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### THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 13, 14, 15 and 16 July, 1954, at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, and the In-Patient Psychiatric Wing of The Middlesex Hospital, St. Luke's-Woodside Hospital, London, N.10, under the Presidency of Noel Gordon Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.

#### TUESDAY, 13 JULY

Meetings of Committees and Council were held at 11 Chandos Street.

#### WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, AT ST. LUKE'S-WOODSIDE HOSPITAL

#### *Morning Session*

G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., retiring President in the Chair.

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Meeting held in Gloucester in July, 1953, having been published in the Supplement to the October, 1953, *Journal*, were signed by the President as a correct record.

#### OBITUARY

The President said that during the year the Association had to mourn the loss of nine members, some of them being of outstanding repute:

HUTCHISON BURT, Medical Superintendent, Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield; Ordinary Member since 1935.

MICHAEL ABDY COLLINS, O.B.E., late Medical Superintendent, Chartham Mental Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1903; General Secretary 1912-1918; President 1936-37.

SIR NORWOOD EAST, late H.M. Commissioner of Prisons; an Ordinary Member since 1907.

THE RT. HON. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, M.P., an Honorary Member since 1944.

DOUGLAS NOEL HARDCASTLE, Physician to the London Clinic for Psycho-analysis; an Ordinary Member since 1923.

SIDNEY DAVID MITCHELL, Consultant Psychiatrist, Cane Hill Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1944.

KATHLEEN M. WEBSTER, an Ordinary Member since 1944.

ERICH WELLISCH, Director of the Crayford Child Guidance Clinic; an Ordinary Member since 1951.

EDWARD BARTON CARTWRIGHT WHITE, late Medical Superintendent, Bristol Mental Hospital; an Ordinary Member since 1911.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

It was moved from the Chair:

- (a) THAT the Officers of the Association for 1954–55 be:  
 PRESIDENT: Noel Gordon Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.  
 VICE-PRESIDENTS AND DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN:  
 J. G. Hamilton, M.D., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).  
 Andrew Shepherd, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M. (South-Western).  
 Alexander Kennedy, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Northern and Midland).  
 H. B. Craigie, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M. (Scottish).  
 H. J. Eustace, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M. (Irish).  
 PRESIDENT-ELECT: John Dunne, M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I., D.M.D.  
 TREASURER: Thomas Tennent, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M.  
 GENERAL SECRETARY: R. W. Armstrong, M.A., M.D., D.P.M.  
 REGISTRAR: William Sargant, M.A., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.  
 LIBRARIAN: Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.  
 DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES:  
 G. Somerville, M.D., D.P.M. (South-Eastern).  
 R. G. McInnes, F.R.C.P.E., D.Psych. (South-Western).  
 G. M. Woddis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Northern and Midland).  
 E. J. C. Hewitt, M.D., D.P.M. (Scottish).  
 J. N. P. Moore, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., D.P.M. (Irish).
- (b) THAT the Representative Members of Council for 1954–55 be:  
 DIVISIONS: I. MacDonald (South-Eastern), A. J. E. Rowe (South-Western), J. F. McHarg (Scottish), Eveleen O'Brien (Irish), and a representative of the Northern and Midland Division to be nominated at the next Divisional Meeting.  
 SECTIONS: Professor F. L. Golla and Dr. T. J. Hennelly (Research and Clinical), Drs. S. A. MacKeith and J. Carse (Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry), Drs. E. Miller and W. Warren (Child Psychiatry), Drs. Blake Marsh and A. Shapiro (Mental Deficiency).
- (c) THAT the Nominated Members of the Council for 1954–55 be:  
 Drs. Desmond Curran, K. K. Drury, Doreen P. Firmin, W. S. Maclay, Margaret M. Methven, T. P. Rees.
- (d) THAT the Parliamentary Committee be re-appointed with the following alterations:  
 ADDITIONS: Drs. R. G. McInnes and G. M. Woddis.
- (e) THAT the Education Committee be re-appointed with the following alterations:  
 ADDITIONS: Drs. G. M. Bell, E. Mildred Creak, T. W. H. Weir.  
 RESIGNATIONS: Drs. Helen Boyle, H. Ezriel, M. J. McGrath, J. R. B. Robb.
- (f) THAT the Library Committee be re-appointed with the following alterations:  
 ADDITION: Dr. Elizabeth Whatley.  
 RESIGNATION: Dr. Portia Holman.
- (g) THAT the Papers and Discussions Committee be re-appointed.
- (h) THAT the Finance Committee be re-appointed.
- (i) THAT the Journal Committee be re-appointed.  
 The motions were carried unanimously.

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL, OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

## (a) COUNCIL

THE GENERAL SECRETARY read the Report of the Council as follows:

The Membership of the Association on 1 January, 1954, was 1,307. The figures for the past five years are:

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Ordinary Members .. .. .	1,162	1,179	1,183	1,207	1,242
Honorary Members .. .. .	21	21	23	24	26
Corresponding Members .. .. .	34	34	33	36	36
Associate Members .. .. .	4	2	3	3	3
Totals .. .. .	1,221	1,236	1,242	1,270	1,307

The names of nine members were removed from the Association's Roll in accordance with Bye-law 23 for non-payment of subscriptions.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Council were held on 5 November, 1953, and 17 February, 5 May and 13 July, 1954. In addition a Special Meeting was held on 23 June to consider the Council's Memorandum of Evidence to the Royal Commission on the Law relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency. The Memorandum was submitted early in July, and will be supported by oral evidence in October. You will be hearing a summary of the main points made in the Memorandum later on in the Meeting, and will then be asked to put forward any points which it is thought should be emphasized when oral evidence is given. The preliminary preparation of this Memorandum has entailed many meetings and long hours of work for the members of the special committee appointed for this task. They have considered most carefully suggestions made as a result of a circular sent to all members in England and Wales, and also the specialized recommendations put forward by the Mental Deficiency Section. Council would like to express its appreciation of this valuable work.

