SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Hawkhead Hospital, Crookston, Glasgow, on Friday, 18 March, 1960. Forty-nine members were present.

In the absence of Professor W. M. Millar, owing to illness, Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt was unanimously voted to the Chair.

The Division noted with regret the deaths of Dr. Allison W. Cameron and Dr. Allan MacDougall and they paid their respects in the usual manner.

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Professor W. M. Millar.

Divisional Secretary: Dr. M. M. Whittet.

Assistant Divisional Secretary: Dr. A. C. Tait.

Representative on Council: Dr. James M. Harper.

In addition to Dr. H. B. Craigie, Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt, Dr. A. P. Russell, Dr. K. R. H. Wardrop, elected Members of the Committee of Management, Dr. T. A. Munro was elected as an additional Member at this Meeting.

The following were elected Office Bearers of Sections and are *ex-officio* Members of the Committee of Management.

Dr. P. K. McCowan	Chairman, Forensic Psychiatry Sub-Committee.
Dr. H. Stalker	Secretary, Forensic Psychiatry Sub-Committee.
Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger	Chairman, Papers & Discussions Sub-Committee.
Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor	Secretary, Papers & Discussions Sub-Committee.
Dr. W. A. Cramond	Chairman, Research & Clinical Sub-Committee.
Dr. J. F. McHarg	Secretary, Research & Clinical Sub-Committee.
Dr. F. H. Stone	Chairman, Child Psychiatry Sub-Committee.
Dr. W. J. B. Rogers	Secretary, Child Psychiatry Sub-Committee.
Dr. J. R. Bailey	Chairman, Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee.
Dr. H. S. Ross	Secretary, Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee.

In Professor Millar's absence, Professor Rodger and the Secretary gave a brief account of the joint meeting with representatives of the Department of Health on the Scottish Mental Health Bill. It was reported that the points raised by the Division at the Special Meeting had all been brought forward and received a hearing. These points are covered in the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at Gartnavel, on Friday, 12 February, 1960.

On the subject of the National Insurance Act, 1959, Dr. Tait reported that in general the recommendation of the British Medical Association was that members should contract out of the Act. It was felt that this was, of course, a matter for individual decision.

It was reported that the inaugural Meeting of the Historical Sub-section had been held earlier in the day and that Dr. R. M. Mowbray had read an extremely interesting Paper entitled **"An Historical Approach to Electric Convulsant Therapy"**.

It was stated that it was hoped to arrange the next Meeting of the Division jointly with the Medical Officers of Health, and that it would be held in June.

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers. Mrs. Margaret St. Clair and Miss Marjory Brown opened a discussion on behalf of the Psychiatric Social Workers, and Dr. A. B. Sclare spoke for the Scottish Division. There was an interesting discussion. Certain points were considered noteworthy—the shortage of trained Psychiatric Social Workers, train-

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ing problems, the question of joint training in general social work including psychiatric social work, and the financial remuneration of trained personnel.

It was agreed that a Committee of the Scottish Division should meet the Psychiatric Social Workers in the near future.

Sincere thanks were expressed for the excellent hospitality and arrangements made by Dr. James Milne and the Board of Management of Hawkhead Hospital on the occasion of the Meeting.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Bellsdyke Hospital, Larbert, on Saturday, 11 June, 1960. Thirty members were present, as well as a guest, Dr. Jensen, Associate Professor in Child Psychiatry, University of Minnesota. Apologies for absence were received from 32 members.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

BROWNE, PATRICK JOSEPH, L.R.C.P. & S.I., Senior House Officer, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. J. Harper, J. A. Clark, R. A. Robinson.

FRASER, IAN ALISTAIR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Registrar, Department of Child and Family Psychiatry, Playfield House, Cupar.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Haldane, D. Ross, D. M. MacGregor.

KOLVIN, ISRAEL, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Drs. Margaret Methven, Isabel Sutherland, M. M. Whittet.

KUMAR, SHAILENDRA, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Drs. Margaret Methven, Isabel Sutherland, M. M. Whittet.

