Two extremely interesting papers on aspects of juvenile delinquency were then given :

"**The Psychiatric Examination and Observation of Juvenile Delinquents,**" by ALEXANDER KENNEDY, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Professor of Psychiatry in Durham University, and

"**The Classification of Boys Admitted to Approved Schools,**" by JOHN GITTINS, Esq., M.A., B.Sc., Principal, Aycliffe School and Classification Centre.

In the discussion which followed the following took part :

Dr. MUCKLE, Professor SPENCE, Drs. KRAUSS, FENTON, RUSSELL, SAWLE THOMAS, and one other member.

The Chairman then called on Professor NATTRASS, Professor of Medicine in the University, to propose a vote of thanks to the speakers.

This was seconded by Dr. J. R. MURRAY, and carried with acclamation.

The Chairman then conveyed to Dr. SAWLE THOMAS, the Medical Superintendent, the thanks of the meeting for a most interesting and successful meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, on Friday, 3 September, 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.—Drs. Kate Fraser (Chairman), Laura Mill, Margaret Methven, Eliz. Cruikshank, Mary Knight, Professors D. R. MacCalman and Ferguson Rodger, Drs. A. Dick, T. R. Spence, W. N. J. Chapman, J. W. Macpherson, H. I. Clapham, J. Mathers, M. Millar, Ford Robertson, J. K. Grant, J. C. Anderson, J. H. MacDonald, W. Boyd, Haigh Mitchell, D. Yellowlees, M. Nirenbirski, A. M. Shenkin, R. Stewart, P. K. MacCowan, W. Mayer Cross, Hunter Gillies, J. McDougall, M. M. Whittet, A. McNiven, E. J. C. Hewitt.

Apologies for absence from—Prof. Sir David Henderson, Drs. W. McAlister, W. D. Chambers, W. MacWilliam, R. Bailey, C. A. Critchlow, J. Milne, G. M. Bell,

1. The CHAIRMAN opened the meeting by referring to the recent death of Dr. Francis Sutherland, a member of the Association since 1918, and a Deputy Commissioner of the Board of Control. Dr. Sutherland had been a well-known figure in Scotland, and would be extensively missed in the many homes he visited in the course of his duties. Members stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of a colleague who had passed on.

The Chairman then asked the SECRETARY to read the Minutes of the last meeting; these were read, found to be correct, and were duly signed. Arising out of the Minutes, the CHAIRMAN referred to a letter from the Hon. General Secretary, which she asked the SECRETARY to read. This explained that the nomination for Honorary Membership put forward by the Division for Dr. Jardine, Chairman of the Board of Control, had not been received in time for consideration by the Nomination Committee, and would have to be deferred until next year. With regard to copies of the Bye-laws, these were issued to all members two years ago ; extra copies can be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary at a cost of 2*s*. 3*d*. (including postage). The question of Section meetings would be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting.

2. The names of those present were recorded and apologies for absence notified.

3. *Election of Ordinary Member.*—ISABELLA PATRICIA HARVIE, M.B., Ch.B., Kirklands Mental Hospital, Bothwell, Lanarkshire. *Proposed by* Drs. A. Dick, W. F. Thomson and A. M. Shenkin. After ballot Dr. Harvie was declared unanimously elected.

4. *Child Psychiatry.*—The Chairman called on Professor MACCALMAN to tell members about the recent meeting of the Child Psychiatry Sub-Committee, and also to outline the present position. Professor MacCalman discussed the Memo. of the Scottish Association for Mental Hygiene. He also referred to the admirable scheme now operating in Fife. Professor MacCalman felt that the Division should now recommend the adoption of the Memo., try to arrange with the S.A.M.H. for certain alterations, and for a final Memo. to be drawn up.

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Dr. METHVEN supported Professor MacCalman's recommendation, that the Division accept the Memo. of the S.A.M.H., with alterations as suggested. She then raised the question of the really urgent need for the early provision of beds for acutely disturbed children.

