SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division was held in the City Chambers, Edinburgh, on Friday, April 8, 1938.

At the outset, Dr. Ross, Divisional Chairman, referred, in sympathetic terms, to the recent deaths of Sir James Crichton-Browne and Dr. Rambaut, the former a distinguished Lord Chancellor's Visitor, and the latter for many years Registrar of the Association.

The office-bearers of the Division for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Chislett.

Secretary: Dr. MacAlister.

Representative Members of Council: Drs. Campbell and Chislett.

Committee of Management: Drs. Chislett, Spence, Robb, Crichlow, McAlister.

Nursing Advisory Committee: Drs. McRae, Hotchkis, McKenzie, Chislett, McAlister.

Thereafter Dr. Chislett was installed as Chairman of the Division.

The Divisional Secretary read a letter from the Scottish Departmental Committee on Nursing inviting the Division to submit a memorandum of its views on the subject of the Committee's remit. After discussion it was decided to refer this matter to a Special Committee, consisting of the Divisional Chairman and the Secretary, with Dr. McNiven, instructing them to prepare a memorandum and submit it to a subsequent meeting of the Division for approval. It was further agreed that if there was insufficient time to call a Special Meeting of the Division for this purpose the Committee should have powers to prepare and present its memorandum and, if need be, give verbal evidence in support.

A similar letter was read from the Secretary of the Departmental Committee on the Scottish Lunacy and Mental Deficiency laws. It was decided to remit this matter to the Committee of Management with instructions to draft a memorandum and later convene a Special Meeting of the Division to consider it.

Attention was drawn to a communication from the General Secretary of the Association relating to the legal responsibility of medical officers in mental hospitals, a matter on which Counsel's opinion had been obtained. In Counsel's view the same standards of care and skill are required in mental hospital practice as apply in other branches of medicine. Moreover, in the absence of any specific agreement to that effect, no medical officer is covered by the authority employing him. Accordingly medical officers should insure personally against such risks.

The Division appointed Dr. Macdonald as its Representative on the Joint Standing Committee composed of representatives of the Mental Hospital Workers' Union, the Association of Clerks and Stewards and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Dr. MACDONALD submitted a motion in the following terms:

> "That it be remitted to the Committee of Management to prepare a memorandum to be presented to the Secretary for Scotland drawing his attention to the need for revision and amendment of the conditions of service attached to the posts of His Majesty's Medical Commissioners of the General Board of Control particularly as regards the salaries provided which, in the opinion of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, are very inadequate."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

After ballot the following were admitted to the Membership of the Association:

GARDNER, LIONEL DALRYMPLE, B.Sc.Glas., M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer, Hawkhead Mental Hospital, Glasgow,

Proposed by Drs. J. H. MacDonald, McAlister and Robb.

THOMSON, WILLIAM SPRUELL, M.B., ChB.Glas., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Hawkhead Mental Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. MacDonald, McAlister and Robb.

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The following were appointed to the panel of examiners for the Final Examination in Mental Nursing of the Association : Drs. Macdonald, Chambers, Boyd.

Dr. MACDONALD alluded to the recently formed psychological medicine section of the British Medical Association, and urged on members the advisability of joining it.

STUDY TOURS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Arrangements are being made for a study tour of certain Swiss mental clinics and hospitals, at several of which treatment by hypoglycæmic shock has been undertaken.

It is expected that the itinerary will start on October 2 from London and last about ten days.

The travelling (first-class) and ordinary hotel expenses are likely to be about £18.

Members wishing to make the tour are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary of the Sub-Committee, Dr. A. E. EVANS, 11, Weymouth Avenue, Mill Hill, N.W. 7, stating if they intend to travel on the return, as well as on the outward journey, with the party, this information being required for railway concessions.

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