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Presidential lectures

(with dates and places of all annual general meetings)

The earliest Chairmen and Presidents did not give a formal Presidential lecture. Occasional accounts of a President's address were given in the record of the annual general meeting. After 1860 all Presidents were expected to give an address generally at the end of their period of office. The earlier addresses were untitled but I have noted the substance of their talk in this online archive.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF ASYLUMS AND HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE

- 2.7.1851 Dr John Hitchman
J.Ment.Sci., **4** (4–16) 1858
Untitled ('the character of our vocation and the grave responsibilities of our position')
- 28.7.1858 Dr Forbes Winslow (Retiring President)
J.Ment.Sci., **5** (58–66) 1859
Untitled (The Lunacy Acts and the Commissioners)
- 26.7.1859 Sir Charles Hastings
J.Ment.Sci. Vol **6**, (3–14) 1860
Untitled (The problems caused by the Lunacy Laws)
- 5.7.1860 Dr John Bucknill
J.Ment.Sci., **7**, (1–23)
Untitled (The Importance of Medical Men in the Treatment of the
Insane)
- 15.8.1861 Dr John Bucknill
Valedictory Address
J.Ment.Sci., **7** (309–318) 1861
Untitled (Lunacy legislation and the important role of attendants)
- Dr Joseph Lalor

J.Ment.Sci., **7** (318–326) 1861
Untitled (Medical Superintendents and Irish problems)

3.7.1862 Dr John Kirkman
J.Ment.Sci., **8** (311–321) 1863
Untitled (Psychological Science, Law and Ethics)

9.7.1863 Dr David Skae
'A Rational and Practical Classification of Insanity'
J.Ment.Sci., **9** 309–319 (1863)

14.7.1864 Dr Henry Monro
J.Ment.Sci., **10** (448–449) 1865
Untitled (Why Mental Physicians are an ill-used body)

13.7.1865 Dr William Wood
J.Ment.Sci., **11** (384–389) 1866
Untitled (The Qualities of Mental Physicians and the Superannuation Clause)

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

31.7.1866 Dr W.A.F. Browne
On Medico-Psychology
J.Ment.Sci., **12** (309–327) 1866

31.7.1867 Dr C.Lockhart Robertson
The Care and Treatment of the Insane Poor
J. Ment. Sci., **13** (289–306) 1867

13.7.1868 Dr W.H.O. Sankey
The Medico-Psychological Association
J.Ment.Sci., **14** (297–304) 1868

2.8.1869 Dr T. Laycock
The Objects and Organisation of the Medico-Psychological Association
J.Ment.Sci., **15** (327–343) 1869

- 2.8.1870 Dr Robert Boyd
The Care and Treatment of the Insane Poor
J.Ment.Sci., **16** (315–320) 1870
- 3.8.1871 Dr Henry Maudsley
Insanity and its Treatments
J.Ment.Sci., **17** (311–334) 1871
- 31.7.1872 Sir James Coxe
On the Causes of Insanity, and the Means of Checking its Growth
J. Ment. Sci., **18** (311–333) 1872
- 6.8.1873 Dr T.Harrington Tuke
The Medico-Psychological Association
J.Ment.Sci., **19** (327–340) 1873
- 6.8.1874 Dr Thomas Lawes Rogers
J. Ment. Sci., **21** (327–351) 1874
Untitled (Restraint and Seclusion)
- 11.8.1875 Dr James F. Duncan
J. Ment. Sci., **21** (313–338) 1875
Untitled (Irish Medical Psychology)
- 28.7.1876 Dr William H. Parsey
J. Ment. Sci., **22** (343–361) 1876
Untitled (Present Day Conduct of Asylums)
- 2.8.1877 Dr G.Fielding Blandford
J.Ment. Sci., **23** (309–324) 1877
Untitled (Lunacy Legislation)
- 26.7.1878 DrJ. Chrichton Browne
J. Ment. Sci., **24** (346–373) 1878
Untitled (The need for greater research into mental diseases)
- 30.7.1879 Dr J.A. Lush
J. Ment. Sci., **25** (309–314) 1879
Untitled (Increasing number of Lunatics in Detention)
- 30.7.1880 Dr G.W. Mould

