

The Autumn Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 5 November, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

A discussion followed on the desirability of giving the District Mental Hospitals new names. It was eventually decided to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee which had been appointed previously to make recommendations for the revision of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

In order to ensure that members generally would take part in providing clinical material for the meetings and that all the mental hospitals in turn would be visited by the Association, it was agreed that in future, where possible, the Autumn Meeting should be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, the Spring Meeting in some hospital near Dublin, and the Summer Meeting at a hospital in the country. It was further agreed that the hospitals should be asked in alphabetical order to provide papers and hospitality for the meeting.

THE SECRETARY read a letter from the Department of Health requesting a nomination for a member of the Association to act on the National Health Council for the two years ending 31 March, 1954. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Dr. Dunne should be re-elected.

The meeting then proceeded to the clinical session, and Dr. RICHARD LAVELLE presented his communication, "A Review of the Work in St. Vincent's, Cabra."

He began by outlining the history both of the Order and of the Institution in Cabra, which was founded in 1926. In 1937 two new wings were added to enable the colony to accommodate 534 patients. The addition of Glenmaroon would mean that 200 educable high-grade mental defectives would be added to the care of the community. Dr. Lavelle emphasized the great need for kindness, skill and devotion on the part of the nuns, and said that only divinely inspired zeal could enable them to carry on the work that they were doing at Cabra. He then discussed some administrative matters, such as the method of admitting and maintaining a patient and, more generally, the problem of catering for mental deficiency in Ireland. Despite all that had been done the accommodation was still inadequate and much remained to be done. In this respect the speaker paid a warm tribute to the work of Dr. Kearney in looking after the interests of the mental defectives in the country. He outlined the treatment provided, the grading of patients, the custodial care, the training in habits and hygiene and the occupation and education of the higher grades. He suggested that legislation might be necessary to make provision for the patients who were well enough to leave the hospital on trial. A number of the patients could eventually be discharged if a sheltered home and employment could be provided for them. The ideal to aim at was to make as many as possible of these handicapped people fit to join the life of the community.

The communication was discussed by the Chairman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Moran, Dr. Kearney and Dr. Clifford. Dr. Lavelle replied and the meeting adjourned to tea.

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American Journal of Psychiatry.
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Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Brain.
British Journal of Addiction.
British Journal of Medical Psychology.
British Journal of Psychiatric Social Work.
Bulletin of World Federation of Mental Health.
Digest of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Excerpta Medica, Neurology and Psychiatry.
Howard Journal.
International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.
Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
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Journal of Psychology.
Mental Health.
Mental Hygiene.
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