

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.

The following journals are circulated from the Library:

American Journal of Psychiatry.
The Psychological Review.
Journal of Neurology and Psychopathology.
L'Encéphale.
International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.
Journal of Abnormal Psychology.
Mental Hygiene.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Revue Neurologique.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.

Members are requested to return all long-outstanding books to the Library as soon as possible for the purpose of cataloguing. It appears that in a number of instances in the past there has been a failure to register the loans.

Members are invited to make gifts to the Library to assist in building up a historical collection of psychiatric works from the seventeenth century onwards. In selecting books for presentation, members are advised to consult the Hon. Librarian to see what books the Library possesses and those it is desirable it should possess. There is now ample room for the expansion of the Association's collection of books.

Any communications concerning books, journals or library matters should be addressed "Librarian, Royal Medico-Psychological Association, 19b, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1."

Bronze Medal and Prize for 1931.

Dissertations for the Association's Bronze Medal and Prize must be delivered to the Registrar by April 30, 1931.

Divisional Prizes for 1931.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1931.

Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The following Regulation has been rescinded on the authority of the Annual General Meeting (Wakefield), 1928:

"(3) A thesis based on original research, if of sufficient merit, may be accepted by the examiners in place of either the written or the clinical examination or both."

The examination for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, in May, 1931.

Applications for entry to each examination to be made to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

There is no fee for entrance to the Gaskell Prize Examination.

The entrance fee for the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is three guineas.

The Nursing Badge.

This Badge, founded at the Annual Meeting (Wakefield), July 11, 1928, can now be obtained from the Registrar. The application must be made on a special form and accompanied by 6s., which includes the cost of engraving the name and registration number of the holder.

The badge is issued for general use, but especially for occasions when the nursing medal is inconvenient or inappropriate. It is fitted with a brooch-pin for women and a crescent-shaped button-hole stud for men.

For full particulars of the Association's Medals and Prizes and the Certificate in Psychological Medicine see "Year Book" prefacing the January number of the Journal.

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Death.

SIDNEY COUPLAND, April 29, 1930.

The Maudsley Lecture, 1930.

The 11th Maudsley Lecture by Mr. JUSTICE MCCARDIE will be delivered on the occasion of the November Quarterly Meeting.

Notices of Meetings.

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at Oxford during the week commencing June 30, 1930, under the Presidency of T. SARTY GOOD, O.B.E., M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

As the accommodation at Oxford is limited it is essential that members desiring to attend the meeting with their wives should communicate with Dr. Good, Littlemore Hospital, Oxford, within the next two or three weeks. Accommodation will be available at three Colleges, at a charge of 10s. 6d. per day. This should be booked not later than March 25, 1930. They are:

Lady Margaret Hall.—20 double rooms and 80 single rooms available, from Monday, June 30, to mid-day Friday, July 4.

Somerville College.—Single rooms only, available from Monday, June 30, to Saturday, July 5.

Queen's College.—A few rooms for men only.

Those requiring hotel accommodation should make their own arrangements early.

The Annual Dinner will take place on July 2 in Christ Church Hall, and it will be extremely helpful if members desiring to attend will notify Dr. Good as soon as possible, at the same time stating if they intend bringing guests.

An interesting scientific programme has been arranged for the mornings of July 2, 3 and 4.

Members have been invited to a garden party at Littlemore Hospital (July 1), civic reception at Oxford (July 1); Morris Motor Works (July 2), garden party, Warneford Hospital (July 2); lunch at Oxford by Warneford Hospital (July 3), garden party, Nuneham Park (July 3), evening reception (July 3). There will be a ladies Club Room and opportunities for golf.

Quarterly Meeting.—May 22, 1930, at the British Medical Association House, London, W.C. 1.

South-Eastern Division.—Spring Meeting at the City Mental Hospital, Hellesdon, Norwich, April 30, 1930.

South-Western Division.—April 24, 1930, at Hume Tower, Bournemouth.—October 30.

Northern and Midland Division.—April 25, 1930, at The Lawn, Lincoln.

Scottish Division.—June 27, 1930, at Hartwood Mental Hospital, Hartwood, Lanarkshire.

Irish Division.—July, 1930.