Appropriately enough, in the year in which the Editor-in-Chief was also President, the *Journal of Mental Science* celebrated its centenary. The October, 1953, issue commemorated this anniversary, and Council takes this opportunity of congratulating the Editor-in-Chief and his Co-Editor and Assistant Editors for their work in maintaining the traditional high standard of the *Journal*. At the November Quarterly Meeting Dr. Walk arranged an exhibition of books and periodicals in connection with the *Journal's* Centenary, which was much appreciated by members attending the meeting.

On 6 November the Annual Maudsley Lecture was delivered by the Right Hon. Earl Jowitt, D.C.L., LL.D., and his stimulating address on "Medicine and the Law" was heard by a large and appreciative audience.

There have been three Maudsley Bequest Lecture Courses during the year. These will be reported on in more detail by the Registrar, but Council would like to put on record its gratitude to the Registrar for organizing these courses, which have enabled large audiences to keep up to date with recent developments in different branches of psychiatry.

The May Quarterly Meeting was held at Plymouth, and at Moorhaven Hospital, Ivybridge, South Devon. It was an unqualified success, and the Association is very grateful to the Lord Mayor and City Council of Plymouth, the Management Committee of Moorhaven Hospital, and Dr. Francis Pilkington, Physician Superintendent, for their kind hospitality to members and their guests.

Early in the year 1953-54 the Association's Memorandum of Evidence to the Committee of Enquiry into the Cost of the National Health Service was submitted, and this has since been supported by oral evidence. Council agreed that a separate memorandum of evidence should be submitted by the Scottish Division when the Committee was sitting in Scotland. It was made clear that the recommendations in this memorandum applied to Scotland only.

In November a Memorandum was submitted to the Committee of Inquiry into Questions affecting Disabled Persons.

As a result of a meeting between the Committee of Management of the Conjoint Board and representatives of the Association, at which agreement was reached over certain points in the Board's new regulations for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine, Council decided to recommend that the Association's Diploma should be discontinued, and this recommendation will be the subject of a special resolution later in the meeting. In the meantime, Council would like to express their thanks to the Examiners who have carried out these examinations, and to the Registrar of the Medical Society of London for the excellent arrangements he has made for accommodating the candidates and for acting as invigilator. Pending the decision to terminate the examination, the approval of D.P.M. Training Schools has continued.

In September last a most successful Study Tour of England took place. This tour will be commented on in the Annual Report of the Papers and Discussions Committee, but Council takes pleasure in recording its gratitude to Dr. Isabel Wilson, Secretary of the Study Tours Sub-Committee, for all her hard work in organizing and conducting this tour, to whose success many grateful letters from those who took part have testified.

During the year Council learned that the National Association of Authorized Officers and the Mental Health Workers' Association were to be merged into one Society, to be known as the Society of Mental Welfare Officers. This new body sought the help of the Association in framing a national training scheme and examination for its members. A Committee consisting of Drs. Noel Burke, O. W. S. FitzGerald, A. B. Monro and T. P. Rees, was set up, and the Society of Medical Officers of Health was invited to nominate members to form a Joint Committee with them and with representatives of the Society of Mental Welfare Officers.

The problem of the shortage of mental nurses has been the subject of submissions to Council by many interested bodies. In addition the South Western Division submitted a resolution called for the re-starting of the Association's Nursing Examinations. As a result of these representations a small committee, consisting of Dr. Noel Harris and Dr. Noel Burke, assisted by Dr. Isabel Wilson, has been appointed to consider this problem in all its aspects.

During the year instructions were given for the removal of the name of one nurse from the Association's Roll of Certificate holders. Final judgment had also to be given on the cases of four nurses on whom a decision had been postponed for one year, and it was decided that no further action should be taken in these cases. Differences in disciplinary procedure between the Association and the General Nursing Council were discussed at a meeting held last October between representatives of the two bodies.

In response to an enquiry about the use of the letters R.M.P.A. by nurses after their names to indicate that they had passed the final nursing examination of the Association, Council put it on record that the Association had never given recognition to this usage and that it deprecated the use of the letters R.M.P.A. as an alternative to R.M.N., which shows that a nurse has registered his or her qualification. It was however stated that the Council is prepared to approve the use of the letters R.M.P.A. in brackets after the letters R.M.N. only.

Council is glad to report that the new edition of the Handbook for Mental Nurses has now been published. Negotiations about the publication of a new edition of the Handbook for Mental Deficiency Nurses are in progress, and in the meantime, the Handbook Committee has continued with its work.

Representations were made to the Ministry of Health regarding the discrepancy between rates of pay awarded to Mental Hospital Pharmacists and the rates for those working in general hospitals. In reply it was stated that the appropriate Whitley Committee was considering the position of Pharmacists in Mental Hospitals.

The following have been appointed to represent the Association on other bodies:  
Dr. T. P. Rees                      National Association for Mental Health.



