moving towards a

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complete balancing of its accounts even under the present abnormal conditions, and there was reasonable ground for supposing that there would be a balance next year. The Editors had maintained considerable efficiency in the Journal, handicapped as it was by lack of paper and other causes.

Dr. COLLINS seconded the adoption of the Report, *which was carried.*

Dr. SMITH said that in view of the cramped accommodation provided for the Secretary, and in view of the difficulty of finding any other accommodation, the Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the offer of the Medical Society of London to place at the Association's disposal three rooms on the ground floor of 11, Chandos Street, at a rental of £400 per annum in lieu of the present small room which cost £110. Accommodation was also required for the Registrar which cost £220 per annum, which would not be necessary under the new arrangement, so that the proposal would mean a useful increase in the office accommodation, and tide them over the difficult period before matters settled down and they could further consider the question of new premises. The Finance Committee recommended that a lease of these rooms for five years be taken from the Medical Society of London.

The PRESIDENT said that this matter had been carefully considered; there were a large number of possibilities, but the overriding consideration was monetary values, and there was no doubt at all that this was the best course to take at the moment.

Dr. LODGE PATCH said that it seemed as though the rental expenditure was being increased by £290. Was this the case?

Dr. SMITH replied that a rent of £220 was paid for the Registrar until the air raids began and his office was removed to Littleton House; that £220, plus £110, made £330, which was being replaced by £400.

The PRESIDENT said the Association was in a state of flux as regards office accommodation but, broadly speaking, commitments had been increased by £70 per annum, which was very small in view of the work which the Association had to do.

The recommendation was seconded from the meeting and adopted.

(*c*) EDITORS' REPORT.

Dr. MASEFIELD said that the Managing Editor had asked him to apologize for his absence and to read his Annual Report, as follows:

The Annual Report of the Editors includes the special issue *Recent Progress in Psychiatry*, which was published in the spring of 1944 and sold out in three months. Orders continued to come in steadily, and when there were orders for another 200 they tried to get paper to print, but it took months of hard work with no help whatsoever from the Paper Control. In the end the paper was obtained from a private source and 600 copies were being printed.

Cost of Journal, 1944.

1931. £ s. d.	1943. £ s. d.		1944. £ s. d.
		Debit.	
	1,336 4 5	Printing, Postages, etc. . . .	2,465 6 11
	50 1 6	Publishers' Fees	50 12 6
1,311 15 6	1,386 5 11		2,515 19 5
		Credit.	
333 14 2	369 7 6	Sale of Journal	608 17 10
17 17 11	109 0 9	Advertisements	151 6 11
351 12 1	478 8 3		760 4 9
	907 17 8	Cost of Journal	1,755 14 8
	98 13 1	Cost of Card Index Bibliography . .	103 8 0
960 3 5	809 4 7	Net cost of Journal	1,652 6 8
4 4	4 3½	Ner cost per copy	6 2
1 0 8	1 10 11	,, ,, page	1 13 0
930	481 + xxxix	Size of Journal in pages . . .	946 + li
	1,250	Number of copies per issue (4) . .	1,300

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THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31st December, 1944.

1943.	Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	CREDITORS—			
352 7 4	Printing and Distribution of Journal		855 11 3	
441 6 8	Bankers for Overdraft on Current Account		616 1 3	
53 0 6	Subscriptions received in advance		23 12 6	
512 9 6	Sundry		530 11 10	
35 0 6	*Registrar's Current Account—Credit balance*		— — —	
1,394 4 6				2,025 16 10
	SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS—			
	Maudsley Bequest—			
334 18 1	As per last Balance-Sheet	371 18 3		
37 0 2	*Add* Balance being Income for year to date as per detailed Account carried forward	37 0 2		
371 18 3			408 18 5	
	The Gaskell Memorial Fund—			
249 16 2	As per last Balance-Sheet	282 7 5		
32 11 3	*Add* Balance being Income for year to date as per detailed Account carried forward	32 11 3		
282 7 5			314 18 8	
				723 17 1
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—GENERAL FUND—			
14,748 19 8½	As per last Balance-Sheet		13,902 8 9	
— — —	*Add* Excess of Income over Expenditure on Examination Account for year to date as per detailed Account		165 3 8	
14,748 19 8½			14,067 12 5	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year to date as per detailed :—			
809 18 3	General Revenue Account	392 16 8		
36 12 8½	*Examination Account*	— — —		
846 10 11½		392 16 8		
13,902 8 9				13,674 15 9
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT—MAUDSLEY BEQUEST—			
2,086 5 10	As per last Balance-Sheet			2,086 5 10
£18,037 4 9				£18,510 15 6