Dr. BOYD told the Meeting that the Regional Hospital Board had agreed to allow the Fife County Scheme to carry on meantime, though they, the R.H.B., were responsible for the running of all out-patient clinics. Professor FERGUSON RODGER was opposed to accepting the S.A.M.H. Report, and wanted a meeting to be arranged between R.M.P.A. members and representatives from the other professional bodies concerned (The Association of Professional Psychologists and the Association of Psychiatric Workers).

After discussion, the meeting agreed to the adoption of the Report on principle, but on the understanding that arrangements would be made for consultation with the other professional bodies with a view to discussing certain controversial points.

Some discussion took place with reference to beds for acutely disturbed children, and various members stressed the need for such accommodation and made various suggestions on the subject. Dr. MACNIVEN felt that specific recommendations should be submitted to each Regional Hospital Board. It was finally agreed that the Secretary be instructed to write to the D.H.S. and to the R.H.B., asking for urgent consideration to be give to the matter.

5. *Mental Health Service.*—The Chairman asked the SECRETARY to read a letter from the B.M.A., in which the R.M.P.A. was asked to nominate one representative to the Scottish Consultants and Specialists' Committee as called for in the Hospital and Specialists' Services under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act. Dr. MACNIVEN proposed Dr. W. McAlister, and this was seconded by Dr. W. N. J. CHAPMAN. As Dr. McAlister was not present, it was agreed that an alternative nomination should be submitted, and Professor MACCALMAN proposed Dr. Hewitt—this was seconded by Dr. BOYD. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Dr. McAlister and the B.M.A.

The SECRETARY informed the Meeting that he had been asked by the Mental Health Sub-Committee of the South-Eastern Regional Hospital Board to ascertain from members of the Scottish Division of the R.M.P.A. their views on the functions of the Board of Control. No discussion took place on this point, and the Meeting resolved unanimously to make no comment nor express any opinion.

A general discussion then took place on the present position of the Mental Health Service, in which many members joined. The following is a brief summary of the points raised :

(*a*) *Secretaries to Boards of Management.*—The position, at present, regarding the administrative duties of these officers was far from clear. Recently the Western Regional Hospital Board had clarified the position in a circular letter to Secretaries of Boards of Management laying down that medical superintendents remain the chief officers within their own Hospitals. It was hoped that other Regions would adopt a similar resolution.

(*b*) *Mental Health Sub-Committees.*—Many members considered that the present arrangements for the representation of psychiatrists on the Mental Health Sub-Committees of Regional Hospital Boards was inadequate. The procedure varied in the different Regions, and it did not seem that the recommendations contained in D.H.S. Memorandum R.H.B. (S) (48) 9—para. 3, were being carried out. Most members felt that where psychiatrists were co-opted on to these Sub-Committees they should have voting powers.

(*c*) *Superannuation.*—Dr. MCDOUGALL, Dr. BOYD and others expressed much concern that the final date allowed for deciding which Superannuation Scheme was most suitable to their individual cases was 4 October, 1948. This meant making a decision without knowing the new terms of service. The Secretary was instructed to raise this point with the D.H.S. without delay.

Dr. MCDOUGALL and Dr. DICK were anxious for clarification on several points. Who qualify for Class I and Class II ? Does the term " Mental Health Officer " apply to such officials as stewards, cooks, laundresses, etc. ? Many members needed guidance on these and other points, and would have liked this before 4 October.

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(*d*) *Specialist Status and Domiciliary Consultations.*—Dr. MACNIVEN felt that there was an urgent need for suitable recognition of specialist status, specialists in training, etc.

Dr. MCDONALD considered that there should be early discussion about domiciliary consultations. Dr. MCCOWAN pointed out that in England the appropriate fee (four guineas) was allowed to Medical Superintendents and Medical Officers acting for them, but in Scotland this was not permitted.

It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that the above, and any other relevant matters, should be studied by the Committee of Management at an early meeting. Authority was given for the co-option of suitable members to the Committee of Management. All members of the Division were invited to refer any special points to the Secretary, who would place them on the Agenda for the next and any forthcoming meetings of the Committee of Management, who would report back to the Division at the next meeting.