- Dr. R. W. Armstrong To succeed Dr. A. A. W. Petrie on the Central Medical Recruitment Committee.
- Dr. M. J. Brookes To serve on the Committee of the Psychological Medical Group of the British Medical Association which is engaged in preparing evidence for the Royal Commission on the Law relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency.

In addition, nominations have been made for members to serve on the Central Health Services Council, and the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals.

Nominations were also sent forward for appointments to Regional Hospital Boards, but in view of the difficulty which has been experienced when requests for nominations have been received at such short notice that there has not been time to take specific local requirements into account, it has been decided that Divisional Secretaries should make "Suggestions for Nominations to Regional Hospital Boards" an item on the Agenda for their Autumn Meeting, and should forward these to the Council in time for them to be considered at the November meeting. It was further decided that nominations to Hospital Management Committees should be discontinued, apart from exceptional cases, when recommendations should be made to Council via Divisional Secretaries in the same way.

The Council are very pleased that it has been possible for the Association to be represented at various overseas meetings and conferences as follows:

Dr. W. S. Maclay represented the Association on the International Committee responsible for the preliminary planning of the Second World Congress in Psychiatry, which met in Zurich in January. He reported that it had been decided that the Second Congress should be held in Zurich in 1957, and that the main theme should be "Schizophrenia in all its Aspects".

Dr. W. Sargent was the Association's representative at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association which was held at St. Louis in May.

Dr. H. J. Eustace will be attending as representative, the 52nd Congress of Alienists and Neurologists of France and the French-Speaking Countries, to be held at Lille from 19 to 26 July, 1954.

A World Child Welfare Congress is to be held at Zagreb from 30 August to 4 September, 1954. Dr. Portia Holman will represent the Association.

It was regretted that a representative was unable to attend the meeting of the European League for Mental Hygiene held in Rome from 8 to 11 April, 1954.

Council has also taken note of the Fourth Congress of the International Association of Children's Judges, to be held at Brussels from 16-19 July, 1954, and the First International Congress for Psychotherapy, to be held at Zurich from 21 to 24 July, 1954.

Miss M. M. Munro, Secretary of the Association, left in August, 1953, to take up another appointment. She has been succeeded by Miss M. L. Woodhead. Council would like to record its warm thanks to Miss Munro for her services during the five years that she was with the Association.

Details of the activities of the Standing Committees will be given you by their Secretaries, but once again Council would like to thank these Committees for their work throughout the year. It has been learned with especial regret that Dr. Helen Boyle has resigned from the Education Committee, and it is with pleasure that Council record their gratitude for her many years of valuable service.

Reports from Divisions have shown that there has been a good programme of meetings in all regions, and here thanks must be expressed to the Secretaries of Divisions, to whom falls so much of the work of arranging meetings and programmes. As you will see from the short summaries of the activities of the Sections which follow this report, similar gratitude is due to Section Secretaries who have made it possible for members to hear papers and take part in discussions devoted to their specialty.

At the Council Meeting yesterday it was decided to defer the formation of a Public Relations Committee until the present Royal Commission had finished its work.

Drs. Noel Harris, N. H. M. Burke, Thos. Tennent and A. Walk were appointed to give oral evidence to the Royal Commission in October.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Ministry of Health requesting that the Regional Hospital Boards and Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals should be circulated and asked to exercise favourable discretion when considering cases for the extension of retirement age from 60–65.

It was also agreed that the Secretaries of Divisions should be asked to obtain the opinion of Junior Members of the Association on whether or not the Association should ask for the superannuation arrangements of Medical Officers in the Mental Health Service to be brought into line with those for the rest of the profession.

The names of those who wish to accept the invitation to visit Russia in September have been submitted to the Society for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, but so far no reply has been received.

Council learned with great regret of the illness of Dr. Sargent and agreed that during his absence Dr. FitzGerald should be asked to act for him, and this Dr. FitzGerald has kindly undertaken to do.

The Papers and Discussions Committee reported that the title of the Papers Session at the November Meeting would be "Factors of Basic Importance in Character Formation", and that in February, 1955, there would be one session on Mental Hygiene and one on Education of the General Public in Mental Health.

The report of the Mental Nursing Committee was received by Council, who wish to record their thanks to Drs. Isabel Wilson, N. H. M. Burke and Noel Harris. It was decided that this important document should be circulated to each member of the Association in the United Kingdom and that the Divisions should be asked to consider it at their Autumn Meetings.

The Society of Medical Officers of Health have now appointed representatives to join with those from this Association and the Society of Mental Welfare Officers to consider the training of Mental Health Workers.

Council appointed Professor A. Meyer and Dr. R. M. Norman to represent the Association on the National Committee for the Second International Congress on Neuropathology to be held in September, 1955.

Drs. D. M. MacMillan and T. P. Rees will represent the Association at the Fifth International Congress on Mental Health and the Seventh Annual Meeting of the World Federation of Mental Health to be held in Toronto in August next.

## REPORTS OF SECTIONS

### *Child Psychiatry Section*

The Child Psychiatry Section held four meetings during the year. In July the Section visited Packwood Special School for Educationally Sub-Normal Children near Warwick. In November Dr. Mildred Creak gave the Chairman's address. In February Miss Anna Freud addressed a very well attended meeting at the Barnes Hall, and in May, there was a joint meeting of the Child Psychiatry Section and the Mental Deficiency Section, at which Mr. Ace, Educational Psychologist to the Devon County Council spoke on the problem of the educationally sub-normal child.

