

tion with the Chairman of York "A" and Tadcaster Group Hospital Management Committees.

The Annual Dance was held at the Royal Station Hotel the same evening and was very well supported and attended.

Friday, 22 July : Morning Session.

Papers :

"**Anatomical Comments on Psychosurgical Procedures,**" by Prof. A. MEYER and Dr. T. McLARDY. (see *J. Ment. Sci.*, 96, 157).

"**Homeostatic Nervous Mechanisms in Schizophrenia,**" by Dr. DENIS HILL.

By courtesy of the Commanding Officer, Cavalry Barracks, York, these papers were given at The Garrison Theatre.

The Annual Meeting closed with a sincere vote of thanks given by acclamation on the proposal of the General Secretary to all those responsible for making the visit to York such a happy and successful one. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress who had so kindly entertained the Council, foreign delegates and guests to lunch at The Mansion House ; the Governors and Medical Superintendent of The Retreat ; the "B" Group Hospital Management Committee ; Messrs. Rowntrees and Company Limited ; the Chairman of Leeds Regional Hospital Board ; the Chairman of York "A" Group Hospital Management Committee, and the D.D.M.S., Northern Command.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Eastern Division was held at the Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds, on the 27 September, 1949, by kind invitation of the Committee of Management and of Dr. N. McDiarmid. On a beautiful day over 50 visitors saw round the hospital and were most hospitably entertained, with Dr. Cedric Bower, Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, in the Chair.

Dr. W. J. T. Kimber presided in the absence of Dr. J. B. S. Lewis at the meeting held in the afternoon and the following candidates were elected to ordinary membership :

FELDMAN, MAX BERNARD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., 9 Bigwood Road, N.W.11.

Proposed by Prof. Aubrey Lewis Drs. D. L. Davies and Brian Ackner.

GLYNN, JAMES DERMOT, L.R.C.P.&S.I., L.M., Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.

Proposed by Drs. C. Bower, N. McDiarmid and R. G. Blake Marsh.

GOLLER, ELIA SIDNEY, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., Napsbury Hospital ; 50 South Hill Park, London, N.W.3.

Proposed by Drs. S. A. MacKeith, A. H. D. Hunter and A. M. Edwards.

KATZ, JULIAN, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Children's Dept., Tavistock Clinic ; 865, Finchley Road, London, N.W.11.

Proposed by Drs. John Bowlby, J. E. Stirrat and Dugmore Hunter.

MCDOWELL, DANIEL HENRY, L.R.C.P.&S.I., L. M., D.P.M., Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.

Proposed by Drs. C. Bower, N. McDiarmid and R. G. Blake Marsh.

RUSSELL, ROBERT JAMES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, Beds.

Proposed by Drs. C. Bower, N. McDiarmid and R. G. Blake Marsh.

SCHINDLER, WALTER, M.D.(Breslau), West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases ; 56, Portman Mansions, Chiltern Street, London, W.1.

Proposed by Drs. O. FitzGerald, E. A. Bennet and Arthur Graham.

Dr. R. J. RUSSELL read a paper on "**Recent Developments in Intensified E.C.T.**" He told of the use of intensified E.C.T. for hysterics who are given their treatment in the first three or four days of the week and are discharged on the sixth day. The intensified E.C.T. was also given to severe schizophrenics until deep confusion was produced.

In the discussion which followed, Drs. H. PULLAR-STRECKER, J. M. CRAWFORD, O. FITZGERALD, C. KENTON, A. B. MONRO, W. J. McCULLEY, W. J. T. KIMBER and others took part and Dr. R. J. RUSSELL replied.

Dr. FEDE M. SHATTOCK read a paper on "**Vascular Changes in Schizophrenia,**" in which she showed that in schizophrenics the skin surface temperatures

are lower than normal and that there is a retardation of the normal vasodilatation of the other limbs when one is warmed. She found a low blood pressure in catatonics with increase on remission.

In the subsequent discussion Drs. W. J. T. KIMBER, H. FLEISCHHACKER and O. FITZGERALD contributed and Dr. SHATTOCK replied.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

ABSTRACT of a Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association held at the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Friday, 30 September, 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

Thirty-three Members were present; 3 apologies for absence were noted. Dr. Kate Fraser relinquished the office of Chairman and Dr. Angus MacNiven was unanimously elected in her place. The Minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Prof. Sir DAVID HENDERSON gave an interesting and informative talk about the recent R.M.P.A. tour of the Scandinavian mental hospitals and clinics.

Dr. W. McAlister was re-elected as the Divisional Representative on the Central Consultants and Specialists' Committee (Scotland), with Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt as his deputy.

There was some general discussion regarding the present position of the Mental Health Service, and the meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on Friday, 21 October, 1949, at Menston Hospital, Menston, near Leeds, by kind invitation of Dr. I. Sutton, the Medical Superintendent.

During the morning Members visited various parts of the Hospital and were entertained to coffee. Lunch was provided at 1 p.m., the Chairman of the Management Committee, Alderman Mrs. L. Hammond being present. Mrs. L. HAMMOND welcomed members of the Association to the Hospital and expressed her good wishes for the future of psychiatry. Dr. POOL replied, expressing the appreciation of the members for the hospitality offered to them.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Pool was unanimously elected into the Chair.

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Thirty-eight members and one guest were present.

3. The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

BOWER, JOHN, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.L.M.(Irel.), L.A.H.(Dublin); Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, St. John, N.B., Canada; Lancaster Avenue, Fairville, St. John, N.B., Canada.

Proposed by Drs. G. J. Harrisson, H. Fleming and G. M. Woddis.

SMITH, STANLEY, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Menston Hospital, Menston, near Leeds; St. Leonards, Church Road, Horsforth, Leeds.

Proposed by Drs. I. Sutton, R. W. Lennon and J. S. Johnstone.

4. Dr. M. J. BROOKES, Assistant Secretary, gave the report of the Divisional Committee of Management. Arising out of this:

(a) Dr. I. SUTTON proposed that a recommendation be made to the Council of the R.M.P.A. that a communication be sent to the Regional Hospital Boards, stressing the fact that certain medical staff are obliged to live in accommodation provided at the mental hospitals, and that in assessing the value of the services provided suitable abatement be given in consideration of this.

(b) Dr. D. K. BRUCE, of Storthes Hall, offered hospitality to the Division for the Spring Meeting. This offer was received with acclamation.

(c) A discussion with regard to the D.P.M. of the R.M.P.A. was opened by Prof. D. R. MACCALMAN. He raised the problem of the Assistant Medical Officer with