5. The following Candidates were unanimously elected to ordinary Membership of the Association :

ANDREW NOBLE GRAHAM, M.B., B.S., 110, Rye Hill, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

MYRE SIM, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., 509, Three Crowns Hill, Walsall, Staffs.

6. A letter from the Honorary General Secretary dated 5.iii.46 recommending that, in view of the forthcoming adoption of the revised Bye-Laws, the Division should proceed to the election of Officers in accordance with Bye-Law 26, was read.

It was agreed that the following Officers of the Division be appointed for the ensuing year :

Chairman . . .	Lt.-Col. J. Ivison Russell.
Hon. Secretary . .	Dr. T. M. Cuthbert.
Hon. Asst. Secretary .	Dr. J. R. Murray.
Junior Representative .	Dr. J. Gould.

7. Dr. Dove Cormac was re-elected to serve on the Nursing Advisory Committee.

8. Paper: **" Methods of Officer Selection in the Army "** (see p. 101), by Dr. S. W. Gillman.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SUMMER QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Mental Hospital, Waterford, by kind invitation of Dr. C. B. Molony, Medical Superintendent, on July 3, 1946.

The members and guests were hospitably entertained to luncheon. At the conclusion of the luncheon Dr. Kearney, Chairman of the Division, thanked Dr. Molony for the welcome and hospitality shown.

The following members were present: Dr. J. Kearney in the chair; Drs. C. B. Molony, P. Cassin, E. O'Brien, B. Blake, P. Grace, J. Fitzgerald, J. Hill, T. Conlon, B. Honan, R. Taylor, C. Carey, J. O'Dea, P. Moran, P. O'Doherty, M. J. Kennefick, N. O'Higgins (Hon. Sec.), E. O'Sullivan, B. McMackin-Ramsay, N. J. Dolphin. There were many guests present, also.

Dr. Molony proposed and Dr. O'Higgins seconded that Dr. P. Moran be elected as Junior Representative Member to Council. The ballot for election then took place, and, after ballot, the following were declared elected as Ordinary Members :

EDWARD L. MURPHY, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., 41, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. N. O'Higgins, J. Kearney and H. J. Eustace.

FRANCIS L. MCLOUGHLIN, M.D., D.P.M., 10, Merrion Square, Dublin.
Proposed by Drs. J. Kearney, J. Fitzgerald and N. B. O'Higgins.

MICHAEL J. COSGRAVE, M.B., B.Ch., Mental Hospital, Waterford.
Proposed by Drs. C. B. Molony, P. Cassin and T. Conlon.

ROBERT DONGAL, M.B., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Mental Hospital, Downpatrick.
Proposed by Drs. Lothian, T. W. Weir and J. Johnston.

The Autumn Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, November 6, 1946, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin. At the request of the Hon. Secretary of the Education Committee of the Association nominations were made for Examiners for the R.M.P.A. Examinations :

Dr. P. J. Doherty, Mental Hospital, Ennis (Final Mental).
Dr. T. J. Conlon, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and Dr. F. Walsh, Mental Hospital, Portlaoighise (Preliminary Mental).
Dr. H. St.George Smith, Stewart's Hospital, Palmerston (Final Deficiency).
Dr. A. J. Devlin, Obelisk Park, Blackrock, Dublin (Prelimary Deficiency).
Miss I. Martin, Mental Hospital, Waterford (Nurse Ex. Deficiency).
Rev. Bro. Wilfrid, Obelisk Park, Blackrock, Dublin (Nurse Ex. Deficiency).

These names will be submitted to the Hon. Secretary of Education Committee, to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Kearney (Chairman) reported on his visit to the meeting of the Association at The Retreat, York. He said that he had been received in a very hospitable and friendly manner by the members. Having given a short summary of the salient points in the new Mental Treatment Act to the members of the Parliamentary Committee he was asked to prepare a talk to be given at the full meeting of the Division on the following day. This paper Dr. Kearney managed to prepare overnight. His paper, giving an outline of the Act and stressing the new features

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in the Act, was enthusiastically, even enviously received. In the discussion which followed the Irish Division was warmly congratulated in having piloted the Act to law, and having achieved advances in respect of lunacy-law that would be almost impossible to obtain in England. Dr. Kearney was asked to mention that our colleagues in England and Scotland would wish to see more of the Irish members attending at least the Annual General Meetings of the Association. Dr. Kearney was congratulated for the able and obviously friendly manner in which he had represented the Irish Division.

Dr. J. Fitzgerald raised the question of the possibility of organizing a golf competition in association with the Summer Quarterly Meetings of the Division. Dr. E. O'Sullivan seconded the proposition, and after some discussion it was decided to leave the matter and the arranging of details to a sub-committee—the Chairman (Dr. Kearney), the Hon. Secretary (N. O'Higgins), Drs. J. Fitzgerald and E. O'Sullivan.

Clinical Meeting.

Dr. C. B. Molony read a paper, "Modified Cerletti Treatment in Schizophrenia." In his paper Dr. Molony made reference to the experiments carried out by Gellhorn and Darrow in America and to Gellhorn's having used thyroxin as premedication. Premedication with thyroxin in the electro-convulsive treatment of schizophrenia has been in used in Waterford Mental Hospital since March, 1945. The technique consists in the giving of thyroxin in tablet form, e.g. Elityran, three or four times daily for about eight days before commencing E.C.T. Dr. Molony stressed the usefulness of this form of premedication in early cases of schizophrenia. In the course of his paper, he gave an outline of the clinical case-histories of several cases so treated.

Dr. O'Sullivan, Mental Hospital, Killarney, read a supporting paper describing thyroxin premedication in association with E.C.T. He described cases in which excellent results were obtained with combined treatment which had failed to respond to insulin therapy.

Before the meeting concluded a sincere and cordial vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Molony for his kindness and hospitality. After the meeting the members were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs. Molony.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Fritz Sano (1871–1946).

A few weeks ago passed away one of the most venerable and prominent Belgian psychiatrists. He graduated in 1895. At that time, and until a few years before World War II, it was impossible to obtain a degree in Belgium without making, exclusively, use of the French language. This state of affairs created among certain Flemish intellectuals considerable irritation, and Dr. Sano remained his long life an ardent promoter of the scientific use of the Flemish language without, however, forgetting his duties as a Belgian citizen (his oldest son was killed at the Yser in 1918). He also became in due time one of the animators of the Flemish Congresses of Natural and Medical Sciences and a member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Medicine.

He had founded in Antwerp, in 1902, a Flemish school for nurses which has remained one of the very best in the country. He had worked with Oppenheim in Berlin and Charcot in Paris and was, as many neurologists of his generation, a distinguished anatomist. He was a member of the "Anatomische Gesellschaft."

It is of particular interest to note that he spent the first World War in England, where he published in the *Philosophical Transactions of the Society of London* (1916) and in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine* (1917). He had been attached to the laboratory of the Claybury Asylum near London, and become consulting neurologist to the Maudsley Hospital.

During nearly 20 years he was Director of the world-renowned Colony of Lunatics of Gheel, where non-dangerous insane patients live in the rural homes of the inhabitants and partake their simple, healthy work. He was official representative of

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