every patient to a greater or lesser extent; without them the results would be that much less effective. More severe disabilities required the special knowledge of psychiatrists. Psychiatrists did not wish to take over the running of all the rehabilitation centres, but their experience should be used in planning the general organization of such centres. That was where some of them failed and psychiatrists should be available, as were other specialists, to advise in individual difficult cases.

What he had said might amount merely to the expression of psychiatric first principles, but the ends mentioned had not been easy to achieve, and he would not claim that they had been achieved. The film showed what they were trying to do, not how it ought to be done. It was intended for non-psychiatric medical audiences rather than for psychiatrists, and it was hoped that it would give some idea of what went on in a neuroses centre and would remove some misconceptions. As the average length of stay was six weeks, it would be appreciated that some of the more profound disturbances could not be rectified—for example, a severe mechanical obsessional state; and the point of view, taken sometimes, that if they got their results in such a short time why did psychiatric treatment take so long and why was it so expensive before the war, was not fair. They were greatly helped by pre-selection of suitable cases, and many cases of invalidism were easy and straightforward to deal with. The fundamental problem had been to apply psychiatric principles to large numbers of patients imposed by circumstances of war. The annual admission-rate was the same as for the whole of the L.C.C. hospitals added together. The problem had also been to adapt psychiatric methods for use in what were necessarily short periods of treatment, using a restricted staff, some of whom had only had a restricted training. Now that the film was finished there were many parts he would like to eradicate or film differently, but that would have been the case in any event.

After the film had been shown, Dr. PARFITT said that it was a description of the various facilities in a mental hospital applied to mental neuroses. He commented on the reply of a sister to a patient that the hospital was not a mental hospital.

Dr. MACLAY said he agreed that the comment was unfortunate, but the sisters dealt with the patients as seemed best, and this man's main fear was that he should be sent to a mental hospital. If a patient asked him whether it was a mental hospital he replied that it was and then explained. He had asked that this scene should be changed, the Ministry had refused to do so, but if it gave a bad impression he would ask again.

Dr. KIMBER thought it would be best to have it changed.

Dr. T. P. REES said that although it was a picture of what was done in mental hospitals, Dr. Maclay should be congratulated on his magnificent work. He had started from scratch and had put in a very great deal of hard work. It was one of the most enjoyable pictures he had seen for a long time, and their thanks were due to Dr. Maclay and his staff for producing the film.

Asked if the film would be available for showing in the mental hospitals throughout the country, Mr. MACLAY replied that it was under the control of the Ministry of Information, and anyone who wished to have it could write to the Ministry at Malet Street, London, W.C. 1.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Lt.-Col. RUSSELL proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the speakers who had entertained and instructed the meeting. He personally was delighted with the general conclusions at which Squadron-Leader Parfitt had arrived because they corresponded with his own feelings. He felt they owed an apology to Dr. Maclay, but he would understand that that audience had a pronounced sensitiveness with regard to mental hospitals. Every one of them had a reaction when it was suggested that it was a bad thing to go to a mental hospital!

The vote of thanks was accorded by hearty applause, and the proceedings terminated.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE Spring Meeting of the Division was held, by the courtesy of Dr. Geoffrey Talbot, at the County Mental Hospital, Prestwich, on Friday, April 30, 1943.

Present: Dr. Talbot, in the Chair, Drs. Bamford, Benham, Bruce, Brunton, Cates, Clarke, Cormac, Crowe, Erskine, Fairweather, Finkleman, Fox, Grant, Harris, Hart, Hull, Lowy, McGlashan, McLaren, N. F. Mackenzie, D. Macmillan, Power, Lt.-Col. J. I. Russell, Drs. Starkey, Stein, Thorpe, Torrance, Williamson, and two visitors.

Dr. TALBOT, who presided, referred to the unfortunate illness of Dr. E. F. Reeve, Divisional Chairman, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Dr. Reeve the members' sympathy and good wishes for his recovery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following, after ballot, were duly elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

GERARD CAPLAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer, Winson Green Mental Hospital, Birmingham, at present on service in R.A.F.; 6, Ramillies Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

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Proposed by Drs. O'Reilly, Graves and Cox.

JULIUS STEIN, M.D.Prague, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich; 1, Buttershole Lane, Prestwich.

Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Benham.

