which Drs. McCartan, Rose and Russell took part, and Dr. Monro replied and stated amongst other things that he did not believe it was necessary to have an anaesthetist available.

The second paper on "**Myanesin in Psychiatry**" was by Drs. H. H. Steadman and A. B. Monro, and was read by the former, who described its use in the treatment of anxiety states and in associated conditions.

In the discussion which followed Drs. McCartan, Sands, Rose and Vereker took part and Dr. Monro replied.

A most interesting meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. Monro proposed by Dr. Norman Oliver, who said that he had been present at the last meeting of the Association held at Long Grove in 1912.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Autumn Meeting of the Division was held on Friday, 10 October, 1952, at The Towers Hospital, Leicester, by kind permission of the Medical Superintendent, Dr. T. Wishart Davidson and his Management Committee.

Business Meeting.

The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Bowen, William Arthur Llewellyn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Naburn and Bootham Park Hospitals, York; Bootham Park, York.
Proposed by Drs. Thomas Beaton, Reginald Worth and J. S. I. Skottowe.

Jones, Rhys Caradoc, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., Registrar, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. K. K. Drury, J. Slorach and Sylvia Reid.

Leahy, Michael Raymond, *B.A.*, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, St. James's Hospital, Leeds, 9.
Proposed by Professor MacCalman, Drs. J. W. Affleck and J. Dundas.

Needham, Peter Rance, L.M.S.S.A., Registrar, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, nr. Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. E. S. Stern, S. W. Gillman and Clifford Tetlow.

The Secretary reported on the attitude of Regional Boards to the payment of travelling expenses for Meetings, etc.

Dr. Rhys Caradoc Jones was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected as Junior Representative on the Council.

It was pointed out by Dr. K. K. Drury that it might be possible and advisable to alter the days of Meetings. Some members were unable ever to get away on a Friday and this limited their chance of attendance.

Clinical Session.

A paper was read by Dr. C. E. H. Turner, Consultant Psychiatrist of the Towers Hospital, Leicester, on "**A Survey of Psychiatric Diagnoses.**"

The paper was followed by a lengthy discussion in which many members took part. Professor MacCalman thanked the speaker for a most stimulating and ingenious paper.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

The Summer Meeting of the Scottish Division was held at Dundee Mental Hospital, Westgreen, Dundee, on 20 June, 1952.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

Lundholm, Eric Olof, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Professor T. F. Rodger, Drs. A. M. Shenkin and A. B. Sclare.

McClelland, Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Professor T. F. Rodger, Drs. A. M. Shenkin and A. B. Sclare.

McPheat, John Leishman, M.B., Ch.B., House Officer, Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Professor T. F. Rodger, Drs. I. M. Sclare and A. B. Sclare.

Magill, Betty Emma Anna, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Royal Mental Hospital, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Professor Sir David K. Henderson, Drs. E. Robertson and I. Batchelor.

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SMITH, COLIN, MCPHERSON, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Professor T. F. Rodger, Drs. A. B. Sclare and A. M. Shenkin.

Marriage and Divorce Reform.—Suggested that this important subject might require further discussion at the next Divisional Meeting.

Divisional Representative on Central Consultants' and Specialists' Committee.—Recommended that Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt be reappointed with Dr. R. Bailey as deputy.

Next Meeting (Friday, 12 September) to be held at Gartloch Mental Hospital, Royal Scottish National Institution, Larbert, or Dykebar Mental Hospital.

The Meeting approved the Report and the recommendations contained therein.

Marriage and Divorce Reform.—Dr. SHENKIN opened the discussion and Dr. BATCHELOR told the meeting of the evidence already submitted by Sir David Henderson (personal contribution). In the discussion which followed it was agreed that this important matter should be carefully reviewed by the Forensic Psychiatry Committee, and should also be fully discussed at the next Divisional Meeting. Permission should be sought to present evidence when the Commission came to Scotland.

Dr. A. A. BELL gave a most interesting and instructive talk on **"The Association between Cyclothymic Personality and Creative Genius as Exemplified in some Scottish Poets."**

Members were entertained to an excellent lunch by the courtesy of the Physician Superintendent and the Board of Management, which was attended by the Chairman of the Eastern Regional Board and the Chairman of the Board of Management.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Royal Scottish National Institution, Westerpark, Larbert, on Friday, 12 September, 1952, at 2.15 p.m.

1. The following candidate was elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

PROVIS, HUGH STANTON, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Hartwood Hospital, Shotts, Lanarkshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. N. Chapman, J. D. Dawson and H. B. Craigie.

2. *Report from the Committee of Management.*

(a) *Sub-Committees.*

Research and Clinical had heard a very interesting and instructive paper from Dr. W. Mayer-Gross on **"Oneirophrenia."**

Papers and Discussions discussed subjects suitable for presentation at future divisional meetings.

Forensic Psychiatry joined with *Mental Deficiency* and this meeting had a preliminary discussion on the Marriage and Divorce Reform problem after hearing Dr. SHENKIN's report from his recent attendance at the Special Meeting of Council.

