

## Part IV.—Notes and News.

### THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Association was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Tuesday, November 22, 1932, the President, Dr. R. B. Campbell, F.R.C.P.E., *J.P.*, occupying the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been printed in the Journal, were taken as read and approved.

#### OBITUARY.

THE PRESIDENT said his next duty was a very sad one, to announce the deaths of four members of the Association who had passed away since the Annual Meeting in July—Dr. George Rae Gibson, *D.S.O.*, Dr. W. F. Blandford, Dr. George Stevens Pope, and Dr. James Humphry Skeen—and he asked Dr. T. C. MacKenzie, Dr. Donald Ross, and Dr. Rice to say a few words regarding them.

DR. T. C. MACKENZIE said that his circumstances had recently been such that he had had the opportunity of seeing something of the late Dr. Gibson's work as Deputy-Commissioner of the General Board of Control for Scotland. He, the speaker, had recently been in the Outer Islands of Scotland and through Skye, and in various other portions of the Highlands, doing work which Dr. Gibson had been doing for many years; and it would gratify members of the Association to know of the testimony to the character of the deceased which he gleaned in many places from people in humble homes to whom he was known, and of the very great regret that was caused by the news of his death. By the general public, as well as by those engaged in this speciality, his work was very highly appreciated and his personality very highly esteemed.

DR. DONALD ROSS said that before speaking, as he had been asked to do, of Dr. Skeen, he would like to add his word of tribute concerning the late Dr. George Gibson, who was a great friend to all in the speciality in Scotland. He himself enjoyed a very close friendship with Dr. Gibson, and he felt that gentleman's dramatically sudden death most acutely.

Dr. Gibson had a very distinguished career. In the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders he served through the Boer War, and it was a matter of great pride to him that he had done so. He was also in Canada, and rose to great power in the Canadian Forces, in which he was a leading man. He was son of the late George Gibson, who was one of the best teachers in Edinburgh University. Evidently the father's mantle fell on the son in the matter of versatility and in other respects. The College of Physicians in Edinburgh, in recent years, had him as its Secretary, and he proved a most efficient holder of the post. Those members who were at the combined meeting of this Association and the British Medical Association in Edinburgh in 1927 might not all be aware that all the "spade-work" of that meeting was done by Dr. Gibson. Dr. Gibson was also a very fine poet, though very little of what he wrote in this way had seen the light. Like Dr. Mackenzie, he, the speaker, was recently in Mull, and everybody he met spoke with tremendous feeling of Dr. Gibson. One of the speakers said that Gibson was a man of unique stamp, and in his death it was felt that a certain mould of man had been snatched away.

With regard to the death of Dr. Skeen, that sad event had taken place on the previous Friday. He passed away suddenly, after doing his morning's work. Some of the members now present knew Dr. Skeen's work better than the speaker did. He graduated in Aberdeen

in 1890, and started mental work as assistant to Sir John Macpherson at Larbert; he succeeded Dr. Campbell Clarke at Bothwell, and was then Medical Superintendent at Cupar (Fife). He took, in succession to Dr. Rutherford Macphail, the post of superintendent of the only private mental hospital in Scotland. Dr. Skeen enjoyed life immensely, and followed many pursuits and hobbies. He was a most genial friend and a warm-hearted host.

Dr. Rice said he felt it a privilege to have been asked to say something concerning their late member Dr. George Stevens Pope. It was true that Dr. Pope was not one of the most active members of the Association at its meetings, but he had never come across a man with an abler brain, or one who was more versatile or more widely read. After taking his Scottish qualifications he turned his attention to mental medicine, and served at the Retreat at York, and at Cane Hill. He opened the Middlesbrough Asylum as its first superintendent. Later he moved to the Somerset Mental Hospital at Wells, and while there he effected many improvements of an important character, both structural and administrative. He retired as soon as he reached the retiring age, and joined his friend Gordon Munn in running a licensed house at Norwich, where, again, he brought about many improvements, and devoted himself to the care of his patients in a very sympathetic way. Being a man of tireless energy and always willing to work, he turned his attention to municipal politics, entering the Norwich Council as a Conservative after a contest in a strong working-class constituency, and one which previously had been represented by a Labour councillor for many years. After he had been on that Council only two years he was unanimously elected Lord Mayor of Norwich City, and the speaker thought that this Lord Mayoralty would remain in the memory of citizens for a long time. Afterwards he was Chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Corporation, and about two years ago he was elected Leader of the Conservative Party there. He, Dr. Rice, had never come across a readier or a wittier speaker than Dr. Pope; whatever was the subject, Dr. Pope was always ready to give some illuminating remarks of his own. He was a fighter, and could bring forward most biting sarcasm and cynical comments, but they were always tinged with a humour which took the sting out of them. It was a striking tribute to him that though it was announced that only his most intimate friends were invited to be present at the funeral, several hundreds of people were there, and several hundreds more attended at the Cathedral, where the service was conducted with full municipal honours.