- J. Ment. Sci.*, **26** (327–342) 1880
Untitled (Insane Private Patients)
- 2.8.1881 Dr D. Hack Tuke
'1841–1881'.
J. Ment. Sci., **27** (305–342) 1881
- 2.8.1882 Dr W.T. Gairdner
J. Ment. Sci., **27** (305–342) 1882
Untitled (The principles of treatment are the same for bodily and mental illnesses)
- 27.7.1883 Dr W. Orange
J. Ment. Sci., **29** (329–354) 1883
Untitled (The criminal law in relation to madness)
- 23.7.1884 Dr H. Rayner
J. Ment. Sci., **30** (337–353) 1884
Untitled (Future developments in the care of the insane and imbecile)
- 4.8.1885 Dr J.A. Eames
J. Ment. Sci., **31** (315–327) 1885
Untitled (The increase in asylum cases and the need for medical students to have some experience of lunacy)
- 9.8.1886 Dr George H. Savage
J. Ment. Sci., **32** (313–331) 1886
Untitled (The pathology of insanity)
- 27.7.1887 Dr Frederick Needham
J. Ment. Sci., **34** (343–363) 1887
Untitled (The new Lunacy Bill)
- 6.8.1888 Dr T.S. Clouston
J. Ment. Sci., **34** (325–348) 1888
Untitled (The causes of dementia)
- 25.7.1889 Dr H. Hayes Newington
J. Ment. Sci., **35** (293–315) 1889
Untitled (Hospital treatment for recent and curable cases of insanity)
- 24.7.1890 Dr D. Yellowlees

- J. Ment. Sci.*, **36** (473–489) 1890
Untitled (Proposals for general hospital treatment of insanity)
- 23.7.1891 Dr Edmund Banks Whitcombe
J. Ment. Sci., **37** (501–514) 1891
Untitled (The need for better education in psychological subjects)
- 21.7.1892 Dr Robert Baker
The Retreat Centenary
J. Ment. Sci., **38** (487–493) 1892
- 28.7.1893 Dr J. Murray Lindsay
J. Ment. Sci., **39** (473–491) 1893
Untitled (Administrative concern in the care of lunatics)
- 12.6.1894 Dr Conolly Norman
J. Ment. Sci., **41** (567–591) 1895
Untitled (Mental hospitals and insane colonies)
- 25.7.1895 Dr David Nicolson
J. Ment. Sci., **40** (567–587) 1894
Untitled (Crime, Criminals and Criminal Lunatics)
- 23.7.1896 Dr W. Julius Mickle
'Mental Besetments or obsessions'
J. Ment. Sci., **42** (691–744) 1896
- 29.7.97 Dr T.W. McDowall
'The Insane in India and their Treatment'
J. Ment. Sci., **43** (683–703) 1897
- 21.7.98 Dr A.R. Urquhart
J. Ment. Sci., **44** (673–693) 1898
Untitled (A review of admissions to Murrays Asylum)
- 27.7.99 Dr James Beveridge Spence
J. Ment. Sci., **45** (635–657) 1899
Untitled (Consumption in Asylums and Nurse Training)
- 26.7.1900 Dr Fletcher Beach
J. Ment. Sci., **46** (623–653) 1900
Untitled (Progress in treatment of Mental Defectives)

- 25.7.1901 Dr Oscar Woods
J.Ment.Sci., **47** (645–658) 1901
Untitled (Care of the Insane in Ireland)
- 24.7.1902 Dr J. Wigglesworth
J.Ment.Sci., **48** (611–645) 1902
Untitled (Heredity and Mental Illness)
- 16.7.1903 Dr Ernest W. White
J.Ment.Sci., **49** (587–605) 1903
Untitled (A review of the previous year's legislation)
- 20.7.1904 Dr R. Percy Smith
'On Paranoia'
J.Ment.Sci., **50** (607–633) 1904
- 20.7.1905 Dr T. Outterson Wood
J.Ment.Sci., **51** (643–658) 1905
Untitled (The Association Activities in 1905)
- 26.7.1906 Dr Robert Jones
'The Evolution of Insanity'
J.Ment.Sci., **52** (629–661) 1906
- 25.7.1907 Dr P.W. MacDonald
J.Ment.Sci., **53** (677–704) 1907
Untitled (Insanity in Dorset over fifty years)
- 23.7.1908 Dr C. Mercier
'The Physical Basis of Mind'
J.Ment.Sci., **54** (619–638) 1908
- 22.7.1909 Dr W. Bevan-Lewis
'The Biological Factor in Heredity'
J.Ment.Sci., **55** (591–630) 1909
- 21.7.1910 Dr J. Macpherson
'Conceptions of Insanity and their Practical Results'
J.Ment.Sci., **56** (589–612) 1910
- 13.7.1911 Dr W.R. Dawson

