

Part IV.—Notes and News.

THE ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

THE NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the Association was held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 5 to 7, 1933, partly at the Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, and partly at the Albert Hall and the Royal Eastern Counties Institution, Colchester, under the Presidency, in the earlier proceedings, of Robert Brown Campbell, M.D., F.R.C.P.E. (Retiring President), and later of F. Douglas Turner, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. The Council and Committees met on the previous day, Tuesday, July 4.

Wednesday, July 5.—Morning Session.

At the Albert Hall, Colchester.

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL in the Chair.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held at Stirling, having already been published, were taken as read, and confirmed.

OBITUARY.

Obituary references were made to the following members who had died since the last meeting: Drs. Henry A. Cotton and Juliano Moreira, Corresponding Members, and Drs. H. J. Mackenzie, L. D. Hamilton Baugh, and Patrick Shaw, Ordinary Members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR 1933-34.

The following resolutions were put from the Chair:

- (a) That the Officers of the Association for 1933-34 be:
- President.*—Frank Douglas Turner, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
President-Elect.—Daniel Frederick Rambaut, M.A., M.D.
Ex-President.—Robert Brown Campbell, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., J.P.
Treasurer.—George William Smith, O.B.E., M.B.
General Secretary.—Reginald Worth, O.B.E., M.B.
Registrar.—Daniel Frederick Rambaut, M.A., M.D.
Editors of Journal.—
 Douglas McRae, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.
 Maurice Hamblin Smith, M.A., M.D.
 Alexander Walk, M.D., D.P.M.
 G. W. T. H. Fleming, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.
Librarian.—James Richard Whitwell, M.B. **[Agreed.]**
- (b) That the nominated Members of the Council for 1933-34 be:
 Drs. A. Helen Boyle, J. F. W. Leech, T. R. C. Spence, J. S. I. Skottowe, Aidan
 G. W. Thomson, J. J. O'Reilly. **[Agreed.]**
- (c) That the Parliamentary Committee, as revised by the Council, be re-appointed.
 Retirement: Dr. Dixon. **[Agreed.]**
- (d) That the Educational Committee be re-appointed.
- Dr. M. ABBY COLLINS said he understood that one at least, and perhaps more, members of the Educational Committee had announced their intention not to hold the Association's examination for nurses any longer. That was quite within their rights, but he thought those members

might be asked whether they still wished to be members of the Educational Committee. (Hear, hear.)

He proposed that the General Secretary might ascertain from the members in question whether, in the circumstances, they still wished to remain members of the Educational Committee.

Dr. LEEPER seconded. [Agreed.]

(e) That the Library Committee be re-appointed, with the addition of the name of Dr. William Starkey. [Agreed.]

(f) That the Research and Clinical Committee be re-appointed with the addition of the name of Dr. Alexander Walk. [Agreed.]

(g) That the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee (Official Members) be re-appointed as follows:

For England and Wales.—Drs. H. Dove Cormac, W. G. Masefield, G. W. Smith, F. R. P. Taylor, A. A. D. Townsend.

For Scotland.—Drs. Douglas McRae, T. C. Mackenzie, Wm. M. Buchanan, R. D. Hotchkis, Donald Ross.

For Northern Ireland.—Drs. F. J. Deane, Dorothy Gardner, N. B. Graham, M. J. Nolan, J. Watson.

For Irish Free State.—Drs. S. Blake, J. O'Connor Donelan, L. Gavin, R. R. Leeper, J. C. Martin. [Agreed.]

(h) That G. F. Barham, M.A., M.D., and R. J. Stilwell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., be appointed Honorary Auditors. [Agreed.]

(i) That the Maudsley Lecturer for 1934 be the Right Hon. Lord Macmillan, M.A., LL.D., Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

The PRESIDENT stated that Lord Macmillan had accepted the invitation to give the Lecture, which, on this occasion, would be a popular one. [Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council begs to submit its 37th Annual Report as under:

The number of members—ordinary, honorary and corresponding—as shown in the list of names published in the *Journal of Mental Science* for January, 1933, was 883, as compared with 869 in 1932.

	1931.								1932.	
	49	Number of new members elected	.	.	.	.	.	.	38	
	869	Number of members registered.	.	.	.	.	.	.	883	
	..	Removed according to Bye-law 17	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
	23	Number of members resigned	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	
	11	Number of deaths	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	
<i>Members:</i>	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Ordinary	710	694	703	700	706	727	753	771	787	801
Honorary	30	29	29	30	31	33	35	36	36	37
Corresponding	14	16	16	15	17	22	31	40	46	45
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	754	739	748	745	754	782	819	847	869	883

The above figures show that the increase in the number of members is well maintained.

Research and Clinical Committee.

Much time and work has been spent by the Sub-Committee on Clinical Psychiatry on the drawing up of the new schedule of classification of mental disorders. The schedule has now been completed and approved by the Council.

The question of providing information regarding literature in the form of small monograph supplements to the *Journal of Mental Science* is being considered by a small sub-committee in conjunction with the Editors.

The Pathological, Biochemical and Bacteriological Sub-Committee submitted a Resolution requesting that authority be granted to them to create a body within the jurisdiction of the Association for the purposes of including such of its members as are particularly interested in

the study of pathology in relation to mental disease. The matter was referred to the Special Sections Committee for consideration.

The meetings of the Committee are always well attended, and great enthusiasm is shown by the members.

Educational Matters.

The number of entries for the nursing certificate is steadily increasing, the grand total of entries for May–November, 1932, being 7,132. The number of entries for November, 1932, examination—2,724—was greater by 853 than the number of entries for November, 1925—Dr. Rambaut's first year as Registrar.

Two sub-committees have been appointed. The first is to discuss the question of "Occupational Therapy and its introduction in the examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing". The other was appointed, following a proposal "to call the attention of all Examining Bodies conferring the Diploma in Psychological Medicine to the desirability of candidates furnishing proof of having held a resident appointment in an approved hospital or institution for at least two years before such Diploma is conferred." Its terms of reference are "to consider and furnish a report concerning the respective regulations of the examining bodies conferring the D.P.M."

A letter has been received from the General Nursing Council concerning the abolition of the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee. Dr. Worth sought an interview with the Minister of Health, with special reference to the appointment of examiners. After the interview the Minister promised to write to Dr. Worth on the matter, but, so far, no letter has been received.

Parliamentary Matters.

The proposed Local Government and Other Officers' (Superannuation Amendment) Bill has occupied a great deal of the time and attention of the Parliamentary Committee, and a special meeting to discuss this matter was called in January last. Dr. Haynes attended a Conference at the Guildhall at which were representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association, British Medical Association, Incorporated Association of Clerks and Stewards, and the Mental Hospitals and Institutional Worker's Union. At this Conference it was decided to ask the Minister of Health to receive a deputation. Drs. Haynes and Worth were appointed the Association's delegates. The Minister of Health, however, declined to meet a joint deputation, and it is expected that a deputation will be invited to attend a meeting of private members of the House of Commons on the subject.