### *Mental Deficiency Section*

The Mental Deficiency Section met four times during the year. In November, 1953, Dr. J. H. Crosland read a paper on the Handling and Training of Spasties.

In February, 1954, Miss M. A. Davidson read a paper on the Psychology of Brain Injury, giving details of test results of cases examined before and after hemispherectomy.

In May, 1954, the Annual General Meeting was held at Monyhull Hospital by kind invitation of Dr. R. J. Stanley, the Physician Superintendent and of his Management Committee. Members of the Section were entertained for lunch and tea, and as well as seeing over the hospital itself and the special E.S.N. School, they heard a paper by Mr. Tansley, the headmaster of the school, on the methods used and problems encountered in this type of work.

In May, 1954, at the Plymouth meeting, the Section joined the Child Psychiatry Section to hear Mr. Ace's paper on the educationally sub-normal child.

In addition, the Executive Committee of the Section met several times to revise its memorandum on Legislation, and after referring it to all members of the Section by post and reporting to the Annual General Meeting, submitted it to the special committee which is preparing the evidence for the Royal Commission on the Law relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency.

#### *Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section*

The Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section held three meetings during the year 1953-54.

The first was a Symposium on "Day Hospitals" in which Drs. Maxwell Jones, A. Harris, J. Bierer and T. F. Main took part. At the second meeting Dr. D. C. Watt read a paper on the "Finesinger Technique" and at the third meeting Dr. J. Partridge gave a paper on "The Role of the Soma in Psychotherapy".

The Executive has been enlarged and this has led to an increase in the Committee's activities, especially with regard to the teaching of psychotherapy. There seems justified hope that this work will develop further during the coming year.

#### *Research and Clinical Section*

The list of members of the Research and Clinical Section on 1 January, 1954, totalled 483.

The Executive Committee met at 11 Chandos Street on two occasions during the year.

The Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee (Secretary, Dr. M. Roth), held two open meetings during the year. On 3 November, 1953, Drs. Roth and Kay read a paper on "Aetiological Factors in Affective Disorders of late life", with Dr. T. A. Munro in the Chair, and on 18 February, 1954, Dr. J. D. Montagu read a paper on "The Application of Sub-convulsive Electro-Stimulation Therapy", with Dr. D. E. Sands in the Chair.

The Geriatric Sub-Committee (Secretary, Dr. Linford Rees) are at present studying the course and outcome of various mental disorders in old age. Investigations are proceeding at various centres in England, Wales and Scotland. Members of the Committee are taking an active part in the International Congress on Gerontology to be held in London in 1954.

No activity has been reported by the Pathology Sub-Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Section have given consideration to the Ministry of Health and Medical Research Council publication, "Clinical Research in Relation to the National Health Service", and as a result of their discussions arrangements were made by the Hon. General Secretary of the R.M.P.A. for a meeting to be held between representatives of the Executive Committee and Sir Harold Himsworth, Secretary of the Medical Research Council. This meeting took place in London on 25 May, 1954.

#### (b) TREASURER

The TREASURER reported that the income of the Association during the past year amounted to £7,398 and the expenditure was £6,561. This showed an increase in expenditure over the preceding year of £632, which was occasioned by additional expenses in respect of the *Journal* and increased expenditure in the general office.

It was hoped that economies in the production of the *Journal* would be effected by the change of printers, but obviously the closest watch on expenditure must be maintained.

The investments of the Association stood in the accounts at £18,582; their market value on 31 December, 1953, was £18,463.

The Report was adopted.

(c) EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND JOURNAL COMMITTEE

The EDITOR-IN-CHIEF reported that during the year 1953 the printing of the *Journal* was changed from Messrs. Adlard to Messrs. Headley. The editorial committee recommended to the Council that the stock of *Journals* at Adlard's and Chandos Street be sold. The third volume of *Recent Progress in Psychiatry* would be published in 1956.

The accounts for the year 1953 were as follows:

1938		1952		COST OF JOURNAL		1953	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.
1,868	14 1	3,572	7 10	Printing and Postages .. ..		4,009	7 8
50	7 0	50	0 0	Publishers' Fee .. ..		50	0 0
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1,919	1 1	3,622	7 10			4,059	7 8
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375	18 4	1,387	11 11	Advertisements .. ..		273	11 10
101	4 0	301	14 7			<hr/>	
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477	2 4	1,689	6 6			<hr/>	
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1,441	18 9	1,933	1 4	Net cost per copy .. ..		5	11
3	8	4	11½	Net cost per page .. ..		2	11 3
1	3 3	2	7 6	Size of <i>Journal</i> in Pages ..		926	
1,237		809		Number of Copies per Issue ..		2,000	
1,325		1,925-1,975					

The Report was adopted.

(d) REGISTRAR

The report of the REGISTRAR was as follows:

Examinations for the D.P.M. had been held in November, 1953, and May, 1954.

Entries and results were as follows:

		Entered	Passed	Failed	Withdrawn or absent
<b>Part I</b>					
November, 1953	.. ..	10	3	4	3
May, 1954	.. ..	20	8	6	6
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		30	11	10	9
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<b>Part II</b>					
November, 1953	.. ..	12	7	5	-
May, 1954	.. ..	11	5	4	2
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		23	12	9	2
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All candidates for the D.P.M. including those who had already passed Part I, had been warned that the Association's examination might be discontinued after November, 1954.

There were 4 entries for the Gaskell Medal and Prize, but the examiners were unable to recommend that an award should be made. There were no entries for the Bronze Medal and Prize, or for the Divisional Prizes.