SMALL, MARGARET SMITH STUART, M.B., Ch.B., Visiting Psychiatrist, Notre Dame Child Guidance Clinic, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. F. H. Stone, J. D. Uytman, Ruth Hoffman.

Committee of Management Business. A letter was read from Dr. Ivor Batchelor asking about the representation of mental nursing on Regional Nurse Training Committees. It was agreed that further enquiry be made into this matter.

With regard to the National Insurance Act, the Division accepted Dr. Tait's and Dr. Stalker's reccomendation which was in accordance with the B.M.A. findings, i.e., contracting out of the National Insurance Act of 1959 provisions.

Dr. Angus MacNiven was re-nominated by the Scottish Division to the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee for the year August, 1960—August, 1961.

On the question of Chief Male Nurses signing Training Certificates for the General Nursing Council, the Division, after discussion, asked the Secretary to go further into the matter wtih the General Nursing Council.

A letter from Dr. H. B. Miller was read to the Committee regarding the exchange of patients from one mental hospital to another for holiday purposes and this idea was endorsed by the Division.

In the forenoon members of the Division met members of the Association of Medical Officers of Health in Stirling, with Dr. MacQueen, President of the Association of Medical Officers of Health, in the Chair. Professor W. M. Millar and Dr. I. C. Monro, Medical Officer of Health for Lanarkshire, were the opening speakers and a useful discussion followed.

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In the afternoon at Bellsdyke Hospital, Dr. P. Roughead gave a talk on "The Othello Syndrome", and Dr. Keith R. H. Wardrop addressed the Division on "Attempts to treat the Psychopath". These addresses were stimulating and aroused much interest and discussion.

The Division wish to express their sincere thanks for the excellent hospitality and arrangements made by Dr. Allan Russell and his staff and the Board of Management of Bellsdyke Hospital on the occasion of this meeting.

IRISH DIVISION

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on 27 April, 1960. Thirty-six members were present.

Dr. J. J. Fennelly read a paper on **"Psychiatric Trends in Sweden"**.

Dr. Fennelly said that psychiatric hospitals in Sweden were well ahead of Ireland as regards buildings, equipment and numbers of personnel.

In Sweden, hospitals were not charitable institutions, but places where people could expect, as their right, to get the best treatment in comfort. There was still too much of the "It's good enough for them, it's better than what they're used to" attitude in Ireland.

Child psychiatry was very well developed in Sweden. For instance, in Stockholm for 800,000 people there were seven child guidance clinics.

In the field of Forensic Psychiatry, Dr. Fennelly went on, there was much to be said for the system which avoided the spectacle of doctors contradicting one another so constantly in Court, but many parts of the Swedish legal code, such as voluntary castration, and legal abortion on the flimsiest grounds, did not appeal to the medical profession even in Sweden.

Care of the old was another field in which Sweden was far in advance.

Dr. Fennelly concluded by saying that the general picture of Sweden was of comfortable new buildings for young, old and infirm, with large amounts of money devoted to their needs and constant striving to improve all facilities pertaining to health.

The Paper was discussed by Drs. E. N. M. O'Sullivan, V. Crotty, M. Sullivan, W. McCarten, J. Ryan, D. McGrath, V. Dolphin, P. J. Grace, J. Dunne and P. Cassin. Dr. Fennelly replied.

Election of Officers: The following were elected for 1960-61:

Chairman: Dr. N. B. O'Higgins.

Secretary: Dr. Mary Sullivan.

Junior Representative on Council: Dr. J. A. S. Mulligan.

Following on the election of officers the question of the Junior Representative's expenses was discussed, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of protest from the Association to the Department of Health regarding expenses no longer being allowed to members for travelling to meetings in Great Britain, with the result that the Junior Representative had to come from Northern Ireland.

Mental Health Year

Dr. Strauss hoped to give a talk in Dublin some time in June and the various hospitals around the country had arranged "Open Days" and lectures to interested groups.

Correspondence

A letter from the Department of Health was read asking for a representative to be nominated on the Health Council. The Secretary was instructed to write to

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