may be a Medical Superintendent of one of the authority's institutions; subject to the administrative position of the Medical Officer of Health and to the right of the Medical Superintendent to be present and to express his views at meetings when matters intimately affecting his institution are under consideration."

(3) "That adequate medical presentation to the Mental Health Committee of the specialized needs of both Mental Disorders and Mental Deficiency is necessary."

The President said that the majority at that meeting represented Scotland, and only a small number were from England, and this matter might affect English members much more than Scottish members; but the Association had been in conference with the British Medical Association with the object of protecting all members, as it was felt that many authorities were becoming too centralized, and that there was justifiable fear of a lay administration of mental hospitals. It thus became necessary for those in the mental specialty to stand up for themselves, these resolutions, it was thought, would thus serve a useful purpose.

The British Medical Association had also suggested that a special group of psychiatrists should be formed within that Association, and the question arose whether the Royal Medico-Psychological Association should advise its members to form such a group. That, however, had been deferred until the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Walk would represent the Association at the Congrès des Médecins Aliénistes et Neurologistes de France to be held in July.

The Council had been going into a matter which required explanation, namely, the Superannuation Act of 1935. Apparently it was now suggested that anybody transferred from a post under the Superannuation Act should be allowed to transfer to any branch of the Civil Service and to carry on his contributions towards a pension. This was regarded as a distinct advantage.

The preliminary notice concerning the Annual Meeting to be held at Folkestone would be circulated in a few days. An interesting programme had been arranged and a happy and entertaining week was anticipated.

The other item he had to communicate to the meeting was that the Council had decided to donate an additional sum of £20 to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, in response to their Centenary Appeal.

He asked for the approval of the meeting to the various steps taken by the Council, and this was given.

Election of New Members.

The following were elected members of the Association:

McCulloch, Andrew Stenhouse, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Dipl. Psych.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer, Lanark District Asylum, Hartwood.
Proposed by Drs. Neil T. Kerr, W. N. J. Chapman and G. Dunlop Robertson.

McBroom, Robert P. J., M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer, Argyll and Bute Asylum, Lochgilphead; Wedgwood, Cadzow Street, Motherwell.
Proposed by Drs. Donald Ross, D. R. MacCalman and G. W. Smith.

MacKeith, Stephen Alexander, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Hill End Hospital, St. Albans, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. W. J. T. Kimber, E. D. T. Roberts and C. K. Bushe.

Cant, John Arthur Richard Pinney, M.B., Ch.B.Bir., Assistant Medical Officer, Coleshill Hall, Coleshill, Birmingham; Waltham House, Coleshill, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. H. Frieze Stephens, A. M. McCutcheon and W. A. Potts.

Lyons, John Francis, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.H., D.P.M., L.M.Rot., Acting Medical Superintendent, Hortham Colony, Almondsbury, near Bristol.
Proposed by Drs. J. W. W. Adamson, E. O. Lewis and F. Calder.

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PAPERS.—**Symposium on Somnifaine Therapy.**

A symposium on Treatment by Somnifaine Narcosis was opened by Dr. A. MacNiven on the Clinical Aspects, and continued by Dr. J. H. MacDonald (Psychological Aspects), Dr. J. H. Quastel (Biochemistry), Dr. W. M. Ford Robertson (Pathology), Dr. P. K. McCowan, Prof. Carl H. Browning, Dr. Pickworth, Dr. T. C. Graves and Dr. C. C.Easterbrook (see p. 423).

During the latter part of the symposium the Chair was taken by Sir Hubert Bond.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Chairman remarked that in this discussion no mention had been made of the very striking description in Dr. Stoddart's book of the treatment of acute delirious mania, which had many analogies with the form of therapy now under discussion.

He expressed the Association's keen indebtedness for the great facilities which had been afforded in the carrying out of this Quarterly Meeting in Glasgow. He might answer the question that had been put to them earlier in the day " Will ye no come back again ? ", by an emphatic " We certainly shall ".

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held in the Central Station Hotel, Glasgow, on June 9, 1936.

Dr. R. D. Clarkson, Divisional Chairman, presided.

Before taking up the ordinary business, Dr. Clarkson referred to the death of Dr. Hamilton C. Marr. Tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Marr by several members present, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Marr conveying to her the sincere sympathy of the Division in her bereavement.

Dr. Donald Ross and Dr. C. G. A. Chislett were unanimously elected Representative Members of Council.

Dr. Donald Ross was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division, and Dr. W. M. McAlister was unanimously re-appointed Divisional Secretary.

The following were nominated as members of the Mental Nursing Advisory Committee to the General Nursing Council : Drs. Douglas McRae, T. C. Mackenzie, R. D. Hotchkis, Donald Ross, and W. M. McAlister.

The following were nominated as Examiners for the Nursing Certificate and Professional Examinations :

Professional Examination : Dr. W. M. McAlister and Dr. R. B. Campbell.

Nursing Examination : (Preliminary) Dr. John McDougall ; (Final) Dr. W. D. Chambers ; (Mental Deficiency) Dr. C. G. A. Chislett. Nurse Examiner : Miss Christie, Ayr.

The following candidate was, after ballot, admitted an Ordinary Member of the Association :

KENNETH CAMERON, M.B., Ch.B., Dipl. Psych., Assistant Physician, Edinburgh Royal Mental Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders.
Proposed by Prof. D. K. Henderson, Drs. R. G. McInnes and Chas. M. Ross.

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