There being no further immediate business, the meeting was closed.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association held at 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh (B.M.A.), on Friday, 22 October, 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.—Dr. Kate Fraser (Chairman), Prof. Ferguson Rodger, and Drs. W. D. Chambers, W. Boyd, H. Stalker, A. Shenkin, J. Uytman, L. Mill, J. McDougall, W. McAlister, T. R. Spence, Haigh Mitchell, Hunter Gillies, Mayer-Gross, H. B. Craigie, R. Blair, M. McWhittet, G. M. Bell, E. Hewitt.

Apologies for absence from Prof. Sir David Henderson, and Drs. McCowan, Chapman, Methven, Stewart, Grant, McNiven, Dick, Bailey.

1. The CHAIRMAN referred to certain points arising from the Minutes and explained the present position regarding the Memo. on Child Psychiatry prepared by the Scottish Association for Mental Hygiene. The SECRETARY informed the Meeting of the steps he had taken regarding the urgent need for beds for acutely disturbed children. The CHAIRMAN informed the Meeting about plans to set up a centre at the Crighton Royal Mental Hospital to take some 24 such cases within the Western Region; Professor FERGUSON RODGER and Dr. MAYER-GROSS also supplied information on this point.

The CHAIRMAN, taking the relevant points in order, called upon the Secretary to read the various letters sent on behalf of the Division and the replies received.

(a) *Superannuation.*—The SECRETARY reported that the D.H.S. could take no action regarding the final date on which a decision had to be made regarding entry into the National Health Service Superannuation, this having been fixed by Regulation 24 (1). Many members registered their dissatisfaction with this ruling. Professor FERGUSON RODGER thought that the Division should make a strong protest, preferably through a Scottish M.P. Dr. MCALISTER agreed and suggested that this might be made through Sir William Darling. The Meeting agreed on this and suggested that the matter be left to Dr. McAlister and the Secretary.

(b) *Secretaries to Boards of Management.*—The SECRETARY read the replies from Regional Hospital Boards to a letter sent out as agreed by the Division. The views expressed, clearly showed that there is no uniformity throughout the Regions. Dr. MCALISTER and other Members expressed their concern over this and all hoped that the position would be clarified in the near future. The Meeting decided to take no further action meantime. Dr. SPENCE and other Members deplored the fact that they were not receiving all the relevant departmental circulars. The CHAIRMAN mentioned that the B.M.A. and the Medical Superintendents' Society were actively engaged in negotiations on the subject of lay administration. The Meeting agreed to take no further action meantime.

(c) *Mental Health Committees.*—The SECRETARY read replies received from Regional Hospital Boards and a general discussion ensued in which Professor FERGUSON RODGER, Dr. UYTMAN and other Members joined. The position showed a lack of uniformity between Regions and Members felt that the general position was not at all satisfactory but that no further action should be taken meantime.

(d) *Domiciliary Visits and Specialist Status.*—A general discussion took place in which Professor FERGUSON RODGER outlined the present position and gave his opinion on what might happen in the future. Dr. MCALISTER and other Members

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expressed their views and all felt that the present position was uncertain and unsatisfactory. It was resolved to take no action meantime but await further information.

3. *Any Other Business.*—Dr. SPENCE raised the question of car allowances and indicated that he would be very much out of pocket under the new scheme of travelling allowances. Other Members had not had this particular trouble; Dr. MCALISTER thought he was better off now. Dr. UYTMAN asked about the recent appointment of a Medical Officer of Mental Health in the North Eastern Hospital Region. It appeared that this was not an advisory post nor in any way akin to the post of Regional Psychiatrist, but was mainly concerned with the ascertainment of Mental Defectives and with the supervision of observation beds in local hospitals. The question of future salary scales and terms of service was raised by Dr. MCALISTER and other Members and some discussion followed. The new contracts could be expected to be made known before 31 March, 1949. It was unanimously decided that the Division should hold a meeting as soon as the new contracts were known.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed.

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