The Lecture Course scheme, instituted under the Maudsley Bequest, had been successfully continued during the year. On 31 July last a one-day course was held, and a large audience attended to hear papers by Dr. Ernest Jones, and by Drs. Bartemeier, Menninger and Zilboorg, who had come over from America to attend the International Congress on Psycho-analysis.

A two-day course on Psychotherapy was held in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting last November, and again there was a large audience of members and non-members.

A good attendance was also recorded at the third of this year's courses, which was on the subject of Physical Treatments in Psychiatry and was held early in April.

The Association was most grateful to all those who gave papers at these courses and to the Royal Society of Medicine for granting the use of the Barnes Hall.

Arrangements were being made for a course to be held in November, on the subject of Psychotherapy.

The Report was adopted.

#### (e) EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The report of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE was as follows:

Following discussion with the Committee of Management of the Conjoint Board the Education Committee resolved, subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting, to terminate the D.P.M. Examination next November.

By virtue of this there was some decline in the number of applications for recognition of training schools, and in fact the list of recognized training schools was only supplemented by the addition of five mental hospitals, twelve out-patient clinics, and one in-patient psychiatric department.

Four disciplinary cases were brought to the notice of the Committee. These cases again illustrated the differences that exist between the G.N.C. and the Association and which were commented on in last year's Report. A Meeting took place between representatives of the General Nursing Council and the representatives of the Association to discuss these differences, but no agreement was reached.

On learning that the Provisional Committee which had been set up to implement the recommendations of the Mackintosh Report had disbanded without achieving its object, the Education Committee revived the Sub-Committee which it had previously set up to consider the training of Authorized Officers. This Sub-Committee had discussions with the National Association of Authorized Officers and the Mental Health Workers Association and, as a result of these discussions, Council was recommended to pursue the matter of achieving a nationally-recognized training scheme and qualifying examination for mental health workers, by tripartite negotiation and agreement between the Association, the newly-formed Society of Mental Welfare Officers, and the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

During the year the Committee received a number of communications from members expressing concern about the nation-wide shortage of mental nurses, but these matters were not dealt with by the Education Committee and were passed on to be considered by the Sub-Committee set up by Council to enquire into the present day position of mental nursing.

In reply to an enquiry the Committee informed the Association of Occupational Therapists that it was felt the existing arrangements should be continued whereby qualified mental nurses may sit for the Diploma in Occupational Therapy under special conditions, and it was suggested that discussion might take place between the two bodies in regard to any necessary modifications of the syllabus, having regard to the fact that the general syllabus in occupational therapy had been revised.

In reply to an enquiry from the Confederation of Health Service Employees, the Committee recommended Council to disapprove the use by nurses of the letters R.M.P.A. after their names as a means of signifying that they held the Association's Certificate. Alternatively, it was recommended that Council should approve of the use of the letters R.M.P.A. in brackets after the letters R.M.N. as a means of indicating that a nurse had registered by virtue of holding the Association's Certificate. The important point of the recommendation was that every encouragement should be given to nurses to register.

There were no seminars for junior members at the November Meeting because the Maudsley Bequest Lectures provided a very full programme. It also proved impracticable to have any seminars at the February Meeting, but at the May Meeting in Plymouth the following programme was provided:

Dr. Robert Blair	“Results of Out-patient Psychotherapy”
Drs. R. D. Sweet	} “Treatment of Ano-genital Pruritus”
John Gilroy	
Drs. T. M. Davie	} “Domiciliary and Out-patient Psychiatric Service: The General Practitioner's point of view”
E. C. Hamlyn	
D. Craddock	

The next course of Maudsley Bequest Lectures has been arranged for 1 and 2 November, 1954, and the theme will be “Psychotherapy”.

The Report and Recommendations were adopted.

(f) PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Dr. M. J. Brookes, Hon. Secretary, submitted the Annual Report of the Committee as follows:

The Parliamentary Committee has met on four occasions. The Sub-Committee considering recommendations for new mental health legislation met frequently.

Dr. Ian Skottowe was elected Chairman, Dr. Cedric Bower, Vice-Chairman and Dr. M. J. Brookes, Secretary, for the year 1953-54.

It was with regret that the Committee learned yesterday of Dr. Skottowe's illness and a message of sympathy and good wishes was sent to him.

The greatest interest was centred on possible changes in mental health legislation and the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider this matter was greeted with approval. The Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Rees Thomas, which had been working for some time on this matter, continued to meet frequently until its final recommendations were handed over to a Committee appointed by Council to prepare the evidence to be presented to the Royal Commission.

In November, following the death of Mr. F. J. Sulley, who had for many years given good service as Parliamentary Agent, Mr. Oswald Bradley was appointed to fill his place. His reports have proved full and interesting. The greatly increased interest that Parliament shows in the National Health Service and especially in Mental Health, has resulted in such a flood of reports both of questions and debates, that it has become necessary to circulate a précis prior to each meeting. There is no doubt that both the public and the House are anxious to raise the status of the Mental Health Service to its proper level. Shortage of suitable nursing staff and financial considerations prove the biggest obstacles to the fulfilment of this as might be expected.

A useful meeting of representatives of the Committee with the Public Relation Officers of the Ministry of Health took place in December and shed a great deal of light on the difficulties of getting good publicity.

Further matters of interest that were discussed were the Ministry's recommendations with regard to Medical Committees and the award of the Courts Arbitration to Administrative Superintendents. The possible effect upon the future recruitment of Medical Superintendents was regarded with apprehension.