The resolution of sorrow and condolence with the surviving relatives was carried by members rising in their places.

#### COUNCIL'S BUSINESS.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Council had met that morning and dealt with several important matters. A decision had been arrived at regarding the question of appointing Trustees for the Gaskell Fund in place of those who had died during recent years. As a result of taking legal advice it was found necessary to appoint additional Trustees, and in view of the expense involved in making alterations of this kind, the Council thought it would be advisable to increase the number of Trustees to seven, and nominated four of the younger members who it was hoped would be spared to act in the capacity of Trustees for many years. The four names decided upon were: Dr. Ross, Dr. Bower, Dr. Skottowe, and Dr. Macfarlane.

With regard to the special prize for Nurses which was being instituted in memory of the late Dr. Campbell Clarke, it was decided that the regulations in connection with this award should be drawn up by Dr. Ross and the Honorary Treasurer.

Another matter which the Council had under consideration was that of the Association's accommodation. It was generally agreed that they were most comfortable at Chandos Street, but the Council felt—now that the Library was suitably housed and on a sound footing under the supervision of Dr. Whitwell—that the arrangement of using the same room as Library and as the Secretary's office was inconvenient, and that it would be a great advantage to have a separate room where the Association's records and documents could be kept. An additional small room was available for this purpose, and the Council unanimously agreed to acquire it as a Secretary's office. This arrangement would enable Members to have full use of the Library in quietness.

Miss Higgins, who had recently been appointed Secretary, was present in this capacity for the first time that day, and he would like to take the opportunity to assure her that she would receive every assistance from the Members of the Association in connection with her work.

The PRESIDENT then announced that Dr. Adolf Meyer had agreed to deliver the Fourteenth Maudsley Lecture in May, 1933.

## ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT nominated Dr. Ross and Dr. Mackenzie as scrutineers for the ballot, which was taken for all the candidates *en bloc* :

CHALMERS, EDITH, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., Assistant Medical Officer, Chiswick House, Pinner, Middlesex.

*Proposed by* Drs. D. I. O. Macaulay, W. J. Coyne and G. W. Smith.

HULL, ERIC RANDAL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Hons., Second Senior Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Lancaster.

*Proposed by* Drs. G. R. Wadsworth, J. D. Silverston and C. J. Thomas.

BECCLE, HAROLD CHARLES, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

*Proposed by* Drs. W. E. Collier, R. M. Macfarlane and R. Worth.

SANDERS, MARJORIE ELIZABETH FRANCES, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Long Grove Mental Hospital, Epsom.

*Proposed by* Drs. David Ogilvy, A. Walk and Joyce McConnell.

HINGSTON, CICELY LAMORNA, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., *M.B.E.(Mil.)*, Hon. Visiting Physician, Lady Chichester Hospital, Hove; 9, The Drive, Hove, Sussex.

*Proposed by* Drs. A. Helen Boyle, W. F. Menzies and F. A. Chennell.

GALLOWAY, JAMES FORBES, M.D.Liverp., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, Ewell Mental Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

*Proposed by* Drs. L. H. Wootton, R. W. Armstrong and F. G. L. Barnes.

BATES, RALPH MARSHALL, F.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Resident Medical Officer, Stoke Park Colony; Parrdown House, Stapleton, Bristol.

*Proposed by* Drs. G. de M. Rudolf, Richard J. A. Berry and R. Worth.

The PRESIDENT announced that all the candidates had been elected.

## THE MAUDSLEY LECTURE.

The Thirteenth Maudsley Lecture was delivered in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine by Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, *K.C.V.O.*, M.D., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford University, on the subject of "Education in Medicine" (*vide p. 4*).

Dr. W. G. MASEFIELD said he felt that those who had been listening to this lecture must consider themselves to be very lucky; but he thought it was his duty to point out that this was the thirteenth lecture in the series of Maudsley Lectures, and hence there must be an element of ill-luck about it. That element came in from the fact that it was he who had been asked to express the Association's thanks to Sir Farquhar for his eloquence. Why he had been asked he did not know. He wondered whether the powers that be in the Association imagined—erroneously, of course—that his, the speaker's name carried with it some gift of poetic inspiration or of dramatic utterance. He could picture quite well his eminent kinsman from the heights of Boar's Hill reciting a narrative poem in praise of the wonderful flights, the unerring aim and the poise of the buzzard. He regretted, however, that the Muse had passed him by, and so he must voice the feelings of those present in mere halting prose.