MAUDE PATRICIA SMART CLARKE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 3rd Senior Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich; 2, Wood Villas, Clifton Road, Prestwich.

Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Benham.

THOMAS HART, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich; 87, Bury New Road, Whitefield, Manchester.

Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Benham.

ELVIRA POWER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich.

Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Benham.

SAMUEL LOWY, M.D.Prague, Temporary Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Prestwich.

Proposed by Drs. Talbot, McGlashan and Benham.

The following officers were elected:

Divisional Chairman: Dr. E. F. Reeve.

Divisional Secretary: Lt.-Col. J. I. Russell.

Representative Members of Council: Dr. E. F. Reeve, Dr. H. Dove Cormac, Dr. D. Macmillan and Dr. B. Finkleman.

Dr. Dove Cormac was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

Dr. T. W. Davidson was nominated for appointment of Examiner for the Final Examination of Nursing Certificate, and Miss J. White, Matron, Cheddleton Mental Hospital, as Nurse Examiner.

The following papers were read:

(1) **"The Causation of Irreversible Coma in Insulin Shock Therapy,"** by B. FINKLEMAN, M.B., D.P.M., M.Sc.

(2) **"Emotional and Ideational Factors of Psychosis in the Light of New Observations following Treatment by Shock and Sodium Amytal,"** by S. LOWY, M.D.Prague.

(3) **"A Problematical Case of Schizophrenia in an Adolescent Boy,"** by W. MARY BURBURY, M.A., M.B., B.Sc., D.P.M., etc.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING, 1943, MEETING of the S.-W. Division was held, by kind invitation of the Committee of Visitors and Dr. H. Smith, at the Bristol City Mental Hospital, Fishponds, Bristol, on Thursday, April 22, 1943, at 2 p.m.

Apologies for absence were received from Drs. C. Lovell, Brownlees, T. J. Hennelly, C. Davies-Jones, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Armstrong, Dr. J. T. Horsley, Dr. MacDonald and others.

Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming was in the Chair.

The following were present: Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, A. L. Taylor, R. E. Hemphill, E. F. Hutton, Elizabeth Casson, E. C. Barton White, J. Johnston Mason, G. H. Danby, P. F. Grant, A. B. Price, Thos. J. Rose, N. A. Martin, J. F. Lyons, Herbert Smith, A. J. P. Alexander, C. Sylvia Davies, R. Sessions Hodge and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary).

The following attended as Visitors: Dr. Albert Weeks, Dr. H. H. Carleton, Squadron-Leader A. M. Stewart-Wallace, Drs. T. S. Hutton, D. Satta, J. Wilfred Willway, J. J. S. Lucas, R. P. Lucas, Geoffrey Tooth, Major Francis Baylen, *M.C.*, Major M. M. Frohbir, M.C.U.S.A., R. J. Ling-Bell, E. Carey, A. H. M. Davies, J. R. R. Trist, Charles H. Willis, E. L. Trussell, P. P. Scott, M. C. Hood, Surg.-Commander R. Allison, R.N.V.R., Prof. T. H. Hewer, F. A. Hampton, F. G. B. Niven, Col. O. F. Kuksey, *M.C.*, U.S.Army.

The Report of the Divisional Committee was received.

Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Secretary; Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, R. W. Armstrong and R. E. Hemphill as Representative Members of Council; and Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming as Chairman. Dr. S. Edgar Martin was nominated to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

The following was elected as an Ordinary Member:

ARTHUR MORGAN SPENCER, M.B.Bristol, D.P.M.(R.C.P.&S.), Deputy Medical Superintendent, Joint Counties Mental Hospital, Carmarthen.

Proposed by Drs. Sidney Davies, T. J. Hennelly and W. Clifford M. Scott.

The place of the Autumn Meeting was left in the hands of the Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

Dr. R. E. HEMPHILL read a very interesting paper on **"Pathological Changes in the Testis in Schizophrenia, Clinical and Histological Investigations,"** and Drs. A. L. Taylor and Max Reiss demonstrated the pathological findings by the aid of lantern-slides. The following took part in the discussion: Dr. FLEMING, Prof. HEWER and Dr. SESSIONS HODGE.

There was also a very interesting demonstration of pathological specimens by Dr. A. L. TAYLOR and the members were able to view a number of uncommon specimens.

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