

In these premises are some of the most pronounced cases of deficiency, both mental and physical; they all, however, make a very successful claim for devoted attention. It was a great change to pass to the business-like workshops, where no patient toils with his hands who can control a loom or a machine. The contrast was still more striking when we saw the gymnastic display, the big lads somersaulting not only over the wooden horse, but over another boy kneeling on it. A dance in the Concert Hall completed the rapid survey of some of the activities in these buildings, the second oldest foundation of its kind in England, and we passed on to a late development, the Hostel at Lexden, from which girls go out daily into domestic service.

After tea in this pleasant residence five of us left the main company and "Steve" brought us back to London; the others left for Holland on Saturday morning, September 21.

From the first days of the tour our guests were greatly impressed with the structural excellence and comfort of the hospitals which they visited, and with the wealth of care bestowed on the patients as well as the thoughtful provision for the amelioration of their enforced stay; but having in mind the intensity and success of the promotion of occupational handicrafts among the noisy, degraded and demented patients of their own hospitals in Holland, it was clear that their frequent view, here, in gardens and wards, of patients reposing in unoccupied leisure made them wonder sadly if their friends in England had not heard of the work-therapy gospel of Simon of Gütersloh, to which some reference was made in the January number of this Journal for 1929.

From long letters of appreciation and gratitude which I received from Dr. Stuurman and Dr. Pameijer, one realized that our visitors had been keenly observant of every detail of administration and structure, of research and treatment. One visitor had inquired where the psychological research was carried out; I told him, and added that we often called psychiatry "psychological medicine." For the comfort of the Ministry of Transport, I must not conceal their high regard for "the magnificent roads everywhere in England."

The statutory provision for dealing with high-grade mental defectives and the admirable means which they saw for meeting the needs of this group gained the entire commendation of our colleagues, who have no legal powers in Holland for protecting the feeble-minded, or for accommodating them even in "open" wards, otherwise than in the mental hospitals. I gathered that the personal and therapeutic attention given to our patients' physical, mental and social needs made a deep impression which will at no distant date be reflected in the hospitals of the Netherlands, for Dr. Stuurman writes from Leiden: "We have all seen and heard many things which we shall try to imitate here."

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PRESENTATION.

Prof. G. M. Robertson, of the Chair of Psychiatry in the University of Edinburgh, was recently presented with his portrait (painted by H. J. Gunn) by the managers of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, to mark their appreciation of his many years' service as Physician Superintendent of the Hospital.

NOTICES BY THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

Principal books recently added to the Library:

- Psychologie du Socialisme.* Gustave le Bon. 1917.
Problèmes généraux d'hérédité psychologique. Poyer. 1921.
De l'inconscient au Conscient. Geley. 1929.
La Psychologie inconnue. Boirac. 1912.
La méthode Psychanalytique. De Saussure. 1922.

Additional books presented by Dr. Whitwell:

- Origins of Art, a Psychological Enquiry.* Hirn Yrjö. 1900.
Herbartian Psychology. Adams (undated).
Applied Eugenics. Papenhoe and Johnson. 1920.
The Psychology of Marriage. Gallichan. 1917.
St. Audry's Hospital Reports (bound). 1898-1924.