Middlewood Hospital, entitled **"The Clinical Features of Pain in Psychiatric Patients"**, and the second by Dr. H. Merskey, Consultant Psychiatrist, Saxondale Hospital, entitled **"Chronic Pain in Psychiatric Patients"**. These excellent papers were followed by full discussion and comment.

The afternoon session comprised two further papers, the first by Dr. J. E. O'N. Gillespie, Medical Superintendent, The Retreat, entitled **"Vision or Delusion, The Retreat in 1965"**, and the second by Dr. D. J. Galbraith, Senior Assistant, The Retreat, entitled **"The Parson and the Mentally Ill"**. For the latter paper, members of the clergy were present and keen and lively discussion ensued.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside, on 11 March, 1966.

The Chairman made reference to the recent death of Dr. Jean Biggar, who had been an Ordinary Member of the Association since 1947.

Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Chairman	Dr. M. M. Whittet
Secretary	Dr. A. K. M. Macrae
Deputy Secretary	Dr. J. W. MacPherson
Junior Representative on Council	Dr. G. E. Timbury

It was announced that the Office Bearers of Sections had been elected as follows:

Research and Clinical: *Chairman*, Dr. A. D. Forrest; *Secretary*, Dr. P. G. Fawcett.

Mental Deficiency: *Chairman*, Dr. W. W. Sinclair; *Secretary:* Dr. Jas. Sinclair.

Child Psychiatry: *Chairman*, Dr. J. D. Haldane; *Secretary*, Dr. I. Sutherland.

Historical: *Chairman*, Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt; *Secretary*, Dr. A. A. Bell.

Forensic Psychiatry: *Chairman*, Dr. J. K. W. Morrice; *Secretary*, Dr. P. Whatmore.

The following were elected to the Committee of Management:

Dr. Philip Barker	Professor G. M. Carstairs
Professor I. R. C. Batchelor	Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart
Dr. W. D. Boyd	Dr. J. Mellon
Dr. M. S. Jones	Dr. P. Kershaw
Dr. H. Ross	Dr. J. M. Carlisle
Professor T. F. Rodger	

It was announced that lists of members of Sections had now been prepared and would now be forwarded to the Section Secretaries.

Dr. J. W. Affleck was re-elected as the Division's Representative to the Central Consultant and Specialists' Committee.

Working Party on Post-Graduate Medical Education (set up by the Scottish Post-Graduate Medical Association). A paper which had been prepared by Dr. G. E. Timbury and Dr. A. C. Tait was circulated and was accepted as evidence from the Division with some amendments in relation to allowing greater flexibility in the appointing of supporting staff and in stressing the training difficulties in Child Psychiatry. It was agreed that the amended memorandum should be forwarded direct to the Working Party.

Committee on Child Care. It was reported that the Scottish Advisory Council on Child Care had appointed a Committee on the care of handicapped children and that this Committee had asked the Division for evidence. In order to save time, the Chairman agreed that the Child Psychiatry Section should in the first place prepare a Memorandum for submission to the Division and it was further agreed at the Spring Meeting that they should consult with members of the Mental Deficiency Section in preparing this Memorandum.

Farquharson-Lang Report. There was a brief discussion on the Report of the Committee on the Administrative Practice of Hospital Boards in Scotland, and it was agreed that if the Division were asked to comment on the Report, the following would prepare comments and be ready to speak to them if necessary: Dr. P. Barker, Professor I. R. C. Batchelor, Dr. J. W. MacPherson, Dr. H. Ross, Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart, Dr. G. E. Timbury with the Chairman and Secretary.

Production in Court of Hospital Records. It was reported that Dr. R. Davidson had drawn the Committee of Management's attention to SHM 3/66 which gave guidance on the procedures to be adopted in connection with the production in Court of hospital records. It was noted that this memorandum stated that all hospital medical records must be produced in Court if required. An exception was made in the case of reports to Solicitors and Almoners' reports on the grounds that Almoners' reports might contain information of a kind which would be embarrassing both to the patient and the Almoner if

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disclosed in Court. In such cases a sealed envelope marked Confidential should be used in forwarding these reports. Members of the Division were concerned that a similar confidentiality had not been given to psychiatric records and instructed the Secretary to draw up a brief note of protest to the Department on this topic.

Adjourned Annual General Meeting. A report was presented on the Adjourned Annual General Meeting of the Association which had been held in London on 11 February, 1966.

During the course of the morning, members were shown the new Andrew Duncan Clinic and Professorial Unit and the new University Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. T. A. Munro and Dr. A. A. Bell presented a most interesting historical exhibition of the history and work of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, which was on display throughout the day.

In the afternoon, following the Business Meeting, Dr. J. R. Smythies presented a paper on **"Biochemical Research on the Aetiology of Schizophrenia"** in which he reviewed recent work in this field. The questions and discussions which followed demonstrated how Dr. Smythies had stimulated Members' interest in the subject.

IRISH DIVISION

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 9 March, 1966, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

A paper entitled **"The Dilemma of the Human Family—a Cycle of Growth and Decay"** was read by Dr. Ivor Browne.

Dr. Browne compared the situation of the human family to the living organism, which is in a constant state of struggle—situations constantly changing, etc. When this struggle relaxes, something is wrong. Dr. Browne showed slides of growth of normal healthy families, and of other families which did not show this normal evolution, due to various causes.

Dr. Browne mentioned that very often the family was not the best environment for schizophrenic patients. The present day trend was to send the patient back to the family as soon as he was showing reasonable progress. Very often the home which was quite appropriate for a three-year-old boy might be highly pathological for a 30-year-old schizophrenic.

Dr. Browne pointed out that very little was ever said to parents about the vital job of preparing their children to separate from them, or to children to help them towards this separation. Yet it seemed that this was where parents—given the nature of the family—were most likely to run into difficulty. The circumstances of life, in fact, often aided this separation unwittingly, but there should be much more conscious awareness of this, and graded opportunities for separation should be built into our educational system.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, P. O'Malley, H. Lloyd, McQuaid, Hayes, Moran, J. Sullivan, McGrath, Glass, Bradley and Meehan.

A Sub-Committee was formed to discuss the proposed formation of a College of Psychiatrists, consisting of the following: Drs. McGrath, Lynch, K. Walsh, T. Egan, I. Browne, Gath, and the Chairman and Secretary.

A letter was received from the Department of Health, asking for a nomination from the Division to the National Health Council. Dr. Ivor Browne was nominated.

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE IRISH DIVISION was held on Saturday, 14 May, 1966, by kind invitation of the Board of Governors and Dr. Moore, at St. Patrick's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin.

The President of the Association, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, was present and opened the meeting.

Dr. D. J. DOORLY and Dr. P. J. MEEHAN gave short accounts of **"Comparative Trial of Unilateral and Bilateral Electroplexy"**. They agreed that mental disturbance was less in unilateral E.C.T., and in some cases the apprehension was less. However, patients usually needed a larger number of treatments.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Drury, Pringle, Barrett, Shea, Rahill, Glass Browne and Mr. Stevens.

DR. MELIA read a paper on **"A Pilot Study of the Use of Lithium Carbonate in Recurrent Affective Disorders"**. He had treated a group of 29 recurrent manic-depressives with lithium. Of that group, 4 did not continue treatment, and the best results were obtained in 8 patients.

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