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AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Association was held on 5 November, 1953, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1, under the Presidency of Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Spring Quarterly Meeting held on 15 May, 1953, which had been published in the Supplement to the October number of the *Journal of Mental Science*, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the President.

OBITUARY.

The President announced with regret the death of :  
Sir NORWOOD EAST, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P., M.P.C., " Rhododendrons,"  
Crowthorne, Berks, an Ordinary Member since 1907.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

After the nominations had been duly put to the Meeting the President declared that the following were unanimously elected to Ordinary Membership :

EVANS, JOHN, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc., Flight Lieutenant, Neuropsychiatric Centre,  
P.M.R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Bucks.

*Proposed by* Drs. M. A. Rahil, I. Shribman and D. C. Watt.

SACK, ERIC LEONARD NEIL SHOETEN, B.A., B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
D.O.M.S., Junior Hospital Medical Officer, Mendip Hospital, Wells,  
Somerset.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. E. W. Bridger, A. Darlington and R. F. Barbour.

WARBOYS, JOHN WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B.Sheff., D.P.M.(R.C.P.&S.Eng.),  
Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Middlewood Hospital; and Dept. of  
Electroencephalography, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

*Proposed by* Drs. T. L. Pilkington, F. J. Kelleher and A. Kelly.

WEATHERHEAD, ARTHUR DIXON, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Clinical  
Director, Weston State Hospital, Weston, W. Virginia, U.S.A.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. Mayer-Gross, James Harper and S. D. McGrath.

*Re-election (Resigned 1947) :*

SMITH, ARTHUR WALLACE HERBERT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant  
Psychiatrist, Rainhill Hospital, Rainhill, near Liverpool.

*Proposed by* Drs. G. P. Egan, S. Falk and W. A. Robinson.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Report of the Council, as follows, was read by the GENERAL SECRETARY and approved :

The General Secretary reported that there had been a meeting between the Association representatives and representatives of the General Nursing Council to discuss differences of procedure between the two bodies when dealing with disciplinary cases which come under both. No agreement was reached.

The General Secretary reported the resignation and departure of Miss Munro, and introduced Miss Woodhead, the new Secretary of the Association, who was

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welcomed by the President and Council. The Council decided to send to Miss Munro a letter of warm thanks for her services to the Association.

The Treasurer reported that an appeal against the assessment of the Association's premises for rates had been unsuccessful.

A letter from the Irish Division about subscriptions for their members was received and it was decided that this matter should be reviewed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee in the light of information furnished by the Irish Division Junior Representative on Council.

The financial advisors have recommended a change in the Association investments which would result in an additional income for the Association of approximately £20 per annum.

After consideration of estimates from printers the Journal Committee recommended and Council has approved that the tender of Messrs. Headly Bros., of Ashford, for the printing of the Journal should be accepted. Messrs. Adlard have been given the six months notice to which they were entitled, and it is expected that the new printers will begin with the April, 1954, issue.

A One Day lecture course in which English and American Psycho-analysts took part was held in July, and a Two Day course on Psychotherapy concluded on Tuesday, 3 November. On both occasions there were over 350 requests for tickets and there were large audiences for every lecture.

The next examination for both parts of the D.P.M. will be held in London from November 16-20.

The Librarian reported that he had disposed of some books in the Library of a non-psychiatric nature and that this had enabled him to make some valuable acquisitions, including a first edition of Pinel's classic work.

Council expressed their appreciation of the Exhibition which Dr. Walk has arranged in connection with the Centenary of the *Journal of Mental Science*.

Dr. N. H. M. Burke has been re-appointed Chairman of the Education Committee for the ensuing year with Dr. W. Rees Thomas as Vice-Chairman and Dr. O. Fitzgerald as Honorary Secretary.

In presenting his report the Registrar asked for guidance in interpreting the D.P.M. regulations, having regard to the fact that the regulations now appear to be stringent by comparison with the Conjoint Board's new regulations. It was agreed that the Association should adhere to the regulations whilst in no way limiting the existing authority of the Registrar to exercise discretion on matters of interpretation in individual cases.

On the recommendation of the Education Committee 5 more mental hospitals and 12 more adult out-patient clinics have been approved for the purpose of the D.P.M. examination (see Appendix to the Minutes).

