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 ".

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## 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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## Books added to the Library.

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Presented by Dr. J. R. Whitwell:

Alexander Trallianis absolutissimi libri duodecim; *with* Rayal de Pestilentia Libellus. Transl. and ed. by Joannes Guintherius, Argentorati, 1549.

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*American Journal of Psychiatry.*
*The Psychological Review.*
*Journal of Neurology and Psychopathology.*
*L'Encéphale.*
*International Journal of Psycho-Analysis.*
*Journal of Abnormal Psychology.*
*Mental Hygiene.*
*Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.*
*Revue Neurologique.*
*Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.*
*Journal of Comparative Psychology.*
*Zentralblatt für die Gesamte Neurologie und Psychiatrie.*
*Der Nervenarzt.*

The attention of members is drawn to the recent addition of the *Zentralblatt* and of *Der Nervenarzt* to the list of journals available.

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### Divisional Prizes for 1937.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to the Registrar not later than April 30, 1937.

### Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The examinations for the Gaskell Medal and Prize and the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine will be held in May, 1937.

Applications for entry to each examination to be made to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

There is no fee for entrance to the Gaskell Prize Examination.

The entrance fee for the examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is three guineas.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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