The Private Members' Bill dealing with insanity as grounds for divorce has twice been counted out in the House of Commons, and there is no possibility of its making further progress.

The Library.

Considerable use has been made of the Library during the past year, many members having used it for reference, and the number of books issued has been steadily increasing. Some difficulty has been experienced in regard to the circulation of journals; many of these journals are not returned to the Library, and, during the past ten years, 162 have been lost in this way, the result being an accumulation of incomplete volumes that cannot be bound so as to become a useful addition to the Library. The method of issuing journals has now been revised. It has been decided that the Association will pay the outward cost of carriage on books.

The Library has been considerably enriched by the addition of a large number of books bequeathed to it by the late Prof. Robertson, and of over 100 books presented by Dr. Hamblin Smith, and valuable additions of historical interest have been given by the Honorary Librarian and Dr. W. Starkey. Several other members have also presented books. All these gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks are due to Dr. Whitwell for the time and work he bestows upon the Library.

The Journal of Mental Science.

The *Journal of Mental Science* has now appeared in its new guise—the size and paper having been altered to correspond with that of modern scientific periodicals.

A Special Monograph number on "Sinusitis in Mental Disorder" was published, the cost of illustrations being met by a grant voted in 1927 for the production of the Monograph.

The publication of monographs embodying collected abstracts of literature has been discussed in conjunction with the Research and Clinical Committee.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Dr. A. Walk represented the Association at the Belgian Congress of Psychiatry held at Ghent.

Dr. E. Litteljohn was re-appointed as the Association's representative on the Council of the Central Association for Mental Welfare.

Dr. E. O. Lewis was appointed to represent the Association on the Committee of Administration to deal with the donation of £10,000 from Mrs. R. G. Burden towards research work.

Dr. W. J. T. Kimber has consented to act as the Association's representative, in place of the late Dr. J. R. Lord, on the Child Guidance Council.

Owing to the deaths of Sir Frederick Mott and Dr. D. Nicolson it has been necessary to appoint new Trustees to the Gaskell Fund. Five members have been appointed.

It has been agreed to award a prize for mental nurses in memory of the late Dr. Campbell Clark. The prize will take the form of a gold medal, suitably engraved, with a money prize of three guineas, and will be awarded twice yearly, at the May and November examinations. It will be presented to the nurse, male or female, who, having trained for three years in one institution, obtains the highest percentage of marks in the final examination.

It has been necessary, owing to the appointment of a paid secretary, to rent another room at Chandos Street for use as an office.

The Report of the B.M.A. regarding the relationship of the private practitioner to the treatment of mental disability has caused great discussion. The Association sent the following resolution to the B.M.A., "That in the opinion of this Meeting the policy of the B.M.A. in regard to the treatment of Mental Disease is not in the best interests of the Patient and of Psychiatry". A letter has been received from the B.M.A. asking the Association to state their reasons for passing this resolution. A reply has been sent, pointing out that the reasons were fully stated by the Association's representatives at the meetings of the B.M.A. Committee which drafted the Report, as well as at the Annual Representative Meeting, and inviting further discussion. Drs. Worth and Rice are representing the Association at a joint conference with the Mental Hospitals Association.

Dr. M. A. Collins has been re-appointed as Representative of the Association on the General Nursing Council.

The question of providing badges for Divisional Chairmen has again arisen. It was agreed at the Annual Meeting in July, 1929, that such badges should be supplied. The matter is now in the hands of the Treasurer, who is obtaining an estimate of the cost.

The Maudsley Lecture for 1932 was given in November last by Sir Edward Farquhar Buzzard.

The Maudsley Lecture for 1933 was given by Dr. Adolf Meyer in May. Dr. Meyer lectured on "British Influence in Psychiatry and Mental Hygiene". Both these lectures were well attended.

At a meeting of members of the Association interested in mental deficiency, a resolution was passed requesting that authority be granted to them to create a body within the jurisdiction of the Association for the purposes of including such of its members as are particularly interested in the study and treatment of mental deficiency. A Special Committee has been appointed to consider whether it would be advantageous to the Association to form Sections within the Association.

The Association has sustained great loss by the deaths of many valued members. Two Past Presidents have passed away—Dr. David Nicolson, who was President in 1895-96, and Dr. Bedford Pierce, President in 1919-20. Several of the deceased members have done great work for the Association, and they will be sadly missed.

Obituary.

Honorary Member: Edward N. Brush.

Corresponding Members: Henry A. Cotton, Juliano Moreira.

Ordinary Members: David Nicolson, C.B. (President, 1895-96), Bedford Pierce (President, 1919-20), W. F. Blandford, G. H. Rae Gibson, J. H. Skeen, G. S. Pope, Theo. Hyslop, Alan McDougal, C. Beadles, Percy Hughes, Patrick Shaw, H. J. Mackenzie, L. D. H. Baugh.

Dr. WORTH (General Secretary), read the Report, which had been circulated, in abstract, and moved its adoption.

Dr. G. W. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer), seconded.

[Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer submits herewith the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for 1932, and also the Financial Statement of the Maudsley Bequest and of the Gaskell Fund.

Dr. G. W. SMITH (Hon. Treasurer) read the Report and moved its adoption, adding that the Bank Balance was £542 7s. 6d., and that there was £400 on Deposit.

Dr. WORTH seconded.

[Agreed]

The PRESIDENT remarked that the Hon. Treasurer deserved the congratulations of the members of the Association for the way in which the healthy state of the finances had been maintained.

ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE-SHEET as at 31st December, 1932.

1931.	Liabilities.	Assets.	1931.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<p>CREDITORS— Printing and distribution of Journal 328 18 8 Examiners Fees 268 5 0 Subscriptions received in advance 11 0 6 Sundry 166 15 0 _____ 774 19 2</p> <p>SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS— Special Research Fund— As per last Balance-Sheet 39 14 0 Maudsley Bequest— As per last Balance-Sheet 259 16 8 Less Lecturer's Honorarium for 1931 52 10 0 _____ 207 6 8</p> <p>Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed account 46 14 6 _____ 259 16 8</p> <p>Gaskell Fund— As per last Balance-Sheet 207 0 6 Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed account 23 9 4 _____ 230 9 10</p> <p>CAPITAL ACCOUNT—GENERAL FUND— As per last Balance-Sheet 13,953 4 3 Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to date as per detailed Revenue Account 990 5 6 _____ 14,943 9 9</p> <p>Less Subscriptions written off Balance of Mott Memorial Fund written off 230 3 0 _____ 14,713 6 9</p> <p>CAPITAL ACCOUNT—MAUDSLEY BEQUEST— Market Value of the Investment representing the capital of this Bequest at 31st December, 1932 (see <i>Contra</i>) 2,086 5 10 _____ £17,969 18 3</p>	<p>FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, 11, CHANDOS STREET, W. 1— Acquired during year to date 260 19 0</p> <p>LIBRARY— As per last Balance-Sheet 146 3 4</p> <p>INVESTMENTS— General Fund— £11,787 3 9 3½% Conversion Loan 9,770 15 2 1,864 3 2 3½% War Loan 1,919 19 7 634 8 3 3½% Zealand 3½% Stock 1940 504 12 6 320 14 8 Ditto, ditto Hack Tuke 285 9 0 103 7 2 Victoria 3% Stock 1929-49 405 18 1 New South Wales 3½% (Dr. Faul) 56 6 6 213 18 1 Manchester Corporation 3% Stock 1930-50 221 4 3 386 0 0 London, Midland and Scottish Railway 4% Preference Stock 143 6 3 _____ 13,200 19 8</p> <p>Maudsley Bequest— £2,112 13 11 3½% War Loan 2,086 5 10 _____ 15,287 5 6</p> <p><i>Note.</i>—The Market Value of the above Investments at the date of the Balance-Sheet amounted to £17,303 18 0.</p> <p>DEBTORS— For Subscriptions 296 6 3 Examination Fees less Expenses 547 16 3 Sundry 81 8 1 _____ 925 10 7</p> <p>MOTT MEMORIAL FUND 64 6 4 _____ 230 12 11</p> <p>CASH AT BANK— On Current Account 949 19 10 On Deposit Account 400 0 0 _____ 1,349 19 10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">400 0 0</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">£17,969 18 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£15,252 18 1</p>	

