

## OBITUARY.

ERIC DANVERS MACNAMARA, M.D., F.R.C.P.

ON August 24, 1934, death removed, at the age of 64 years, one who had had a distinguished and varied professional career, and who had been a member of our Association for thirty years.

Dr. Macnamara was educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he rowed three years in the college boat, and at Westminster Hospital. He qualified in 1895, and in 1897 he joined the medical service of the Royal Navy. He served in the relief of Peking, receiving the medal with two clasps. He did not, however, find that the peace-time routine of the naval service provided him with sufficient outlet for his energies, and he retired from the Royal Navy in 1902. He was appointed Medical Registrar at Westminster Hospital, and in 1904 he became Assistant Physician, a post which he held until 1912, acting also as Dean of the Medical School for a time. He took the M.D. degree of Cambridge University in 1908, and a few years later he was elected F.R.C.P. In 1912 he resigned his position at Westminster and went to Charing Cross Hospital, where he was Physician for Mental Diseases and a lecturer in the Medical School. He was a member of the lecturing staff at Bethlem Royal Hospital. Since 1904 he had been Physician to the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases. He was also on the staff of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital. He had acted as examiner to the University of London and the Conjoint Board. During the war he served in the Medical Department of the Admiralty and in the R.A.M.C. In 1904 he married Frances Mary, daughter of Dr. W. Simpson Craig, of Bedford, and sister of the late Sir Maurice Craig. She, with two sons, survives him. His literary work chiefly consisted of articles in dictionaries and medical text-books.

He was of tall and handsome physique. His manner was dignified, and might, to a stranger, have produced an impression of reserve. But he was the most delightful of companions, and was possessed of a keen sense of humour. His was a high spirit, and to many a friend and colleague his death brought a real sense of loss.

M. H. S.

## MIDLAND MENTAL PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE second general meeting of the Midland Mental Pathological Society was held in the Birmingham University on March 28, 34 members being present. The papers by Dr. D. L. Woodhouse on the "Chemical Composition of the Brain" and by Dr. J. H. Quastel on "Brain Enzymes" were well received. Membership is open to the medical and surgical staffs, pathologists, bacteriologists and biochemists attached to the general or mental hospitals of the midlands. Particulars can be obtained from Dr. F. A. Pickworth, Hollymoor, Northfield, Birmingham.

## THE REVISION OF THE BYE-LAWS.

The revised Bye-Laws of the Association, together with the Charter, are printed in a Supplement to this issue of the Journal. We give here some notes on the principal changes that have been made:

**Bye-Law 8.**—The qualification of Honorary Members has been amended to refer to "mental disorder and allied conditions" instead of "insanity".

**Bye-Law 19.**—The limit of two guineas, formerly laid down as the maximum to which the annual subscription might be raised, has been removed.

Provision has been made for a reduced joint subscription by a husband and wife.

The Council, instead of the Association, may grant additional privileges to Corresponding Members.

**Bye-Law 22.**—"Mental disorder and allied conditions" has been substituted for "the insane" in this Bye-Law, which sets out the object of the Divisions of the Association.

**Bye-Law 23.**—This Bye-Law formerly allowed of the constitution of a new Division in "any locality of" the Empire. The words between quotation marks have been deleted to permit the formation of new Divisions on other than a territorial basis.

**Bye-Laws 26 and 51.**—As the interval between the May Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meeting is generally less than two months, the interval prescribed in this Bye-Law has been altered to "six weeks".

**Bye-Law 40.**—The Treasurer is required to present separate accounts of "any other bequest or fund of similar nature" to the existing Maudsley Bequest or Gaskell Fund.

**Bye-Law 59.**—The requirement that any member who has spoken at a General, Divisional or Special Meeting should be entitled to receive a draft of his speech for correction has been omitted as being impracticable.

**Bye-Law 66.**—The appointment of a paid Assistant Librarian has made unnecessary the stipulation as to the Librarian's place of residence, and this has accordingly been deleted. The Bye-Law now lays down that the Librarian shall be Chairman of the Library Committee.

**Bye-Law 73.**—Amended so as to allow votes sent by post to count in the election of Divisional Officers.

**Bye-Law 77.**—Makes provision for the election of Examiners for the Gaskell and other Prizes.

**Bye-Law 81.**—Power is given to the Standing Committees to appoint sub-committees, and to co-opt to those sub-committees members particularly interested in such special work.

The new Mental Deficiency Committee is named in this Bye-Law.

**Bye-Law 82.**—In this Bye-Law again, which deals with the powers of the Parliamentary Committee, the words "mental disorders and allied conditions" have been substituted for "the insane".

**Bye-Law 83.**—The Education Committee may deal with all educational matters, and such as may have been delegated specially to them by the Association or the Council.

**Bye-Law 86 (new).**—This defines the powers of the Mental Deficiency Committee.

**Bye-Law 88 (new).**—Constitutes an *ad hoc* Committee for nominating the President-Elect.

**Bye-Law 89 (former 87).**—Restrictions on expenditure to be incurred by Special Committees are removed.

**Bye-Law 92 (formerly 90).**—The President-Elect and the Editors are now *ex-officio* members of Standing Committees.

**Bye-Law 96 (new).**—Takes the place of former Bye-Law 99.

**Bye-Law 104 (former 102).**—Altered to allow of the holding of meetings outside the United Kingdom.

**Bye-Law 108 (former 106).**—Altered to allow of discussion at Quarterly Meetings of matters arising out of the previous Council Meeting.

**Bye-Law 120 (former 118).**—The definition of "Assistant Medical Officer" is revised.