- ‘Relation between the Geographical Distribution of Insanity and that of Certain Social and other Conditions in Ireland’
J.Ment.Sci., **57** (571–597) 1911
- 11.7.1912 Dr James G. Soutar
J.Ment.Sci., **58** (539–547) 1912
Untitled (Review of progress and lack of progress in Psychiatry)
- 16.7.1913 Dr James Chambers
‘The Prevention of the Insanities’
J.Ment.Sci., **59** (549–582) 1913
- 14.7.1914 Dr David G. Thomson
‘The Progress of Psychiatry during the past Hundred Years with History of Norfolk Co. Asylum’
J.Ment.Sci., **60** (541–572) 1914
- 1915-1918 There were no Presidential addresses. Because of the War all officers continued in post until 1918. No papers were read at the AGM or divisional meetings and the dearth of papers submitted led to a much contracted Journal.
- 23.7.1918 Dr John Keay
‘The War and the Burden of Insanity’
J.Ment.Sci., **64** (325–344) 1918
- 22.7.1919 Dr Bedford Pierce
‘Psychiatry a hundred years ago with comments on the problems of today’
J.Ment.Sci., **65** (219–235) 1919
- 26.7.1920 Dr W.F. Menzies
‘The Mechanism of Involutionary Melancholia’
J.Ment.Sci., **66** (355–414) 1921
- 11.7.1921 C. Herbert Bond
‘The position of Psychological Medicine in Medical and Allied Services’
J.Ment.Sci., **67** (404–449) 1921
- 19.7.1922 Professor George M. Robertson

‘The Hospitalisation of the Scottish Asylum System’
J.Ment.Sci., **68** (321–333) 1922

10.7.1923 Dr Edwin Goodall
‘Considerations, Bacteriological, Toxicological and Haematological and others thereto akin, bearing upon the Psychoses’
J.Ment. Sci., **69** (417–434) 1923

2.7.1924 Dr M.J. Nolan
‘Some Considerations on the Present-day Knowledge of Psychiatry, and its Application to those under care in Public Institutions for the insane’
J.Ment.Sci., **70** (507–519) 1924

7.7.1925 Sir Frederick W. Mott
‘The Investigation of Some of the Causes of Insanity’
J.Ment.Sci., **71** (631–647) 1925

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13.7.1926 Dr J.R. Lord
‘The Clinical Study of Mental Disorders’
J.Ment.Sci., **72** Special number between pp. 452/453 (1–79) 1926

18.7.1927 Dr Hamilton Marr
‘Dante and Rabelais: An Account of two Mediæval Physicians with a summary of their Philosophy’
J.Ment.Sci., **73** (516–534) 1927

11.7.1928 Dr Joseph Shaw Bolton
‘The Evolution of a Mental Hospital: Wakefield 1818-1928’
J.Ment.Sci., **74** (587–633) 1928

10.7.1929 Dr Nathan Raw
‘Fear and Worry’
J.Ment.Sci., **75** (573–583) 1929

1.7.1930 Dr Thomas Saxty Good
‘The History and Progress of Littlemore Hospital’
J.Ment.Sci., **76** (602–621) 1930

- 8.7.1931 Dr Richard Leeper
'Some Reflections on the Progress of Psychiatry'
J.Ment.Sci., **77** (683–691) 1931
- 13.7.1932 Dr Robert Brown Campbell
'The Development of the Care of the Insane in Scotland'
J.Ment.Sci., **78** (774–792) 1932
- 5.7.1933 Dr Frank Douglas Turner
'Mental Deficiency'
J.Ment.Sci., **79** (563–577) 1933
- 4.7.1934 Dr Daniel F. Rambaut
'Some recent forms of mental treatment'
J.Ment.Sci., **80** (630–638) 1934
- 3.7.1935 Dr Reginald Worth
'Four Decades of Psychiatry'
J.Ment.Sci., **81** (755–765) 1935
- 1.7.1936 Dr M.A. Collins
'The Law and the Present Position of Psychiatry'
J.Ment.Sci., **82** (478–487) 1936
- 7.7.1937 Dr Douglas McRae
'Some Observations on the Care of the Insane'
J.Ment.Sci., **82** (484–504) 1937
- 6.7.1938 Dr John Rutherford Gilmour
'The low rate private patient and some changes'
J.Ment.Sci., **84** (596–607) 1938
- 12.7.1939 Dr A. Helen A. Boyle
'Watchman, what of the Night'
J.Ment.Sci., **85** (859–870) 1939
- 24.7.1940 Dr Thomas C. Graves
'Diphasic Vascular Variation in the Treatment of Mental Inefficiency
arising from a common somatic cause'
J.Ment.Sci., **86** (751–766) 1940