1943.	Assets.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, 11, CHANDOS STREET, LONDON, W.1—			
178 9 0	As per last Balance-Sheet	160 12 0		
17 17 0	*Less* Depreciation	16 2 0		
160 12 0			144 10 0	
	LIBRARY—			
146 3 4	As per last Balance-Sheet		146 3 4	
	INVESTMENTS—			
	General Fund—			
£12,482 14 10	3½% Conversion Loan	10,470 15 2		
1,864 1 2	3½% War Loan	1,919 19 7		
103 7 2	Victoria 3% Stock 1929–49 (Dr. Paul)	56 6 6		
405 18 1	New South Wales 3½% Stock 1930–50	221 4 3		
213 18 1	Manchester Corporation 3% Stock 1891	143 6 3		
386 0 0	London, Midland and Scottish Railway 4% Preference Stock	239 6 5		
1,200 0 0	2½% National War Bonds 1945–47	1,200 0 0		
500 0 0	2½% National War Bonds 1946–48	500 0 0		
		14,750 18 2		
	Maudsley Bequest—			
£2,112 13 11	3½% War Loan	2,086 5 10		
			16,837 4 0	16,837 4 0
	Note.—The market value of the above Investments at the date of the Balance-Sheet amounted to £20,117 14s. 6d. (£19,909 4s. 7d.)			
	DEBTORS—			
532 19 0	For Subscriptions	579 3 0		
— — —	Examination Fees *less* Expenses	130 3 2		
360 6 5	Sundry	670 7 10		
893 5 5			1,379 14 0	
	CASH			
— — —	In Hand		3 4 2	
£18,037 4 9				£18,510 15 6

G. W. SMITH, *Hon. Treasurer.*

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet, dated 31st December, 1944, with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion the Balance-Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1944.

1943. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,386 5 11	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal		2,516 17 5	
317 7 8	„ Expenses of Annual, General and other Meetings		424 12 6	
100 0 0	„ Library Expenses		50 0 0	
1,803 13 7			2,991 9 11	
	„ *Expenses:* 11, Chandos Street, W. 1:			
330 0 0	Rent	330 0 0		
255 12 6	Salaries	250 0 0		
29 3 8	Telephone	26 19 0		
37 8 10	Printing and Stationery	12 16 2		
37 7 4	Postages and Sundries	29 1 6		
689 12 4			648 16 8	
38 3 0	„ Audit and Accountancy Charges		44 9 0	
269 2 6	„ Miscellaneous Expenses		247 0 5	
2,800 11 5				3,931 16 0
17 17 0	„ Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings			16 2 0
£2,818 8 5				£3,947 18 0

Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1943. £ s. d.
By Interest on Investments (less Income Tax)		291 18 10	291 18 9
„ Sales of Journal	659 10 4		369 7 6
„ Royalties on Handbook and Manual	80 15 6		80 2 6
„ Advertisements in Journal	151 6 11		109 0 9
„ Sale of Statistical Forms, etc.	1 5 9		16 2
		892 18 6	559 6 11
„ Members' Subscriptions		2,370 4 0	1,157 4 6
„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1944 (*see Balance Sheet*)		392 16 8	809 18 3
		£3,947 18 0	£2,818 8 5

EXAMINATION ACCOUNT.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1944.

1943. £ s. d.	Dr. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
2,641 12 0½	To Expenses of Examinations and Prizes	2,372 15 1
— — —	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1944 (*see Balance Sheet*)	165 3 8
£2,641 12 0½		£2,537 18 9

Income.	Cr. £ s. d.	1943. £ s. d.
By Examination Receipts	2,537 18 9	2,604 19 4
„ *Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ending 31st December, 1943* (see Balance Sheet)	— — —	36 12 8½
	£2,537 18 9	£2,641 12 0½

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MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1944.

1943.	Dr. Expenditure.			1943.	Income. Cr.		
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Balance for the year ending 31st December, 1944, carried forward (*see Balance Sheet*)		37 0 2		By Interest on Investment (*less* Income Tax)	37 0 2	37 0 2
37 0 2							
£37 0 2			£37 0 2			£37 0 2	£37 0 2

THE GASKELL MEMORIAL FUND.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1944.