G. W. SMITH, *Hom. Treasurer.*

The above Balance-Sheet has been prepared by us as Accountants from the books, accounts and documents of the Association and from information obtained from the Honorary Treasurer. It has not been audited by us, but we have made all adjustments which appeared to us to be necessary for the accurate preparation of the said Balance-Sheet, which to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct, and in accordance with the information and explanations afforded to us.

3, LONDON WALL BUILDINGS,
 2nd June, 1933.
 MYERS, DAVIES, & CO.,
 Chartered Accountants.

We, the undersigned, being the Auditors appointed by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, hereby certify that we have examined the above Balance-Sheet, dated 31st December, 1932, with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it is correct and in accordance therewith.

(Signed) G. F. BARHAM }
 REGINALD J. STILLWELL } *Hon. Auditors.*

16th June, 1933.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1932.

1931. £ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	1931. £ s. d.
1,308 1 3	To Printing, Publication and Distribution of Journal	1,415 18 6		408 19 9
2,374 7 3	" Expenses of Examinations and Prizes	2,337 2 8		3 3 7
519 16 5	" Expenses of Annual, General and other Meetings	408 19 1		300 0 0
26 0 0	" Library Expenses	52 8 3		82 13 0
	" Less Interest on £320 14s. 8d. 3½% New Zealand Stock 1940	8 5 8		2 13 11
	" Expenses, II Chandos Street, W. I.:	44 2 7		22 6 5
	Rent	150 11 8		
	Salary	45 6 4		
	Telephone	3 3 1		
	Sundry Expenses	3 16 9		
12 12 0	" Accountancy Charges	202 17 10		
247 7 7	" Miscellaneous Expenses	12 12 0		
		223 7 4		
4,568 4 6		4,645 0 0		
	" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1932, carried to Capital Account (see Balance Sheet)			990 5 6
712 14 10				990 5 6
£5,280 19 4				£5,635 5 6
				£5,635 5 6

Income.	£ s. d.	Cr.	1931. £ s. d.
By Interest on Investments (less Income Tax)		408 19 9	409 11 4
" Interest on Deposit Account (" ")		3 3 7	6 19 5
" Sale of Journal	300 0 0		330 0 0
" Royalties on Handbook	82 13 0		144 13 0
" Sale of Statistical Forms, etc.	2 13 11		7 5 5
" Advertisements in Journal	22 6 5		17 17 0
" Examination Receipts	407 13 4		
" Members' Subscriptions	3,530 14 1		3,183 15 8
" Legacy from the Estate of the late Dr. J. K. Lord	1,278 5 9		1,200 17 6
		6 9 0	

MAUDSLEY BEQUEST.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1932.

1931. £ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.	Income.	Cr.	1931. £ s. d.
52 10 0	To Lecturer's Honorarium	52 10 0	By Interest on Investment (Less Income Tax)	79 4 6	79 4 6
23 16 9	" Printing and Stationery	1 2 6	" Bonus on Investment	21 2 6	—
2 17 9	" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1932 (see Balance-Sheet)	46 14 6			—
		£100 7 0			£100 7 0
		£79 4 6			£79 4 6

GASKELL FUND.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1932.

1931. £ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.	Income.	Cr.	1931. £ s. d.
1 11 6	To Prize	30 0 0	By Interest on Trustee Investments (Less Income Tax) as follows:	13 17 6	13 17 6
57 12 0	" Engraving Medal	0 9 6	£370 os. od. 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929-47		
	" Examiners' Fees and Expenses	6 14 10	£1,380 14s. 3d. New Zealand 3½ per cent. Stock, 1940	35 12 9	37 9 0
	" Advertisement		£337 11s. od. New South Wales 3 per cent. Stock, 1935	7 9 5	7 17 0
	" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1932 (see Balance-Sheet)	23 9 4	" Bonus on £370 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929-47	3 14 0	—
		£60 13 8			£60 13 8
		£59 3 6			£59 3 6

REPORT OF THE EDITORS.

During the year the "Special Monograph Number" on "Sinusitis in Mental Disorders" was issued (July, 1932). As stated in the last report, the cost of the illustrations is being met out of a special grant, and is therefore not included in the accounts appended to this Report.

The production of this number increased the total size of the Journal from 930 to 1,043 pages. As a result of economies in other directions, however, and particularly reduced printers' charges, the cost of the Journal remained practically unchanged.

Since January, 1933, the appearance of the Journal has been improved by the adoption of a new format, paper and type. The practical advantages of this were set out in last year's report.

The management of advertisements has been placed in the hands of a firm of advertising agents. The results have been very satisfactory, the advertisement revenue for the last number published (April, 1933) exceeding the total for the whole of 1932. There is no doubt that the income from this source is capable of further expansion.

The question of the publication of monographs consisting of collected abstracts on particular subjects was considered by the Research and Clinical Committee. The Editors have undertaken to give practical effect to their recommendation.

Meanwhile the Epitome section of the Journal is being extended. The Editors would welcome the co-operation of a larger number of members in the provision of epitomes and reviews, and they wish to express their hearty thanks to those, both within and outside the Association, who have assisted in this way during the past year.

Analysis of Cost of Journal, 1931-32.