At yesterday's meeting the main points of interest were the recent debates upon nursing shortage and upon the needs of the Mental Health Service. There is no doubt



that the Mental Health Service is now receiving much more support both from the public and members of Parliament.

It was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of:

Dr. Noel Harris, Dr. A. Walk, Dr. D. Curran, Dr. J. Crawford and the Chairman and Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee, to consider the law relating to Homosexuality and Prostitution, with a view to preparing any evidence that might be offered to the Committee that is being appointed by Parliament.

The Council may like to be reminded that this year marked the centenary of the Parliamentary Committee. According to the *Asylum Journal* of 1 July, 1854, at a meeting of the "Association of Medical Officers of Asylums and Hospitals for the Insane", held at Freemasons' Tavern, 22 June, 1854, it was moved by Mr. Ley that "a Committee be appointed to watch proceedings taking place in Parliament, likely to affect the interests of Members of the Association, and of the institutions with which they were connected. He observed that great dissatisfaction had been expressed, that during the passing of the New Lunacy Acts through the Houses of Parliament last year, no measures had been taken by the Association to afford information, or in any way to aid the labors of those entrusted with the passing of these statutes; and although he was aware that several Members of the Association had given their active assistance as individuals, it would have been much better if such information had been tendered as coming from the Association." The proceedings then give an account of the legislative troubles of those days. It is also of interest that a Parliamentary Agent was appointed at the same time.

The Report was adopted.

#### (g) LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The LIBRARIAN reported as follows:

The Library Committee has met twice during the year. Among other things, it was decided to resume our subscription to the *Zentralblatt* which had lapsed since the war. It was also decided to explore the possibility of holding meetings under the auspices of the Committee for discussions on the history and literature of psychiatry.

During the year the Library has benefited by a generous gift from Professor Pighini of a complete set of his own works. A number of books have also been added through the kindness of Dr. Brown and Dr. Stephenson of The Priory. Among books of historical interest we were particularly pleased to be able to acquire a copy of the works of Johann Weyer (Wierus) dated 1660. A new glass case has been fitted up for the better preservation of some of our older books.

An exhibition in connection with the centenary of the *Journal* was held in November and it is proposed to hold another this year to commemorate the centenary of the Presidency and of the Parliamentary Committee.

The Report was adopted.

#### (h) PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. L. C. Cook, the Hon. Secretary of the Papers and Discussions Committee gave the report as follows:

The Committee met on four occasions during the year, and arranged sessions on the following subjects:

November, 1953	"Maturation and Crime."
February, 1954	"The Biological Background of Human Behaviour."
May, 1954	"The Mental Health Service—Remote Areas take Stock." "Advances in Management of and Treatment of Chronic and Disturbed Patients in Mental Hospitals."
July, 1954	"The Place of Psychology and Psychiatry in Medical Education." "The Relationship of the Psychiatrist to other Specialists and to General Practitioners." "Homosexuality."

All meetings were followed by good discussions which confirmed the popularity of the subjects and the high standard of the papers.

The Study Tours Sub-Committee organized a tour in this country, which took place in September, 1953. Many letters of appreciation received by Dr. Isabel Wilson, the Hon. Secretary of the Sub-Committee, showed that the tour was a most enjoyable and valuable innovation.

The Report was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Secretary of the Evidence Committee (Dr. Walk) reported that the Memorandum of Evidence had been submitted to the Royal Commission on the Law Relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency. The Summary of the Recommendations put forward in this Memorandum was then considered and after some discussion it was agreed that two amendments should be made to the Memorandum. Firstly, that if the period of notice of departure by voluntary patients was to be retained, it should continue to be 72 hours, and not be reduced to 24 hours as originally suggested. Secondly, that routine notification of deaths to the Coroner should be abolished.

The General Secretary was instructed to forward these amendments to the Secretary of the Royal Commission.

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The following resolution of the Council, appearing on the Agenda of this Annual Meeting, was carried unanimously:

“That in view of the agreement reached with the Conjoint Board on the new regulations for their Diploma in Psychological Medicine, the Diploma of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association should be discontinued, and that the last examination should be held in November, 1954.”

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The usual grant to the President during his year of office was approved.

The following dates for Quarterly Meetings were approved:

3 and 4 November, 1954, in London.

16 and 17 February, 1955, in London.

4 and 5 May, 1955, at Hove.

The appropriate officers of the Association were authorized to fix the date and place for the Annual Meeting in Dublin in July, 1955.

After the ballot the candidates for Honorary, Corresponding and Ordinary Membership whose names were set out in the Agenda were duly elected.

#### HONORARY

NOEL HAWLEY MICHAEL BURKE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.M.R.E. (Camb.), late Medical Superintendent, Cell Barnes Hospital, St. Albans; 22B Belvedere Grove, Wimbledon, London, S.W.19. (Secretary, Education Committee, 1945–50; Chairman, Education Committee since 1951; Chairman, Mental Deficiency Section, 1950–54).

*Proposed by* Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, Noel Harris, P. K. McCowan, and Professor F. L. Golla.

KENNETH KIRKPATRICK DRURY, M.C., B.A., M.D., B.Ch.(Dubl.), D.P.M., late Medical Superintendent, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, near Leicester; Upperlands, Narborough. (Secretary, Education Committee, 1936–45; Chairman, Northern and Midland Division, 1944–45; Hon. General Secretary, 1945–50; President, 1950–51.)

