

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.