1931.				Debit.				1932.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
815	3	6		Printing of text	.	.	.	825	7	11	
49	1	6		Illustrations	.	.	.	69	0	6	
91	14	6		Paper for text	.	.	.	90	8	0	
42	11	0		Cover and advertisements	.	.	.	36	3	6	
85	6	6		Binding	.	.	.	76	7	0	
			1,083 17 0	Reprints	.	.	.	79	8	0	1,097 6 11
94	1	9		Wrappers	.	.	.	12	10	2	
12	7	7		Dispatch	.	.	.	62	14	4	
56	6	7									154 12 6
			162 15 11	Stationery	.	.	.	8	10	6	
6	3	0		Postage and index	.	.	.	17	14	1	
17	11	1									26 4 7
			23 14 1	Publishers' fees	.	.	.	40	19	0	
41	8	6									40 19 0
			41 8 6								
			<u>£1,311 15 6</u>								<u>£1,319 3 0</u>

1931.				Credit.				1932.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
333	14	3		Sale of Journal, etc.	.	.	.	300	14	0	
17	7	11		Advertisements	.	.	.	22	6	5	
			351 2 2								323 0 5

Cost of Journal.

1931.				1932.			
£960	0s.	10d.	Net cost of Journal	£996	2s.	7d.	
5s.	5d.		Cost of production per copy	5s.	5d.		
4s.	4d.		Cost to Association per copy	4s.	1d.		
930			Size of Journal in pages	1043.			

Dr. WALK read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. McRAE seconded.

The PRESIDENT said that the Association was much indebted to the Editors of the Journal for the work they did. It was a pleasure to hear that a new source of revenue had been tapped.

[Agreed.]

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN AND OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee can report a real step forward for the year that has just passed. They feel that the return to Chandos Street has been appreciated by those members who wish to make use of the facilities which the Library affords.

The Library Committee wish to acknowledge their indebtedness to Dr. Whitwell, the Hon. Librarian, for the good work and constant attention which he has given to the Library, in the arranging of books and their care. It is a matter of congratulation that Dr. Whitwell has continued in his task with so much enthusiasm.

The difficulties that have arisen in regard to the circulation of journals are mentioned in the Report of the Council. The method of issuing journals has now been revised.

It has been agreed and sanctioned by the Council that the cost of postage for outward-bound books and periodicals shall in future be paid out of the funds of the Association.

The Committee wish to thank those members who have presented books to the Library, and especially to express their gratitude to Dr. Hamblin Smith for his donation of over 100 volumes.

Dr. McDOWALL, in the absence of Dr. Whitwell, presented the Report and moved its adoption.
Dr. WALK seconded. [Agreed.]

REPORT OF HON. AUDITORS.

We, the undersigned, having examined the Treasurer's books, and having duly compared and scrutinized receipts and vouchers, hereby certify that the accounts and Balance-sheet, as set forth, represent a true statement of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association's finances for the year 1932.

G. F. BARHAM }
R. J. STILWELL } *Hon. Auditors.*

Dr. G. W. SMITH, in the absence of the Auditors, read the Report and moved its adoption.
[Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR.

The total number of entries for the Preliminary and Final Examinations for the year 1932 was 7,132; of these 797 were candidates for the Mental Deficiency Section.

Of the 7,132 candidates, 4,258 were for the Preliminary Examination, and 2,874 for the Final Examination.

There were 4,408 entries for the May, 1932, Examinations—2,640 Preliminary, and 1,768 Final.

For the November, 1932, Examinations there were 2,724 entries—1,618 Preliminary, 1,106 Final.

The total entries for the year 1932—7,132—are greater by 1,563 than the entries for 1925—my first year as Registrar.

The details of the Preliminary Examinations in the year 1932 are as follows:

Class of institution.	Entries.	PASSES.	Percentage.
English County Mental Hospitals	2,118	1,368	64.58
English Borough Mental Hospitals	406	283	69.70
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	204	127	62.25
Scottish Mental Hospitals	594	362	60.94
Irish Mental Hospitals	435	131	30.11
Federated Malay States	1	1	100.00
Mental Deficiency Section	500	288	57.60
Totals	4,258	2,560	60.12

In the year 1931 there were 4,071 entries for the Preliminary Examination. Of these 2,520 passed—a percentage of 61.90.

The details of the Final Examinations in the year 1932 are:

Class of institution.	Entries.	PASSES.	Distinc- tions.	Percentage of		
				PASSES to entries.	Dist. to entries.	Dist. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	1,569	936	21	59.65	1.33	2.24
English Borough Mental Hospitals	279	190	7	68.10	2.50	3.67
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	117	92	12	78.63	10.25	13.04
Scottish Mental Hospitals	344	226	3	65.69	0.87	1.32
Irish Mental Hospitals	266	150	2	56.39	0.75	1.33
Federated Malay States	2	0	0	..	..	..
Mental Deficiency Section	297	204	8	68.68	2.69	3.91
Totals	2,874	1,798	53	62.56	1.84	2.94

In the year 1931 there were 2,701 entries; 1,731 passed—69 with distinction. The percentage of passes to entries was 64·08. The percentage of distinctions to entries was 2·55, and to passes 3·98.

MAY, 1933, EXAMINATIONS.

For the May, 1933, Examinations the entries numbered 4,384. Of this number 2,594 were Preliminary (307 Mental Deficiency Section), and 1,790 Final (152 Mental Deficiency Section). The analysis of the results is as follows:

Preliminary.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Percentage
English County Mental Hospitals	1,340	731	54·55
English Borough Mental Hospitals	214	162	75·70
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	147	93	63·26
Scottish Mental Hospitals	340	192	56·47
Irish Mental Hospitals	246	107	43·49
Mental Deficiency Section	307	173	56·35
Totals	2,594	1,458	56·20

Final.

Class of institution.	Entries.	Passes.	Distinc- tions.	Percentage of		
				Passes to entries.	Distn. to entries.	Distn. to passes.
English County Mental Hospitals	955	637	27	66·70	2·82	4·23
English Borough Mental Hospitals	183	155	3	84·69	1·63	1·93
Registered Hospitals and Licensed Houses	128	108	3	84·37	2·34	2·77
Scottish Mental Hospitals	240	214	5	89·16	2·08	2·33
Irish Mental Hospitals	132	84	0	63·63	..	..
Mental Deficiency Section	152	100	1	65·78	0·65	1·00
Totals	1,790	1,298	39	72·51	2·17	3·00

There were 133 candidates whose papers were marked 45 to 49 (both inclusive). On re-assessment 57 of these papers were raised to a " Pass " mark, and 76 remained " Failed ".

There were 7 entries for the Examination for the Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize. The Examiners reported that 2 candidates were equal in merit, and they recommend that each of them should receive a medal and a prize.

Four essays were submitted for the Bronze Medal and Prize. The winning essay bore the motto " Labor omnia vincit ". The Examiners and President recommend that the writer of the essay with the motto " Fiat Lux " might be awarded either a prize only or a medal only, assuming that a second medal *and* prize cannot be given.

There was one candidate for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine—Dr. A. Baldie, 7, Warrington Gardens, London, W. 9. He was successful in passing the Examination.

One Divisional Prize was awarded.

The Campbell Clark Prize for the Mental Nurse who obtained the highest number of marks in the Examination for the Certificate for Proficiency in Mental Nursing has been awarded for the first time. The successful candidate obtained an aggregate of 177 marks out of a possible 200 in the May, 1933, Examination.

