

Appendix.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

*11th List of Training Schools approved in categories shown :**Mental Deficiency Hospital :* Little Plumstead Hall, Norwich.*12th List of Training Schools approved in Categories Shown.**Mental Hospitals :* Dundee Mental Hospital.

Long Grove Hospital, Epsom.

Child Clinics : Norfolk County } in association with Little
Great Yarmouth } Plumstead Hall.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows on 20 February, 1952, under the chairmanship of Dr. B. F. Honan.

There were 24 members and 1 guest present.

Apologies for absence were received from 6 members.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

After ballot the following were declared elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association.

MCAULEY, WILLIAM FERGUS, M.D., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Downshire Hospital, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Proposed by Drs. D. B. M. Lothian, R. Dougal and J. N. P. Moore.

KILPATRICK, ALEXANDER JOHN EAKINS, M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin.

Proposed by Drs. J. N. P. Moore, M. O'C. Drury and H. J. Eustace.

Dr. W. J. Coyne was elected Chairman of the Division for the ensuing year and Drs. J. N. P. Moore and H. J. Eustace were re-elected as Divisional Secretary and Junior Representative on Council, respectively.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 28 May, 1952, the place to be arranged by the Secretary.

Dr. FITZGERALD mentioned that Dr. Arthur Finegan, a previous Secretary and Chairman of the Irish Division, and donor of the Finegan Nursing Prize, had died at the age of ninety-nine. The Secretary was requested to convey the sympathy of the meeting to his relatives.

After discussion it was suggested that the following items should be considered at the next meeting—

- (i) The desirability of giving the District Mental Hospitals new names.
- (ii) Method of obtaining clinical material for the Quarterly Meetings.

The meeting then proceeded to the clinical session. Dr. MOORE read his report on a Follow-up Study of 71 cases of Prefrontal Leucotomy.

After introductory remarks he described three main types of case: (i) 50 chronic schizophrenics, of whom 13 recovered, 10 were much improved, 15 improved, and 12 were unchanged; (ii) 9 chronic affective-psychoses, of whom 6 recovered, 2 were much improved, and 1 untraced; (iii) 7 cases of obsessional neurosis, of whom 2 were recovered, 3 much improved, and 2 unchanged; (iv) finally 1 case of anorexia nervosa complicated by pulmonary tuberculosis. On the whole the follow-up had been gratifying in that all but 1 case had been traced. Two cases had died during the operation, and 2 cases subsequently died from intercurrent illness. In general the findings of the study corroborated those of a similar type recently reported. The most definite conclusion arrived at was that in selecting patients for the operation the most important single prognostic consideration is the quality of the premorbid personality. In recovered groups in this series all the patients had been well-integrated personalities and successful at their work before the onset of their illnesses. In the unchanged groups all but one patient could be described as inadequate personalities before the onset of their illnesses.

Dr. DRURY then read his communication entitled "Some Reflections on the Theoretical Basis of Leucotomy."

The earlier part of Dr. Drury's paper consisted of a clear and masterly review of recent work on neuro-physiology, especially that of Lashley. He described numerous experiments and their results which had bearing on the problem of cerebral localization and more remotely on the reason for improvement after prefrontal leucotomy. His main thesis was that mental illness affects the transmitting apparatus of the mind and in reality does not affect the personality, merely cripples its mode of expression. Prefrontal leucotomy, by damaging the morbid processes in the transmitting apparatus, gives the intact personality a fresh chance of expressing itself in a healthier manner.

The papers gave rise to a considerable amount of discussion in which the following members took part: Drs. DUNNE, MORAN, McLAUGHLIN, CASSIN, FITZGERALD, FOLEY and the Chairman. The speakers replied and the meeting adjourned.