Sir Farquhar had been a member of this Association for eleven years, but he had been seen at the meetings far too seldom. Those, however, who had the good fortune to be present at the memorable annual meeting of 1930, at Oxford, knew that Sir Farquhar played a large part in securing the wonderful success of the event. Among other things members would remember his felicitous after-dinner speech, and Lady Buzzard's and his own hospitality among the lovely surroundings of Magdalen College.

And now, this afternoon, for all time, Sir Farquhar had made members indebted to him for this brilliant and stimulating lecture. Who could have been better suited than Sir Farquhar to give this authoritative dissertation on the subject of "Education in Medicine", considering that he directed medical study in the oldest University in this country, and was a distinguished member of that august and terrifying body, the General Medical Council?

He believed that everyone present would agree with him that Sir Farquhar had done the Association honour this afternoon. He was certain that Sir Farquhar's name would add lustre and distinction to that already distinguished array of Maudsley Lecturers, and it was the speaker's privilege and great pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Association, to propose that Sir Farquhar Buzzard be given their warmest thanks. (Applause.)

Dr. T. SEXTY GOOD, in seconding the proposal, said that the proposer had related the good qualities of Sir Farquhar, but he did not tell the meeting that that gentleman had been one of

the first men in Oxford to consider their branch of medicine, namely, the psychological side; it was through the influence of Sir Farquhar that this branch of medicine had been recognized at Oxford. He was a great neurologist, and some of those present might remember that the psychiatrist and the neurologist thought along different lines, and occasionally dealt each other buffets. But to-day the Association was entertaining a neurologist who never buffeted the psychiatrist, but on the contrary, helped and co-operated with him.

He did not know that there was much in names, but he believed there was a bird of the same name which had remarkably long vision, and he did not think the lecturer's surname belied itself in that respect. He could see further than others because he had a more highly developed vision.

He had the greatest pleasure in seconding the vote. (Applause.)

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held by courtesy of the Governing Body and of Dr. Gilmour at the Woodside Hospital, Woodside Avenue, London, N. 10, on Wednesday, September 28, 1932.

The following members were present: Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones, Sir Hubert Bond, Drs. R. Percy Smith, Henry Yellowlees, W. J. T. Kimber, Reuben Levinson, Marjorie E. Franklin, Cedric W. Bower, W. Brooks Keith, Daniel F. Rambaut, May Edith Martin, Hubert J. Norman, W. Gordon Masefield, A. Edward Evans, S. Edgar Martin, Douglas I. O. Macaulay, Nora Crow, F. H. Guppy, A. Shepherd, H. G. L. Haynes, W. McCarten, G. W. Smith, Nathan Raw, C. K. Bushe, A. A. W. Petrie, W. Robinson, R. M. Stewart, D. S. Spence, W. J. Coyne, A. C. Sinclair, N. H. Oliver, R. M. Macfarlane.

During the forenoon, members and their guests inspected the hospital and grounds and were afterwards entertained to lunch.

The meeting followed.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.

The fixing of the date and place of the Spring Meeting was left to the Divisional Secretary.

Dr. GILMOUR then read a most interesting and instructive paper entitled "The Origin, Objects and Development of Woodside Hospital", and a discussion followed.

Members and their guests were then entertained to tea.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. J. R. Benson, at Laverstock House, near Salisbury, on Thursday, October 27, 1932.

The following members were present: Drs. B. M. Mules, E. Casson, A. S. Mules, A. C. King-Turner, J. L. Jackson, J. P. Westrup, W. S. J. Shaw, J. W. Leech, J. M. Rutherford, T. M. C. Speer, J. G. Smith, P. Lornie, S. J. Gilfillan, R. D. Gillespie, J. D. Thomas, H. W. Hills, R. C. Monnington, N. R. Phillips and S. Edgar Martin.

Drs. A. H. Watson, C. J. King-Turner, A. H. Luckham, E. T. Fison, P. W. Carruthers, P. M. Brett and J. R. P. Phillips attended as visitors.

It was proposed by Dr. B. M. MULES and seconded by Dr. J. L. JACKSON that Dr. N. R. Phillips take the Chair.

Dr. N. R. PHILLIPS regretted that owing to sudden illness Dr. E. Barton White was unable to attend the meeting and take the Chair. He was sure that the members would like the Hon. Secretary to write expressing the sympathy of those present and the hope that he would soon be better.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. S. E. Martin was nominated as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. E. Barton White and Dr. J. L. Jackson were nominated as Representative Members of Council, and Dr. J. L. Jackson as Chairman of the Division.

Dr. A. A. D. Townsend was nominated to serve on the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council.

The HON. SECRETARY reported that he had received an invitation from Dr. S. J. Gilfillan