Dr. D. F. RAMBAUT read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. F. R. P. TAYLOR seconded.

The PRESIDENT said that before putting this to the meeting he felt that the gratitude of members must be expressed to the Registrar for the very detailed Report which he had just presented, and they would wish to thank him for the great amount of work which his office entailed. (Applause.) In connection with the Essay for the Bronze Medal, the Council had decided that the writer of the second best essay should receive a money prize of five guineas. He hoped the meeting approved of the Council's action. (Applause.) [Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational Committee begs to submit the following Report for the year ending June 30, 1933.

During the year four meetings have been held, which have been well attended.

In order to obtain some degree of uniformity in the consideration of applications from Institutions for Mental Defectives for recognition by our Association, the Training Sub-Committee went fully into the matter, and the following recommendations were agreed upon :

1. That no Institution with less than an annual average of 50 patients be recognized.
2. That at least one member of the Nursing Staff engaged in training and teaching the Staff must hold the Certificate of our Association in the Nursing of Mental Defectives, or the equivalent Certificate of the General Nursing Council.
3. That it is not considered necessary for a Medical Officer to be resident.

The following Institutions have been recognized during the year :

Coldeast Colony, near Southampton.
 Botleys Park Certified Institution, Surrey.
 Clerks Croft Certified Institution, Surrey.
 Gogarburn Certified Institution, Edinburgh.

The question of Occupational Therapy has formed the subject of considerable discussion, and a special sub-committee was appointed to inquire into the possibility of an examination being instituted for mental nurses on this subject.

A special committee has also been appointed to consider and furnish a report concerning the regulations of the respective examining bodies conferring the D.P.M.

Nominations for the posts of Examiner for the year were received in time for the May meeting, and were sent forward as recommendations to the Council.

Dr. MASEFIELD read the Report and moved its adoption.

Dr. F. R. P. TAYLOR seconded.

[Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

There have been five meetings of the Committee during the year.

At the meeting held in November last, Dr. Nathan Raw was re-elected Chairman, Dr. Menzies Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Haynes, Hon. Secretary. The chief work during the year has been centred around the Superannuation Amendment Bill. A special meeting to discuss this matter was held in January last.

Dr. Haynes attended a Conference at the Guildhall, at which were representatives of the Mental Hospitals Association, British Medical Association, Incorporated Association of Clerks and Stewards, and the Mental Hospitals and Institutional Workers' Union. At this Conference it was decided to ask the Minister of Health to receive a deputation. Drs. Haynes and Worth were appointed the Association's delegates. The Minister of Health, however, declined to meet a joint deputation, and it is expected that a deputation will be invited to attend a meeting of private members of the House of Commons on the subject.

This Bill was still under discussion in the House of Commons; certain negotiations were being carried on, but it was expected that the Bill would be passed within the next few hours.

Considerable discussion upon the statement that £500 was the average annual cost of a mental hospital patient has taken place during the year. The matter was finally cleared up in June by a statement from the Minister of Health that this figure was meant to represent the capital cost of providing a bed in a mental hospital.

A Private Members' Bill dealing with insanity as grounds for divorce, has been twice counted out in the House of Commons, and there is no possibility of it making further progress.

It is expected that the report of the Departmental Committee on Sterilization will be published within the next twelve months.

Dr. HAYNES read the Report. He added that he had attended two conferences at the Guildhall on the Superannuation Amendment Bill, which was now probably up for Third Reading. It was not altogether satisfactory. It might even be amended that night. With regard to the "£500 per patient" allegation, a question was asked in the House on it a week ago, and the Minister had pointed out, in reply, that £500 was the estimated capital cost per bed, not the average annual cost.

He moved the adoption of the Report.

Dr. MENZIES seconded.

[Agreed.]

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL COMMITTEE.

The Research and Clinical Committee begs to submit the following Report for the year ending July, 1933 :

Meetings.

The Committee has met four times during the year, *viz.*, July 12, 1932; November 21, 1932; February 21, 1933; May 16, 1933.

Changes in Personnel.

The following changes have taken place during the year:

Prof. D. K. Henderson succeeded Dr. C. C. Easterbrook (resigned) as a representative member of county, borough and registered mental hospitals; Dr. W. D. Nicol was elected a representative member of that body; and Dr. C. W. Bower succeeded the late Dr. J. G. Soutar as a representative member of private mental hospitals.

The changes in representative members of Sub-Committees are referred to in the Reports of the Sub-Committees.

At the February, 1933, meeting a resolution was passed to the effect that the names of the Hon. Secretaries of the three merged Sub-Committees (*viz.*, General Paralysis, Epidemic Encephalitis and Actinotherapy) be added to the representation of the Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee, thus bringing the number of representative members of that Sub-Committee up to six.

Clinical Meetings.

There has been no notification of any Clinical Meetings held during the year.

Classification of Mental Disorders.

After considerable work on the part of the Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee on the above subject, a Classification of Mental Disorders was submitted to the Council at its May meeting, when it was approved; so that this has now become the official Classification of the Association.

Formation of Sections within the Association.

During the year applications were made by the Mental Deficiency, and the Pathology, Bacteriology and Biochemistry Sub-Committees for permission to create bodies within the jurisdiction of the Association for the special study of these branches of psychiatry.

These applications are being dealt with by a Special Sections Committee.

Monographs.

The Committee considered the necessity for summarized abstracts of the present state of knowledge in the various aspects of psychological medicine, together with bibliographies of references to works in the more important languages.

The Council have approved of the Committee's resolution that these monographs should be published by the Editors of the Journal.

Clinical Psychiatry Sub-Committee.

During the year four meetings of this Sub-Committee have been held.

At the February meeting of the Research and Clinical Committee it was resolved that the names of the Hon. Secretaries of the three merged Sub-Committees—*viz.*, Drs. L. C. F. Chevens, W. D. Nicol and P. K. McCowan—be added to the representation of this Sub-Committee, thus bringing its number of representative members up to six.

At the June meeting of the Sub-Committee, Dr. Ross's resignation was received.

The following now represent the Sub-Committee on the Research and Clinical Committee: Drs. Yellowlees, Chevens, Nicol and McCowan. A successor to Dr. Ross has yet to be appointed.

Dr. B. H. Shaw, who has been in touch with the work of the Sub-Committee from the beginning, has now become an active member.

During the year the Classification of Mental Disorders has been completed, and accepted by the Council. A beginning has been made with the provision of Notes on the Classification for the guidance of those using it.

The provision of Clinical Forms of a standard type, which was begun in 1929, is being proceeded with; and it is hoped to finish these at an early date.

Psychotherapy and Psycho-pathology Sub-Committee.

The routine activities of this Sub-Committee have continued throughout the year.

In addition, assistance has been given to the War Prophylaxis Committee of the Dutch Medical Association in the compiling of a bibliography on the psychological aspect of the subject.

