

successful in getting it accepted, first by a report and then by the National Libraries Act, to be the National Library for Scotland. That was in 1925.

He took silk in 1912, and at once advanced to the front rank of King's Counsel. Since then he has been Chairman of innumerable committees of inquiry or Parliamentary commissions; the Royal Commission on Mental Disorders in 1924, the Shipbuilding Employers' *versus* Trade Unions in 1927, the Coal Disputes Commission, and so on, all characterized by this intense sense of fairness. Everyone in the country trusts Lord Macmillan; employers and workmen are equally satisfied with every judgment he gives. There has been no man in my seventy years of life who has held the confidence of both sides to the extent that he has.

Before this time there began that tug-of-war between England and Scotland for the possession of Lord Macmillan. He is one of those very rare examples of the Scotsman who has deserted his native heath and come to England. (Laughter.) But mark the difference. We come in the hope of gathering in the shekels; he came because he had already attained such a position that England demanded his services as being too great to be accommodated in Scotland. He was forced by circumstances to take up the larger field.

In 1924, as you know, he accepted the Lord Advocate's position on the specific condition that he should not act in any political way; and in 1930 came the crowning act of grace from His Majesty, and "Mr." Macmillan became Lord Macmillan of Aberfeldy, a Privy Councillor and a Lord of Appeal.

Lord Macmillan always took a great interest in our specialty, and the first degree he took was in mental philosophy; when he was still a young barrister I find he used to give lectures to students, on "Searches", where he pointed out how careful we should be when we put depressed cases to bed. In his "Provisional Orders" he points out that patients do not get enough pudding for dinner. He was always interested in "Conveyancing", and so he recommends that every hospital should have a motor 'bus to take the patients to picnics.

I do not want to criticize the 1924 Commission's Report, but I think that if he had used the whip more freely to his team we might have had something better than the present Section V of the Mental Treatment Act. Upon that, however, I will say nothing, but will conclude by asking you to pass a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Macmillan as an eloquent orator, a sympathetic leader and an astute judge. (Loud applause.)

Dr. HENRY DEVINE said: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—I do not conceive that it is the function or the duty of the seconder of a vote of thanks to delay you or our learned lecturer very long. But on such an occasion one should be absolutely sincere.

We have all listened this afternoon to a remarkable address, and one full of psychological insight, with the greatest possible interest. Every sentence Lord Macmillan uttered was illuminating. I think that the Committee responsible for appointing the Maudsley Lecturer have done very wisely in inviting from time to time distinguished members of other professions than medicine to address us. Though this is called a "popular" lecture, it is, in fact, a very learned discourse, revealing a profound insight into human nature which many of us psychiatrists might envy. The lawyer and the psychiatrist are very closely allied, since the members of both these professions are dealing with maladjusted individuals. Our methods of dealing with these maladjustments naturally differ from those of the legal profession, but in many cases the result is the same, since neither of us manages to cure in a considerable number of instances the mentally or morally distorted clients with whom we have to deal. (Laughter.)

Thank you very much indeed, Lord Macmillan; we have thoroughly enjoyed your address. (Applause.)

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

LORD MACMILLAN, in reply, said: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I should like to say, in the language of your own craft, that the reaction of the particular specimen of the professional mind which has been exhibited on the platform this afternoon to your very cordial reception is one of deep appreciation. (Applause.)

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Eastern Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Ticehurst House, Ticehurst, Sussex, on May 29, 1934.

During the forenoon members inspected the Hospital and Grounds. They were afterwards entertained to lunch. The loyal toast was followed by that of "Our Hosts", proposed by Dr. SERGEANT. Col. NEWINGTON replied.

The meeting then took place.

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

The following was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Association :

HARRIETTE CREERTLE BOGLE, M.D., Ch.B.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey.

Proposed by Drs. H. Devine, C. Rutherford and J. G. Hamilton.

The following were elected members of the Divisional Committee of Management : Drs. Haynes, McDowall, B. W. Brown, Stewart, Lindsay, Macfarlane and Sinclair.

Dr. J. Noel Sergeant was elected Secretary of the Division.

Dr. H. G. L. Haynes was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division.

The following were elected Representative Members of the Council : Drs. Bower, B. W. Brown, Haynes, Jarrett, Lindsay, Stewart.

The following examiners were elected : Junior—Dr. A. C. Sinclair ; Senior—Dr. W. G. Masefield ; Mental Deficiency—Dr. T. Lindsay.

The fixing of the date and place of the Autumn Meeting, 1934, and of the Spring Meeting, 1935, was left in the hands of the Divisional Secretary.

Dr. McDOWALL then read a paper entitled "**The Unexpected in Mental Practice**".

A discussion followed in which Drs. RAMBAUT, PADDLE, WALK, LINDSAY and SMITH took part. Members were then entertained to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held, by kind invitation of Dr. Thomas Beaton, O.B.E., and the Committee of Visitors, at the Portsmouth City Mental Hospital, on Thursday, April 26, 1934.

The following members were present : Drs. A. S. Mules, Bertha M. Mules, P. Carruthers, Ian Skottowe, C. Davies-Jones, G. W. Mackay, J. G. Smith, A. Wilson, W. Wyatt, J. L. Jackson, T. Beaton and S. Edgar Martin (Hon. Divisional Secretary). The undermentioned attended as visitors : Drs. A. H. H. Vizard, T. C. McElwee, H. H. Warren and T. E. Roberts.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Dr. W. R. Dawson, Dr. Elizabeth Casson and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the proposition of Dr. J. L. JACKSON, seconded by Dr. T. BEATON, Dr. S. Edgar Martin was re-elected as Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Dr. T. BEATON proposed and Dr. MULES seconded that Dr. J. L. Jackson and Dr. E. Barton White should be elected as Representative Members of Council.

Dr. J. L. Jackson was re-elected Divisional Chairman on the proposition of Dr. T. BEATON, seconded by Dr. C. DAVIES-JONES.

The following were elected as ordinary members of the Association :

JAMES CHARLES ROHAN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.N.U.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Berks Mental Hospital, Wallingford, Berkshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. Woolfe Read, R. Worth and G. Warwick Smith.

ALEXANDER WOOD, M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Deputy Medical Superintendent, County Mental Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Proposed by Drs. C. Davies-Jones, J. R. Benson and S. Edgar Martin.

The HON. DIVISIONAL SECRETARY reported that Dr. J. L. Jackson had kindly invited the members to hold the Autumn Meeting for 1934 at Knowle Mental Hospital, but Dr. Jackson had just intimated to him that some additional accommodation, which he specially wished the members to see when they visited Knowle, might not be completed by the date of that meeting. It was therefore decided to leave the matter of the place of the Autumn Meeting in the hands of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

The following nominations for posts of Examiners were made : Preliminary Nursing Examination, Dr. J. F. Leech ; Final Nursing Examination, Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe (*vice* Dr. J. McGarvey) ; Nurse Examiner, Miss Guyatt.

Dr. C. DAVIES-JONES read a modified version of Æsop's fable, "The Fox and the Grapes", at the same time mentioning that possibly many of the members knew the characters to whom reference was made.

On the proposition of Dr. J. S. I. SKOTTOWE, seconded by Dr. J. L. JACKSON, it was decided to send the following resolution to the Council of the R.M.P.A. :

"That having regard to the lack of uniformity in the local methods of administration of the Mental Health Services, and to the great desirability in the interests of psychiatry of such services being uniformly subject to the direction of psychiatrists, the Council of the R.M.P.A. should set up a Special Committee to report upon the organization of Local Mental Health Services, and suggest such representations upon the subject as might properly be made to the appropriate Central Authority."