

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.

Dr. Eveleen O'Brien, who was elected Junior Representative on Council at the last Meeting, asked to be relieved of this appointment. For the time being she found that administrative duties would make it impossible for her to attend the Meetings regularly and she said she would prefer not to act in this capacity for the present. Her resignation was regretfully accepted, and Dr. J. FitzGerald, of Mullingar, was proposed and unanimously elected in her place.

The Secretary read a letter from the Minister for Health indicating that individual proposals from mental hospital managers in relation to the attendance of mental hospital staff at the 5th International Congress on Mental Health in Toronto in August, 1954, would be considered on their merits.

A discussion followed on a recent circular from the Minister for Health asking for views about establishing an ambulance service for mental hospitals to facilitate the admission of patients to mental hospitals. It was generally felt that a special ambulance service for this purpose was unnecessary and that this work should be co-ordinated with the general ambulance service for other medical purposes.

The Meeting then proceeded to the Clinical Session and Dr. F. McEvoy read his communication entitled "Demography and Mental Health".

Dr. McEvoy said that demography was defined as the movements of population, their statistics, with special reference to Malthusian principles—Malthus advocating the curtailing of families in regions where increase of population outstripped food supply. Large and small group movements were listed, and included large scale calamities, immigration and emigration, and from the country to urban and industrial areas. Motives for such movements and problems of mental adaptation were discussed. Problems that followed, some of which were tackled by Industrial Psychologists, were mentioned.

The dynamisms of groups were discussed and advantages and disadvantages of group participation were mentioned, group manipulation becoming more important in social, economic and political fields. A parallel was drawn between Medical Geography and Mental Health, and current psychological problems such as family restriction, divorce and adoption were shown to have some association with Demographic Studies.

A discussion followed the communication in which the following Members took part: Drs. Eustace, O'Sullivan, Moran, Cassin, Coyne, Dunne and Moore.

The Members of the Division, including their wives, were most hospitably entertained to a Sherry party by the Chairman, Dr. H. J. Eustace, after the Meeting.