The resignation of Dr. Suttie from the Sub-Committee created a vacancy for a representative member on the main Committee, to which Dr. Hardcastle was appointed. Dr. Franklin is the other representative member.

Infectious Diseases Sub-Committee.

The Infectious Diseases Sub-Committee met twice during the year 1932-33, namely, in November, 1932, and in May, 1933.

At the November meeting the question of reducing the number of members was considered. The personnel had remained practically the same as when the Sub-Committee was first appointed, and it was considered that the time had now come when a revision should be undertaken. This had been postponed for several reasons, one of which was the death of the first secretary, Dr. Braithwaite. It was decided to communicate with those members who had not taken any active part in the proceedings of the Sub-Committee, asking them if they wished to continue as members. Six members were communicated with, and five replied that for various reasons they felt with regret that they must send in their resignations. These resignations were accepted at the May meeting.

At the meeting held in May, Drs. Rudolf and Shera were elected to act as representatives of the Infectious Diseases Sub-Committee on the main Committee. One new member, Dr. Wishart Davidson, was co-opted.

During the year Dr. Rudolf continued his work on the Incidence of Cancer in Mental Hospitals, and presented Parts 2 and 3 of his Report. Part 3 dealt with the comparison of male death-rates from cancer in mental hospitals and in the general population with regard to age and site, and was illustrated with numerous charts. He is now engaged in preparing Part 4, which will deal with female death-rates compared in a similar manner, and which he hopes to have ready for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

At the May meeting Dr. Shera presented an interesting report on ten cases of G.P.I. treated with intrathecal salvarsanized serum.

The Sub-Committee has received inquiries concerning the use of a Flexner dysentery vaccine as a prophylactic measure in dealing with dysentery in mental hospitals. The matter is under consideration at present, and the Committee hope to be able to publish a report in due course.

In the October, 1932, number of the *Journal of Mental Science* there appeared Dr. Shera's Report to the Sub-Committee on cases of Salmonella infection arising in mental hospitals.

Pathology, Bacteriology and Bio-Chemistry Sub-Committee.

The scope of this Sub-Committee has been somewhat enlarged by the inclusion of pathological work formerly embraced by the Epidemic Encephalitis and General Paralysis Sub-Committees. Efforts have been made to encourage registration of individual research schemes for the purpose of mutual interest and help, but without much success, and the list stands the same as that given last year.

There has been no occasion, so far, to obtain the assistance of the special advisers to the Sub-Committee.

There has been some difficulty in arranging the times of the meetings to suit all members—a matter which has received much consideration. In order to stimulate interest and to obtain mutual assistance in subjects of pathological interest, it has been decided to have papers for discussion at the meetings; and it has therefore been necessary to extend the time for the meetings from one to two hours.

The results of this innovation have been most gratifying, and much useful discussion has followed papers by Dr. Quastel on the "Action of Narcotics upon Brain Tissue", and by Dr. Brazier on the "Electrical Capacity Coefficient in Relation to Thyroid"; a discussion was also held on "Thyroid Treatment in Dementia Præcox", which was opened by Dr. Quastel.

In view of the success of these meetings, it was decided to ask for a reconstitution of the Sub-Committee, in order that its times of meeting could be independently arranged, and that the attendance at the meetings might become available to all members of the R.M.P.A. who were interested. At these meetings, papers would be read and discussed, without right of publication, in order to obtain helpful criticism and assistance in individual research. A motion to this effect has already been before the Research and Clinical Committee.

The following re-appointments have been effected: Drs. Shaw and Ford-Robertson as representatives on the Research and Clinical Committee, and Drs. Pickworth and Drury as Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee.

Two meetings of this Sub-Committee have been held during the year. The chief subject of discussion at both meetings was the proposed inquiry into the incidence of nervous and mental

diseases in the families of persons who appear to be normal. It is proposed to collect at least 1,000 family histories. These, it is hoped, will constitute a satisfactory control group, to serve as a standard with which the family histories of patients suffering from mental disease or deficiency can be compared. The forms for this inquiry are now being distributed.

Drs. Rees Thomas and Berry have been elected as representatives upon the Research and Clinical Committee.

Study Tours Sub-Committee.

The activities of the Sub-Committee during the past twelve months have included the publication of an account of the visit to mental hospitals in West Germany in the spring of 1932, and the organization of a visit to Santpoort Mental Hospital, Holland, last April, which a party of more than 30 members and others attended in order to see the application of the "more active" principles of occupation elaborated by Dr. Simon, of Gütersloh.

Several private visits to Santpoort and other Dutch hospitals have also been arranged, for which we are greatly indebted to our Dutch colleagues, who have given us readily and generously of their time and hospitality.

The representative member for this Sub-Committee is Dr. Haynes, a successor to Dr. Gibson not yet having been appointed.

Dr. McCOWAN read the Report of the Research and Clinical Committee, and moved that it be adopted.

Dr. DRURY seconded.

[Agreed.]

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND MOTIONS ARISING THEREON.

Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council.

Dr. WORTH said there was no report.

Sections Committee.

Dr. WORTH reported that on the previous day a meeting of the Sections Committee was held, and the point which arose was whether the Bye-laws or the Charter should be altered, and Sections formed in the Association, in the same way as in the Royal Society of Medicine. A very long discussion took place on these points, and many arguments were put forward on both sides. Finally it was decided that no Sections should be formed at present, but that there should be set up a Standing Committee for Mental Deficiency. This would entail a certain alteration in the Bye-laws, but that could probably be easily done. He moved that this suggestion be approved.

Dr. HAYNES seconded.

Considerable discussion took place on this motion. It was pointed out, in the first place, that the necessary Revision of the Bye-laws would involve at least a year's delay in the appointment of the proposed Standing Committee. It was therefore agreed to appoint a Special Committee to act during the interval, and the following resolution was put from the Chair and adopted:

"That a Special Committee be appointed to deal with the Mental Deficiency aspect of the work of the Association; and that application be made to the Privy Council for authorization to alter the Bye-laws to permit of the appointment of a Standing Committee on Mental Deficiency."

The next point discussed was that of the relation of the new committee to the existing Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Committee. The Sub-Committee was at present engaged on research work for which funds were required. Some means was sought of securing continuity in the work, as well as ensuring co-ordination with the other activities of the Research and Clinical Committee.

Dr. MENZIES proposed "That the existing Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee do become the Special Committee on Mental Deficiency".

Dr. RUDOLF proposed as an amendment "That they also remain the Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Committee".

At Dr. WALK'S suggestion, the wording of the original motion was altered to read, "That the present members of the Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee of the Research and Clinical Committee do constitute the Special Committee on Mental Deficiency". Dr. Rudolf later withdrew his amendment.

Dr. FREIZE STEPHENS proposed the following amendment: "That the appointment of the Special Committee on Mental Deficiency be made without reference to the existing Sub-Committee".

After further debate, Dr. Freize Stephens's amendment was put to the vote and declared lost. Dr. Menzies' motion, as altered, was then agreed to.