*Proposed by* Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, Noel Harris, P. K. McCowan, and Professor F. L. Golla.

## CORRESPONDING

DR. YVES PORC'HER, Directeur, Hôpital Henri Rousselle, Paris.

*Proposed by* Drs. G. W. T. H. Fleming, Thos. Tennent, R. W. Armstrong, and Professor F. L. Golla.

## ORDINARY

ARKLE, JOHN KENNETH, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. George's Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Markowe, J. Lomas, and R. W. Armstrong.

BAKER, PETER, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.(Cambridge), Assistant Superintendent, Igutsheni Hospital, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, P.O. Box 363, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia.

*Proposed by* Drs. Arthur Graham, D. Smedberg and A. Walk.

ELITHORN, ALICK, M.A., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Member of the Medical Research Council Neurological Research Unit; Clinical Assistant to Dr. E. T. O. Slater, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.1.

*Proposed by* Drs. H. J. Shorvon, E. D. Barlow and R. W. Armstrong.

IRWIN, DESMOND HENRY, M.A., M.D., D.P.M., Psychotherapist, Wanstead Hospital and Claybury Hospital, and Assistant Psychiatrist, St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. C. Sawle Thomas, H. V. Dicks and H. Ezriel.

KILOH, LESLIE GORDON, B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., First Assistant in the Joint Department of Psychological Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital and University of Durham.

*Proposed by* Professor Alexander Kennedy, and Drs. G. M. Woddis and R. W. Armstrong.

MALLOY, THOMAS ROBERT, M.D., D.P.M., Lecturer in Child Psychiatry, Manchester University, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Manchester Regional Hospital Board, Senior Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Manchester Education Authority.

*Proposed by* Professor E. W. Anderson, Drs. W. H. Trethowan and K. Rawnsley.

MILNE, HUGO BUIST, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Hospital Medical Officer, Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose.

*Proposed by* Drs. John G. Henderson, Robert Gibson and William Boyd.

NEWTON, JOHN LAMBERT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison Medical Service, H.M. Prison, Brixton.

*Proposed by* Drs. J. C. Matheson, H. F. Snell and J. S. Knox.

NORRIS, VERA, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.D., Lecturer in Medical Statistics, Institute of Psychiatry, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5.

*Proposed by* Professor Aubrey Lewis and Drs. D. L. Davies and Felix Post.

PARTRIDGE, ELEANOR JOYCE, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer attached to Withymead Centre, Countess Wear, Exeter.

*Proposed by* Drs. Michael Fordham, John Gilroy and Francis Pilkington.

PHILLIPSON, RICHARD, Lt.-Col., R.A.M.C., O.B.E., L.R.C.P. & S.I., D.P.M., Adviser in Psychiatry, General Headquarters, Middle East Land Forces; British Military Hospital, Fayid, M.E.L.F. 15.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Atkin, Denys Kelsey and M. M. Salzman.

VAUGHAN, GERARD FOLLIOTT, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Guy's Hospital, at present seconded to the Bexley Group Mental Hospitals; 405 Upper Richmond Road, S.W.15.

*Proposed by* Drs. L. C. Cook, D. M. Leiberman and G. S. Prince.

Candidature approved by Council, May, 1954:

PRUS, STANISLAW, Med.Dip.(Lwow, Poland), D.P.M., Psychiatrist (Senior Hospital Medical Officer Grade), St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin.

*Proposed by Drs. R. Maggs, A. E. P. Swinson and John M. Gilroy.*

Re-election (resigned 1950):

LEACH, PETER WILFRED WARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Knowle Hospital, Fareham, Hants.

*Proposed by Drs. C. J. Thomas, F. E. Kingston and R. W. Armstrong.*

The Association recorded with pleasure their congratulations to Sir Russell Brain who was made a Baronet in the Birthday Honours, to Dr. J. T. Curran and Dr. Maxwell Jones who received the C.B.E., in the New Year and Birthday Honours Lists respectively, and to Dr. N. H. M. Burke, who received the O.B.E., in the Birthday Honours.

The President welcomed with pleasure Dr. Finley Gayle, Junior, President of the American Psychiatric Association, who gave a short address on "The Role of Psychiatric Undergraduate Medical Education in America".

The Association and guests were entertained to luncheon in the Garden of St. Luke's-Woodside Hospital by kind invitation of the Board of Governors and Medical Committee of the Middlesex Hospital.

#### *Afternoon Session*

#### VOTE OF THANKS TO OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

DR. J. C. SAWLE THOMAS proposed the vote of thanks to the Officers and Council of the Association and said that members were proudly aware of the increasing stature of the Association. The year during which Dr. Fleming had been President had been a memorable one, and he mentioned particularly the very fine Memorandum submitted to the Royal Commission on the Law Relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency. After expressing gratitude for the work of the Council and its individual Officers, he paid tribute to the Standing Committees, and congratulated the Officers of Divisions and Sections on their fine work during the past year. He recalled that this was the first Annual Meeting since Miss Munro had given up her duties as Secretary of the Association after five years in the office at Chandos Street, and he wished to record the gratitude of members for her services to the Association and to send her their best wishes for her success in her new post.

DR. J. GOULD, who seconded the vote of thanks, spoke particularly of the very high reputation of the *Journal of Mental Science*, on which he congratulated the retiring President. It gave him great pleasure to second all that Dr. Sawle Thomas had said in praise of the Officers and Council, and on behalf of members he extended a welcome to the new Secretary and her Assistant at Chandos Street.

The vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation.

THE PRESIDENT in reply, thanked Drs. Sawle Thomas and Gould, and said that after his happy year in office, he would like to thank the Council who had worked with him.

#### INDUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

DR. FLEMING vacated the Chair in favour of the new President, Dr. Noel G. Harris, and invested him with the Presidential Badge. He said it gave him great pleasure to welcome Dr. Harris on behalf of the Association, and wished him a most successful year as President.

DR. HARRIS took the Chair and invested Dr. Fleming with the Past-Presidential Badge, congratulating him on the memorable year of office which he had just completed.

#### PRESENTATION OF FOREIGN DELEGATES AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Foreign delegates were presented to the President:

Dr. R. Finley Gayle, Jnr., President, the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Noel Peron, representing the French Neurological Society, the French Medico-Psychological Society and the Congress of Alienists and Neurologists of France.

Prof. Dr. J. de Busscher, representing the Belgian Neurological Society and the Belgian Society for Mental Medicine.

Dr. Erik-Kjell Eriksson, representing Psykiatriska Foreningen, Sweden.

Dr. Alexandra Adler, President of the International Association of Individual Psychology.

Colonel Dhunjibhoy, who was to have represented the Medico-Psychological Association of Pakistan had been prevented by illness from attending the meeting, and the General Secretary was instructed to write conveying the Association's sympathy, and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Good wishes had been received from the following Associations who had been unable to send delegates:

The Italian Neurological Association.

The Netherlands Society for Psychiatry and Neurology.

#### PRESENTATION OF PARCHMENT OF HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

With the acclamation of members the PRESIDENT presented parchments of Honorary Membership to DRs. N. M. H. BURKE and K. K. DRURY, and of Corresponding Membership to DR. YVES PORCHER.

#### PRIZES

The General Secretary announced that there were no presentations to be made this year.

#### MAUDSLEY LECTURE

The GENERAL SECRETARY announced that the Maudsley Lecture in November, 1954 would be given by Professor Wilder Penfield, O.M. of McGill University, Canada.

#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The PRESIDENT then delivered his address entitled:

**"The Contribution of Psychological Medicine to General Medicine"**

#### VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT

DR. H. C. BECCLE proposed a vote of thanks to the President for an address that had explored a wide field of endeavour; this vote of thanks was seconded by DR. E. S. STERN, and carried with acclamation.

The PRESIDENT thanked the speakers and the audience.

Members and guests were then entertained to tea at St. Luke's-Woodside Hospital.

#### ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held at Apothecaries Hall, London, E.C.4, by kind permission of the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. The President, DR. NOEL HARRG. IS, was in the Chair.

DR. HENRY YELLOWLEES proposed the toast of "The Guests", and in his reply, SIR CECIL WAKELEY said that it gave him great pleasure as a Senior Warden of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, to reply to the toast, and to congratulate the Association's new President, Dr. Harris, who was himself a Liveryman of the Society.

PROFESSOR B. W. WINDEYER, who proposed the toast of "The Royal Medico-Psychological Association", recalled that this was the hundredth year of the Presidency of the Association. The first President had been Dr. A. J. Sutherland, of St. Luke's Hospital, and he felt it was particularly appropriate that this year's President should also be connected with the ancient foundation of St. Luke's.

The PRESIDENT thanked the speakers for their kind remarks, and also expressed gratitude to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries for kindly giving permission for the Annual Dinner to be held at Apothecaries Hall. He thanked the Cavendish Singers for the most enjoyable programme of madrigals they had given during the dinner.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY

PAPERS—MORNING SESSION, at 11 Chandos Street

- (1) "The Place of Psychology and Psychiatry in Medical Education"  
By Dr. Desmond Curran and Sir Russell Brain.

PAPERS—AFTERNOON SESSION

- (2) "The Relationship of the Psychiatrist to other Specialists  
and to General Practitioners"  
By Drs. J. Whitby and Stephen MacKeith.

During the morning, through the kindness of Mr. Norman Hartnell, a party of Members' wives visited the Salon at Bruton Street and watched a Fashion Display.

Members and their wives were the guests of the Board of Governors and Medical Committee of the Middlesex Hospital at a most enjoyable afternoon party which was held at the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street.

FRIDAY, 16 JULY

PAPERS—MORNING SESSION, at 11 Chandos Street

- (3) "Homosexuality"  
By Dr. J. A. Hobson and the Rev. Canon Hugh C. Warner.

In his concluding vote of thanks the General Secretary expressed the very great gratitude of the Association to the Chairman and Board of Governors, and to the Chairman and the Medical Committee of the Middlesex Hospital for all their kindness and hospitality. He thanked the Chairman, House Committee, Matron and Staff of St. Luke's-Woodside Hospital for the arrangements they had made for the Annual Meeting, and for the very delightful lunch to which they had entertained members and their guests. He knew members would wish him to express their thanks to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries for kindly giving permission for the Annual Dinner to be held in Apothecaries Hall. He also expressed gratitude to Mr. Norman Hartnell for kindly arranging the Fashion Display which members' wives had so greatly enjoyed.

The President thanked all the speakers who had contributed to make the papers sessions of such very great value to all who attended.

#### IRISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Tuesday, 29 June, 1954, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows.

Twenty members were present.

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

The date of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 3 November, 1954, at the Royal College of Physicians.

Dr. Dunne was congratulated on the honour done to himself and to the Division on being chosen as President-Elect for the coming year.