- 1941-1944. There were no Presidential addresses. All officers continued in post till 1944. The Journal was again much contracted.
- 29.11.1944 Dr A.A.W. Petrie
'Psychiatric Developments'
J.Ment.Sci., **91** (267–280) 1945
- 17.7.1946 Professor D.K. Henderson
'Experientia Docet'
J.Ment.Sci., **92** (667–681) 1946
- 10.7.1947 Dr W. G. Masefield
'Psychiatric Ruminations'
J.Ment.Sci., **94** (217–224) 1948
- 7.7.1948 Dr W. Rees-Thomas
'What the Patient thinks'
J.Ment.Sci., **95** (1–9) 1949
- 20.7.1949 Dr J. Ivison Russell
'The Role of the Mental Hospital in the National Health Service'
J.Ment.Sci., **95** (785–794) 1949
- 12.7.1950 Dr K.K. Drury
'The Past and the Future'
J.Ment.Sci., **97** (1–11) 1951
- 11.7.1951 Dr P.K. McCowan
'Whither Psychiatry'
J.Ment.Sci., **98** (1–11) 1952
- 2.7.1952 Thomas Tennent
'Reflections on Genius'
J.Ment.Sci., **99** (1–7) 1953
- 8.7.1953 Dr G.W.T.H. Fleming
'The Insane Root'
J.Ment.Sci., **99** (638–653) 1953
- 14.7.1954 Dr Noel G. Harris

- ‘The Contribution of Psychological Medicine to General Medicine’
J.Ment.Sci., **101** (1–11) 1955
- 13.7.1955 Dr John Dunne
‘The Contribution of the Physical Sciences to Psychological Medicine’
J.Ment.Sci., **102** (209–220) 1956
- 18.7.1956 Dr T.P. Rees
‘Back to Moral Treatment and Community Care’
J.Ment.Sci., **103** (303–313) 1957
- 2.7.1957 Dr R.W. Armstrong
‘Education in Psychiatry’
J.Ment.Sci., **103** (691–698) 1957
- 1.7.1958 Dr L.C. Cook
‘The Place of Physical Treatments in Psychiatry’
J.Ment.Sci., **104** (933–942) 1958
- 14.7.1959 Dr A. McNiven
‘The First Commissioners: Reform in Scotland in the Mid-Nineteenth Century’
J.Ment.Sci., **106** (451–471) 1960
- 13.7.1960 Dr A.A. Walk
‘The History of Mental Nursing’
J.Ment.Sci., **107** (1–17) 1961
- 5.7.1961 Dr William McCartan
‘Monism and Dualism: New Lamps for Old’
J.Ment.Sci., **107** (809–818) 1961
- 4.7.1962 Dr Isabel G.H. Wilson
‘Travels in Psychiatry’
The British Journal of Psychiatry, **108** (169–177) 1963
- 3.7.1963 Dr Desmond Curran
‘Teaching or Therapy’
The British Journal of Psychiatry, **110** (1–9) 1963
- 8.7.1964 Dr Ian Skottowe
‘Somatometry – A Second Look’

- Brit. J. Psychiat.*, **111** (4–9) 1965
- 6.7.1965 Dr T. Ferguson Rodger
‘The Role of the Psychiatrist’
Brit.J. Psychiat., **112** (1–8) 1966
- 5.7.1966 Professor Erwin Stengel
‘Progress in Psychiatry’
Brit.J. Psychiat., **113** (1–9) 1967
5. 7.1967 Dr H.V. Dicks
‘The Proper Study of Mankind’
Brit.J.Psychiat., **114** (1333–1344) 1967
- 10.7.1968 Dr Francis Pilkington
‘Twenty Years A-growing’
Brit.J. Psychiat., **115** (1–8) 1969
- 9.7.1969 Dr T. Martin Cuthbert
‘A Portfolio of Murders’
Brit.J. Psychiat., **116** (1–10) 1970

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

- 19.11.1971 Sir Martin Roth
Charter Address
‘The Royal College of Psychiatrists: Our immediate Tasks and Aims’.
Brit. J.Psychiat., **120** (359–366) 1972
- 9.7.1975 Professor W. Linford Rees
‘Stress, Distress and Disease’
Brit.J.Psychiat., **128** (3–18) 1976
- 11.7.1979 Professor Desmond Pond
‘Responsibility’
Bulletin of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Jan. 1980 (10–13)
- 12.7.1984 Professor Kenneth Rawnsley
‘Psychiatry in Jeopardy’

Brit.J. Psychiat., **145** (573–578) 1984

- 2.7.1987 Dr Thomas Bewley
'Come back Professor Kessel. All is forgiven'
(shortened version can be found in online archive 26. 'Psychiatric Stereotypes')
- 11.7.1990 Dr J.L.T. Birley
'Psychiatrists and Citizens'
Brit.J. Psych., **159** (1–6) 1991
- 7.7.1993 Dr Andrew Sims
'Psyche – in spirit as well as mind'
Brit. J. Psychiat., **165** (441–446) 1994
- 9.7.1996 Dr Fiona Caldicott
'Let Wisdom Guide' (unpublished)
- 1.7.1999 Dr Robert Kendell
'The next twenty-five years'
Brit. J. Psychiat., **176** (6–9) 2000
- 27.6.2002 Professor John Cox
'Mind and Brain – a way forward for Psychiatry?'
- 2005 Dr M. Shooter
'Let Wisdom Guide'