Child Psychiatry.—Meeting postponed until Friday, 3 October and to be held in Glasgow. Dr. Jessie Sym has taken over the duties of Secretary from Dr. Pinkerton, who has left the division.

(b) *Scottish D.P.M.*—The Secretary reported having written to the Presidents of the Royal Colleges and Faculties, but owing to the holiday season no direct replies had been received.

(c) The Secretary reported that only one meeting of the Central Consultants and Specialists, Scotland, had taken place. This was entirely devoted to considering the recent suggestions from the D.H.S. on medical gradings. The relevant documents would shortly be circulated to all Consultants, S.H.M.O'.s and Senior Registrars in Scotland.

(d) *Membership of Scottish Division.*—It was considered that the number of joining members each year was reasonably constant and fairly satisfactory.

(e) *Date and place of next Meeting.*—The next divisional meeting to be on Friday, 5 December. After discussion it was agreed to accept a tentative offer to have this at the Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh.

3. *Hospital Endowments and Medical Research.*

In response to a letter from the D.H.S., the Division was unanimous in accepting the suggestions contained in the Commission's Report.

4. *Quarterly* (sic) *Journal of Mental Science.*

In response to a verbal request from Council, members discussed the composition of the subject matter in the *Journal*. The general feeling of the Meeting, after liberal discussion, was that more space should be devoted to original articles—but these should be generally shorter—less space should be given to abstracts, and some short articles of general interest would be welcome. It was referred to the Papers and Discussions Sub-Committee to go further into this matter and report to the next divisional meeting.

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5. *Marriage and Divorce Reform.*

Dr. SHENKIN opened the discussion and indicated to the Meeting the views expressed at the recent Special Meeting of Council held to discuss the present position of the Association since the B.M.A. withdrew its evidence at their Annual Meeting. A long discussion ensued, in which Sir DAVID HENDERSON, Professor FERGUSON RODGER, Dr. ANGUS MACNIVEN, Dr. W. MAYER-GROSS, Dr. JAMES MILNE, Dr. HUNTER GILLIES, Dr. J. UYTMAN and other members spoke.

By a majority vote it was decided that evidence should be offered to the Commission.

It was also decided to prepare and circulate to all members a questionnaire—this to be devised by Dr. Shenkin. A small sub-committee consisting of Drs. P. K. McCowan, H. B. Craigie, A. M. Shenkin and the Secretary was nominated to collate the opinions received from members and to prepare a memorandum for submission to the Commission and for consideration by the Council at the next quarterly meeting.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows on Wednesday, 5 November, 1952.

Twenty members were present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Drs. Kearney, McCarthy and Martin, former Members of the Association. The Secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to the relatives on behalf of the Association.

The CHAIRMAN, Dr. Coyne, kindly invited the Division to hold its Spring Meeting at Dundrum on Wednesday, 25 March, 1953.

The SECRETARY read a letter from the Department of Health asking the Association to suggest a Member to replace the late Dr. Kearney on An Bord Altranais. It was proposed by Dr. FITZGERALD and seconded by Dr. DUNNE that Dr. Coyne be nominated.

It was proposed by Dr. HONAN and seconded by Dr. MORAN that Members of the Association should in future be notified that each Member is entitled to ask a medical colleague to the Meetings and clinical discussions.

Dr. MORAN then read his communication entitled **" Social Psychiatry."** He began by saying that his paper might be described as random musings by a country psychiatrist giving his " home-spun philosophy." According to the Greek derivation of the word " psychiatrist " he should be a physician of the mind or soul. Social psychiatry was concerned with the groups of people who compose society. It was concerned with moulding the environment of the individual He suggested that in our society the rules for doing so might well be the ten commandments. He deplored the materialistic approach to social life as exemplified by such authorities as Professor Crewe, Huxley and Bertrand Russell. He felt the approach should be based on sound physiology, psychology, theology and economy. In fact mental health should be based on the concept of the whole man, body, mind and soul.

He felt that Psychiatrists at present were too isolated and too much concerned with the " wrecks " of society, i.e., the chronic invalid, and too little with the positive health of the community. Dr. Moran expressed the view that present-day Psychiatry had largely a negative approach, whereas it should give positive guidance and counsel to both medical colleagues and the community at large—" who should be more competent to advise than those who see the results of faulty adaptation ? " Finally he posed the rhetorical question " should the Christian ethic not be able to solve the tension in the world to-day ? "

The paper was discussed by the CHAIRMAN, Drs. DUNNE, MOLONY, CASSIN, FITZGERALD, FOLEY, MOORE and O'SULLIVAN. Dr. MORAN replied and the Meeting adjourned.

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Mental Health Tours through the Netherlands.

Last year it was such a stimulating pleasure for the Dutch Federation for Mental Health to arrange " mental health tours " for visitors from abroad who wish to see something of the mental health work in Holland in addition to more touristic pursuits that this summer it will do the same. The tours will be of 6 days' duration, and if there is sufficient interest, two groups will be formed, one for those who are especially interested in mental health work for children (child guidance clinics, schools for the mentally handicapped, etc.) and another one of those who are more concerned with the institutional and social care of mental patients and mentally defectives. These tours will be arranged August 24th to 29th inclusive.

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