1943.	Dr. Expenditure.			1943.	Income. Cr.		
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Balance for the year ending 31st December, 1944, carried forward (*see Balance Sheet*)		32 11 3		By Interest on Trustees' Investments (*less* Income Tax) as follows:—		
32 11 3					£370 0*s.* 0*d.* 3½% War Loan ...	6 10 3	6 10 3
					£356 1*s.* 8*d.* Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock	5 6 10	5 6 10
					£1,380 5*s.* 9*d.* 3% War Loan, 1955/59	20 14 2	20 14 2
£32 11 3			£32 11 3			£32 11 3	£32 11 3

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He moved that it be adopted.
Dr. SMITH seconded and this was carried.

(*d*) REGISTRAR.

Dr. BURKE read the report on behalf of the Registrar and moved its adoption.

Annual Report, 1944–45.

There was a total of 2,808 candidates for the year July, 1944, to July, 1945. 1,408 were candidates for the Preliminary Examination, and 1,400 for the Final Examination. There were 610 candidates for the Mental Deficiency Examination.

The total figure of 2,808 shows a decrease in numbers of 954 compared with the year 1943–44.

The details of the Examinations are :

Preliminary Examination.

	Entries.	Passes.	Percentage of passes to entries.
English counties	677	310	45
English boroughs	131	67	51
Registered and private hospitals	74	42	56
Scottish hospitals	136	55	40
Irish hospitals	112	60	53
M.D. institutions	278	128	46
	1,408	662	47

Final Examination.

	Entries.	Passes.	Distinctions.	Percentage of passes to entries.
English counties	645	373	18	57
English boroughs	136	80	2	58
Registered and private hospitals	65	40	3	61
Scottish hospitals	143	84	4	58
Irish hospitals	79	49	—	62
M.D. institutions	332	223	17	67
	1,400	849	44	60

The Winner of the Campbell Clark Medal and Prize in November, 1944, was Catherine Maguire, of Lancaster Mental Hospital, with an aggregate of 166 marks ; and the Winner at the May Examination, 1945, was Betty Marler, of Mill Hill Hospital, with 171 marks.

No entries were received for the Examinations for the Gaskell Medal and Prize or the Bronze Medal and Prize.

The PRESIDENT said that the great bulk of the candidates were coming from England and Wales, and it was with regard to these nurses that the negotiations with the General Nursing Council were proceeding.

Surg.-Captain DESMOND CURRAN asked whether concessions would be given to Service personnel doing mental nursing in regard to examinations.

The PRESIDENT said that matter had been dealt with in the Educational Committee, and those who had done approved service with mental experience in certain of the military, naval and air force hospitals would receive consideration. A report would be made on the subject at the next meeting of the Education Committee.

The report was adopted.

(*e*) LIBRARIAN.

Dr. LODGE PATCH (Hon. Librarian) : I am afraid my Report is somewhat curtailed in view of the Report which I gave the Council yesterday. I have tried

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to see how many books are missing, and the number appears to be about 200. The card indexes require a great deal of work. I was handicapped by two considerations; one is the card index classification which I have decided will have to remain, and the other was the lack of a catalogue. We have got things into a pretty fair shape, and I think a catalogue can be produced without much difficulty.

The two points about which there is controversy are the question of adequate assistance and the premises. We have not got a reading room, and members are entitled to those amenities. In view of the fact that these matters have been referred to the Finance Committee I do not propose to say anything more about that at present.

The PRESIDENT said that it was common knowledge that various improvements were needed in the Library, and as far as compatible with the state of the finances endeavours would be made to meet the not unreasonable demands for improvements by the newly appointed Librarian.

(*f*) EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. BURKE read the Report and moved that it be adopted.

Dr. DRURY seconded.

The PRESIDENT said that at the meeting of the Committee great gratitude was expressed to Dr. Drury for his many years of work as Secretary of the Committee. He was sure the Association would wish to be associated with that expression.

Annual Report, September, 1945.

Your Committee met on three occasions during the year under the Chairmanship of the President, Dr. A. A. W. Petrie.

There has been a good attendance of members on each occasion.

The principal item of general interest to the Association was the report on the meeting held on May 25, 1945, with the G.N.C. in London. This report was fully discussed at the Birmingham meeting on May 30. It was finally agreed that consultation should continue.