It was understood that the dissolution of the existing sub-committee would rest with the Research and Clinical Committee; that the new Special Committee would be provided with funds; and that arrangements would be made later for co-operation between it and the Research and Clinical Committee.

MOTIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS (BYE-LAW 99).

The PRESIDENT said that under this head were a grant to the Research and Clinical Committee, and a grant to the Library Committee, which had been passed. He asked what grant the new Committee on Mental Deficiency would require.

Dr. DOUGLAS TURNER said that Committee needed up to £100. [Agreed.]

DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the provisional dates of quarterly meetings should be November 21, 1933; February 22, May 17, 1934.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AND ORDINARY MEMBERS.

Honorary Member.

The following gentleman was unanimously elected to the Honorary Membership of the Association:

ERNEST WILLIAM WHITE, C.B.E., M.B., M.R.C.P., Emeritus Professor of Psychological Medicine, King's College Hospital, London. (Ord. Member since 1884; President 1903-4.)

Proposed by Dr. R. B. Campbell, Sir Hubert Bond, Drs. Douglas McRae, Thos. S. Good, R. Worth, Wm. M. Buchanan.

Ordinary Member.

The following candidate was, after ballot, elected an Ordinary Member of the Association:

PHILLIPS, JOHN ROBERT PARRY, O.B.E., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Down Edge, Kingsdown, Box, Wilts.

Proposed by Drs. S. J. Gilfillan, J. P. Westrup and S. Edgar Martin.
Dr. M. A. Collins and Dr. Walk acted as scrutineers.

COMPLIMENTARY MOTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Gaskell Prize and Gold Medal had been awarded to Dr. Desmond Curran and Dr. Louis Minski, both of the Maudsley Hospital (bracketed as equal). The Bronze Medal and Prize had been awarded to Dr. David Neil Parfitt, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Warwick County Mental Hospital, Hatton. The Council had agreed to award a second prize to the author of the essay under the motto "Fiat Lux", but as the envelope had not yet been opened, he was unable to announce the name of the winner.

Dr. WALK moved that the President be authorized to open the envelope, "Fiat Lux".

[Agreed.]

(It was subsequently ascertained that the author of this essay was Dr. F. L. McLaughlin, Assistant Medical Officer, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital.)

The PRESIDENT said that the Divisional Prize had been awarded to Dr. John Smith Sharpe, Assistant Medical Officer, County Mental Hospital, Stafford. The Campbell Clark Prize for mental nurses was secured by Arthur Barnett Hindson, of the Cambridgeshire Mental Hospital.

Dr. WORTH said that this year marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the mental hygiene movement in America, and he had received a letter from Johns Hopkins University, signed by Mr. William Welch, suggesting that some fitting tribute should be paid to the founder of the movement, Mr. Clifford Beers. It was proposed to present him with a collection of opinions on the importance of the movement he started, and the value of his unique services to humanity. He suggested that, if it was agreeable to the Association, a letter might be sent from the Association congratulating Mr. Beers on the work he had done, as he was sure such a letter would be appreciated.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE seconded the proposal.

The resolution, after discussion, was carried by a large majority.

Afternoon Session.

At the Albert Hall, Colchester.

Dr. R. B. CAMPBELL in the Chair.

VOTES OF THANKS TO THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Dr. NATHAN RAW said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, namely, to move that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Officers for their services during the past year. It was quite impossible justly to differentiate all these officers, who did such excellent work, but he thought that the retiring President, Dr. Campbell, had had a most successful time in the chair. Dr. Campbell had had the support of all the members of the Association, and the speaker was sure he would look back with great pleasure and pride on his term of presidency.

With regard to all the other officers, they had each done excellent work. He did not know whether they had enjoyed themselves quite as much as the President had, but the Association's inestimable Secretary, Dr. Worth, had done an immense amount of work, and he seemed to flourish on it. Without mentioning any others, except, perhaps, the Treasurer, who held a very responsible post, he asked the meeting to support the proposition that a very hearty vote of thanks be given by the Association to the Officers for the work they had done during the past year.

Dr. HAMILTON MARR said it gave him very much pleasure to second the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Nathan Raw to the Officers of the Association. The President was now retiring, but he could tell that gentleman, from knowledge that he had himself, that his work was not yet ended. He had, for example, some thousands of certificates to sign—a somewhat tedious duty. The speaker agreed with everything that had been said as to the success of Dr. Campbell's presidency. All who were present had very much enjoyed the time they had last year in Stirling, and he could not think of a single thing which jarred, or marred the success of that meeting. There was little else he wanted to say about the officers generally, but he would like to refer to the very hard work which the Editors of the Journal had to carry out, especially at a time when new psychologies were coming up like mushroom growths. Real mushrooms might be very desirable, but some growths which looked like the real thing were of a poisonous species, and it must be a very hard task for the Editors of the Journal to select the work submitted them so well as members knew they had. Without mentioning any more names he had pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks which Dr. Nathan Raw had proposed.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT said he understood it was customary for the President to return thanks on the behalf of the Officers and the Members of the Council of the Association for the vote which had just been so kindly proposed, seconded and carried. He could truly say that no one was in a better position than he was to appreciate the great amount of work which the various officers of the Association did in the course of a year, and he personally was very glad that this opportunity should occur annually to express the gratitude all felt to the Officers and the Members of the Council for the work they did. To speak of himself was, of course, a rather difficult matter, but he wished to thank both Dr. Nathan Raw and Dr. Hamilton Marr for their very kindly references to himself. He would like to say at once that his year of office as President of the Association had been for him a very happy one indeed, and would remain as one of his pleasantest memories. The work which the President did was not, perhaps, very much, but he would like to say that his own work had been rendered light and pleasant by the support and the kindly consideration which had been extended to him, not only by the Officers and the Members of the Council, but by the whole Association, and he took this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to all.

INDUCTION OF FRANK DOUGLAS TURNER, M.B., TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

The PRESIDENT said that he now reached his final official duty, namely, to instal his successor, Dr. Douglas Turner. (Applause.) Dr. Turner was well known to all the members, therefore no words of the speaker's were needed to introduce him. He was quite sure that the affairs of the Association could be safely handed over to Dr. Turner, with the knowledge that everything would be done carefully and well. He concluded: "Dr. Turner, I have very great pleasure in investing you with the Insignia of Office, and in asking you to take the chair the best wish I can give you is that your year of office may be as happy as mine has been."

Dr. DOUGLAS TURNER in the Chair.

The new PRESIDENT said that the very first duty he had—and it was a very pleasant one—was to present to the immediate Past-President, Dr. Campbell, the Badge appertaining to that position for the work which that gentleman had done for the Association. If he had been properly educated—*i. e.*, if he had been educated in Scotland—he would have been able, in a single Latin phrase, to say all that the Association thought of its Past-President. But as he was only educated in London he had to say, in English, and in all sincerity, that the Association thanked Dr. Campbell very much indeed for the enormous amount of work he had done for the Association, and to say how tremendously the members valued that help. He hoped that Dr. Campbell would live many years yet to wear this Badge in remembrance of a very pleasant period of office.

INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN DELEGATES.

Dr. WORTH, *O.B.E.*, introduced to the President Prof. J. H. Pameijer, Inspector of State Supervision of the Mentally Ill and of the State Mental Hospitals in Holland, and Dr. Doll, Head of the Research Department, Vineland, U.S.A.

The PRESIDENT, in welcoming Prof. Pameijer, said the Association was very pleased to see him at the meeting, because many of the members had extraordinarily pleasant recollections of a tour they took in Holland in 1928, under the visitor's direction, and of meeting him and his *confères* in England the following year.

Prof. J. H. PAMEIJER said he must tell the meeting, in the name of the Dutch Association of Psychiatry and Neurology, that that body had charged him to represent it at this Annual Meeting, following the invitation which it had again received this year, and which was greatly appreciated. It was a great pleasure to the speaker to present to the President and the Association the greetings of Dutch colleagues, and to assure its members of their warm sympathy with its work. Personally he considered it a great privilege to have the opportunity of spending a few days in the midst of the members of the English Association. Thanks to the courtesy of the late Dr. Lord, they in Holland had been in permanent touch with prominent representatives of British psychiatry, from whom they had learned a great deal, therefore he could scarcely say he felt a stranger in their midst. It was, he considered, a very fortunate circumstance that the meeting was taking place in this town—a great mental defective treatment and training centre; the work done in Colchester was known to all Dutch and English psychiatrists, as setting an example which all would like to follow. Members of this Association could rest assured that Dutch psychiatrists followed with interest and sympathy the work being done in England.

The PRESIDENT said that Dr. Doll was known by reputation and by his writings to a good many members of this Association, and he would find in this Association a very warm welcome indeed. It was at Vineland that the work in mental deficiency was started, and some of the foremost work in the world on that subject had been done there.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his address on “**Mental Deficiency**” (*vide p. 563*).

Dr. CLARKSON said he hoped the President would allow him to try to thank him (the President) for the address to which they had just listened. He did not know when he had enjoyed an hour so much, especially the half-hour when the lecturer was airing his theories, because they had also been his own for a matter of thirty years, though he had not succeeded in getting the medical profession or the scaremongers among the philanthropists to believe there was any truth in them. He was extremely glad that the President had taken the opportunity of telling the truth, because much of the contents of this address would probably reach the public; perhaps even the medical profession would now begin to believe that mental deficiency was not one extraordinary disease, and might also cease to imagine that when they had to deal with a mental defective they were safe in telling the parents that something would happen at 7, 14 or 21 years of age. The practical details which Dr. Turner had given as to the plans on which institutional policy should be based would take a lot of thinking out. The variety found in the field of mental defect was probably even greater than in that of those who were nearer the peak of normality. Though for many years one could see this constant flow inwards and outwards at the institutions, there were bad mental defectives, just as there were bad supposed normals. The problem of the bad mental defective was one standing by itself, and for these, institutions would constantly be required. Those in England were fortunate in having State provision for these incorrigibles, and that was perhaps the only bit of the scheme which the President had omitted in his address, which, however, constituted an admirable outline of the subject.

He felt that the Association owed a great debt of thanks for the address, and he hoped that the ladies and gentlemen present would show in an unmistakable manner the appreciation they felt.

Dr. REES THOMAS said that in spite of the approval already shown by the meeting he rose to second the proposal of thanks to Dr. Turner for his extraordinarily fair paper. There was one thing which the new President had taught medical men as well as lay people: that clarity of thought was the only thing in working out a scheme of this sort; and those who were acquainted with Dr. Turner's work knew that he was one of the leaders in the almost successful attempt to socialize the defectives of the higher grades. Dr. Clarkson had referred to the bad defectives, but Dr. Turner had no bad defectives. He, the speaker, knew of a very bad defective, and he sent him to Dr. Turner in preference to anybody else.

Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES asked to be allowed, as perhaps the senior Past-President at the meeting, to join in thanking Dr. Turner for his very able and very practical address. Dr. Turner was recognized as an authority and an eminent leader in the subject of mental deficiency. Essex Hall, the original designation of the Royal Eastern Counties Institution, was the pioneer in this work, and it continued to be the leading and most comprehensive training school in the country. He, Sir Robert, had had the privilege of knowing its first principal and teacher, Mr. Miller, and the first superintendent and secretary, Mr. Turner, the respected father of their President. Some of their first patients were transferred to Earlswood in 1857 to the care of Dr. Langdon-Down, who was followed as superintendent by Dr. Grabham, the speaker's immediate predecessor at Earlswood. It was there also that Dr. Shuttleworth received his first training in the education, care and treatment of mentally deficient children. He would like to pay a tribute to those who looked after the defectives—the staff of the institutions; they were kind, tender and attentive, and were imbued with a thoroughly Christian spirit.

Dr. Turner's address would undoubtedly stimulate further research in a field which at the present time was engaging the interest of the public as well as of the profession.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT briefly returned thanks.

GARDEN PARTY AT SEVERALLS MENTAL HOSPITAL.

After the meeting members and guests attended a Garden Party at Severalls House, at the kind invitation of the Visiting Committee of Severalls Mental Hospital and of Dr. and Mrs. Turnbull. The Hospital and grounds were open for inspection throughout the afternoon.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Grand Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea, the President occupying the Chair. The guests included the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Hilton Young, *G.B.E., D.S.O., M.P.* (Minister of Health), The Viscount Dunwich, the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, The Lord Huntingfield, Sir T. Courtenay Warner, Bart., *C.B.* (Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk), Colonel Sir Francis Fremantle, *M.D., M.P.*, Sir Henry Brackenbury, *M.D., LL.D.*, L. G. Brock, Esq., *C.B.* (Chairman, Board of Control), P. J. Pybus, Esq., *C.B.E., M.P.*, Oswald Lewis, Esq., *M.A., M.P.*, Maurice Pye, Esq. (Mayor of Colchester), Prof. J. H. Pameijer, Dr. E. A. Doll, W. Gurney Benham, Esq., *J.P.*, and Frederick Wagstaff, Esq., *J.P.*

TOASTS.

The toast of "The King" having been honoured—

Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES, *C.B.E.* (Past-President), in proposing the toast of "The Health Services", coupled with the name of Sir E. Hilton Young, Minister of Health, summarized some of the health services under the immediate survey of the Minister. He added that amiability was at its maximum towards the end of a feast, and it was then that claims might be most favourably presented. They had two pressing requests to prefer. The first was that their nurses' training and certificates might be recognized for State Registration. The second that the "block grants" in support of the mental hospitals made by the Ministry might recognize especially the research work that was being carried out in the laboratories of the mental hospitals. They were delighted and honoured to welcome the Minister of Health, as a member of the General Medical Council, the first layman ever appointed. His wisdom, tact and great administrative