As a result of a meeting between the Association's representatives and those of the Conjoint Board points of agreement were reached on the future of the Conjoint D.P.M. examination to safeguard the interests of members of the R.M.P.A. wishing to take the D.P.M.

As a result it was decided to recommend at the next Annual Meeting that the Association's D.P.M. examination should be abolished and that the last examination should be held in November, 1954. Candidates who have passed Part I of the Association's examination will be exempted from the corresponding examination of the Conjoint D.P.M.

Dr. Ian Skottowe has been re-elected as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for the ensuing year with Dr. Cedric Bower as Vice-Chairman and Dr. M. J. Brookes as Secretary.

Notice was taken of the fact that a Royal Commission has been appointed to consider present legislation on mental hospitals. Council decided that the present Legislation Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee should collect and collate material suitable for presentation to the Royal Commission.

The question of a Public Relations Officer was considered and it was decided that a small delegation from the Association consisting of Dr. Noel Burke, the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee and the General Secretary should meet the members of the Publicity Department of the Ministry of Health in order to discuss the best methods of enlightening the public with regard to mental illness.

The question of Medical Advisory Committees in hospitals was discussed and some misgivings were felt about the position of these committees in relation to

medical superintendents. It was felt that the latter's powers under Statutory Order 419 might be diminished. It was decided that the Ministry of Health should be asked to interpret R.H.B. (53)91 on this point.

On the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee, Council considered the possibility of expressing views on the findings of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment. It was considered that in view of the fact that this Association had given evidence before the Royal Commission it was undesirable that any comment should now be made to the press.

A very successful Study Tour in this country was held in September. Next year's tour in France has been abandoned as it was found to be too costly. It is hoped to hold the next tour in 1955.

The title for the papers session at the February Meeting is "**The Biological Background of Human Behaviour.**" At the May Meeting it is hoped to arrange two papers sessions, one on the theme of "**The Integration of the Mental Hospital in the National Health Service**" and the other on "**The Management and Treatment of Chronic and Disturbed Patients in Mental Hospitals.**"

A memorandum on Disabled Persons was received from R. K. Freudenberg, T. M. Ling, M. S. Jones and J. F. MacMahon, who had been requested to prepare this document for the approval of Council and for presentation to the Piercy Committee.

Council considered the position of registrars who have completed two years period of service and who in some institutions have been treated unfavourably on their transfer to J.H.M.O. grade. It was decided to approach the Ministry of Health on this matter and make strong representation on the subject.

Drs. W. Sargent and W. S. Maclay were appointed to represent this Association jointly with the R.S.M. at the Second World Congress in Psychiatry to be held in Switzerland in 1957, and to attend the preparatory meeting in Paris in January, 1954.

As requests for nominations were received so shortly before the meeting, it was left for the General Secretary to make recommendations for Regional Hospital Boards from the list of members already approved by Council with the exception that Professor Kennedy was proposed for the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. With regard to Hospital Management Committees it was agreed that advice should be obtained locally on whom the Council should nominate. Dr. T. P. Rees was put forward for the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospital.

Professor Kennedy was appointed as the Association's delegate to the Royal Sanitary Institute's Health Congress to be held at Scarborough from 27-30 April, 1954.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Moorhaven Hospital, Ivybridge, South Devon, on 5 and 6 May, 1954, by kind invitation of Dr. Pilkington and the Hospital Management Committee.

The next Autumn Quarterly Meeting will be held in London on the 3 and 4 November, 1954, and Professor Penfield has kindly consented to give the Maudsley Lecture.

Paper: "**Maturation and Crime.**"

*Opening speakers* : Dr. DENIS HILL and Dr. D. A. POND, Dr. PETER SCOTT.

#### MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

The Twenty-Eighth Maudsley Lecture was given in the Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, by the *Rt. Hon. Earl Jowitt, D.C.L., LL.D.*, on "**Medicine and the Law.**" The vote of thanks to Lord Jowitt, proposed by Dr. P. K. McCowan, was carried by acclamation.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division took place at Springfield Hospital, London, S.W.17, on Tuesday, 6 October, 1953, by kind invitation of Dr. H. C. Beccle and of the Hospital Management Committee.

After inspecting the hospital in the morning, about fifty members and guests were entertained to lunch.