Irregularities in the conduct of the Examination, held for the first time at a recently approved Training Centre for the M.D. Certificate, were dealt with by the Honorary Secretary and the Town Clerk concerned, who promised a full inquiry and thereafter a proper regard for the Rules and Regulations.

The training and status of occupation therapists in Mental Hospitals was also discussed.

Three disciplinary cases were dealt with during the year. In one the name of a male nurse was removed from the Register in accordance with Regulation 27.

Dr. Drury has resigned the post of Honorary Secretary after nine years' service, and Dr. Burke has been appointed in his stead.

It was decided to recommend that a letter be sent to the Rushcliffe Committee to the effect that, in the view of the Association, Occupational Therapy, when carried out by a mental nurse qualified by examination, is a nursing duty and should be recognized as such.

The Report was adopted.

(*g*) RESEARCH AND CLINICAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. E. K. MCCOWAN read the Report and moved that it be adopted.

Dr. FORD ROBERTSON seconded and this was carried.

(*h*) MENTAL DEFICIENCY COMMITTEE.

Dr. BLAKE MARSH: Three meetings of the Committee have been held during the year and discussions have been held. A meeting was held in association with the Quarterly Meeting. The Section has 90 members, and the Chairman is Dr. R. M. Stewart.

He moved that this Report be adopted; this was seconded and carried.

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(*i*) Parliamentary Committee.

Dr. Armitage read this Report.

The Parliamentary Committee has held three meetings this session.

Dr. Cedric W. Bower was re-elected Chairman, Dr. M. A. Collins, Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Bernard Armitage, Hon. Secretary.

Adequate representation, for which the committee has long pressed, has at last been accorded to the Association with the central bodies conferring with the Government on the proposed new Health Service, and the examination of the White Paper has in the special circumstances been delegated to these representatives and the Planning Committee.

Special attention has been given to the shortage of nurses and domestic staff in mental institutions, strong Parliamentary pressure being exerted; to adequate psychiatric control of the new Child Guidance Clinics; and to effecting proper psychiatric representation on the proposed Advisory Council on Delinquency. As to the latter, Mr. Morrison, the Home Secretary, continued to be adamant in refusing. The Provisional National Council for Mental Health has joined our efforts, which are being continued. In the meantime part-time consulting psychiatrists have been appointed at Wormwood Scrubbs and Holloway prisons for males and females respectively; and cases for psychological treatment are being sent there.

The voting powers of voluntary patients were threatened by a Home Office order. The committee elucidated that their names should be left in the Electoral Register under their home address.

The growing disproportion under new legislation between medical officers' salaries and those of other mental hospital workers was examined, and the Council dealt with it by appointing an *ad hoc* sub-committee.

The medical and psychiatric provisions of the new Education Act may be delayed by shortage of medical men. One-third of general practitioners and one-fifth of public medical officers have gone to the services. Few are being released, except in accordance with the general scheme of demobilization, though some specialists are being returned to the Universities.

The Contributory Negligence Bill was introduced in February. In actions against medical practitioners the question of contributory negligence by the patient seldom arises. It is thought, however, that the professional defendant will not be prejudiced by this Bill. Expenses of lunacy administration in Northern Ireland will now, by a new Bill, be brought into line with practice in England, and having hitherto been carried by a Lunacy Fund made up of percentages charged upon mental patients' estates, they will now be borne by the Exchequer. A research unit in applied psychology has been established at Cambridge by the Privy Council, and the Government have tried to meet the severe shortage of medical text-books by sanctioning an increase in publication to 80 per cent. of the pre-war figure.

It was reported in Parliament that there are still about 1,000 Service patients in neuroses centres provided by the E.M.S. Their after-care will be undertaken by the Provisional National Council for Mental Health and the Mental After-Care Association.

The Parliamentary Medical Group will have a new chairman, as Dr. Howitt has resigned.

Dr. Armitage moved that the Report be adopted; this was seconded by Dr. Bower and carried.

(*j*) Library Committee.

Lt.-Col. Lodge Patch said that a request had been received from the Society of Psychiatric Social Workers asking for old copies of the *Journal of Mental Science* going back to 1939 for distribution to psychiatrists in Holland. The Committee had circularized members asking for such copies, and any received would be forwarded in due course.

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