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SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, on Friday, 5 December, 1952, at 2.30 p.m.

Thirty-four members were present.

ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership :—

ARDIS, JAMES AMOR, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Royal Mental Hospital, Aberdeen.

Proposed by Drs. A. N. Wyllie, W. J. Raitt and Helen C. S. Rowland.

BROWN, JAMES HENDERSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Junior Specialist in Psychiatry, R.A.M.C., 1 Carlton Street, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Sir David Henderson & Drs. E. E. Robertson and I. R. C. Batchelor.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Mental Deficiency met at 11 a.m. and combined with—

Forensic Psychiatry at 11.30 a.m. Both Committees gave further consideration to the proposed changes in the legislation affecting mental deficiency. It was agreed to suggest that one of the forthcoming Divisional Meetings might be devoted to a consideration and discussion of this subject.

Research and Clinical met at 11 a.m. It was agreed that Dr. Mayer Gross and Dr. Shenkin should conduct some research on " Geriatrics " and prepare a paper.

Members heard a most interesting talk by Dr. B. Rogers on " Some Difficulties in the Interpretation of Emotional Disorders in Children." Dr. Rogers gave an outline of the work being done in the special unit for disturbed children at the Crichton Royal.

Papers and Discussions met at 12.15. It was agreed that at the next Divisional Meeting two Papers would be read—Prof. FERGUSON RODGER on " Public Health and Mental Health " and Dr. MAYER GROSS on " Psychiatry in India."

The Summer Meeting, probably in Inverness, should be essentially clinical in nature. The Autumn Meeting, probably at Gogarburn, should deal with changes in the Mental Deficiency legislation.

(*a*) *Nominations for membership of Scottish Health Services Council.*—The Committee submitted the names of Drs. Wm. Boyd and E. J. C. Hewitt. The Meeting unanimously agreed.

(*b*) *Nominations for membership of the Regional Hospital Boards* (*Scotland*).—It was noted that the Association was not now represented on the Northern Regional Board, and that the Association's members on the Eastern R.H.B. (Dr. Chambers), South-Eastern R.H.B. (Dr. W. Boyd), and on the Western R.H.B. (Dr. P. K. McCowan), were due to retire. The Committee had agreed to suggest that Dr. Whittet be recommended for membership of the Northern R.H.B.; that Dr.

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Chambers be recommended for re-election, or failing his wish for this, that Dr. J. McDougall be nominated. Dr. A. A. BELL proposed that Dr. J. C. Anderson be nominated. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Meeting unanimously agreed with the proposal that Dr. W. Boyd and Dr. P. K. McCowan be nominated for re-election to the South-Eastern and Western R.H.B's respectively.

(*c*) The SECRETARY reported that the Chairman, Dr. W. Boyd, had been appointed to a Joint Committee with the Psychological Medicine Group of the B.M.A. to investigate fully the difficulties in filling medical establishments at mental and mental deficiency hospitals.

(*d*) The Secretary had notified the Committee that no further answer had been received from the Royal Faculties in connection with the proposed plan for setting up a Scottish D.P.M.

(*e*) The date of the Spring Meeting would be Friday, 27 March, and it was hoped that this could be held at Gartloch Mental Hospital.

Report on submission of Memorandum and the giving of oral evidence to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce.—Dr. A. M. SHENKIN told the meeting briefly the results of the questionnaire and commented on the resulting structure of the Memorandum. He also spoke briefly about his visit to the Commission to give the oral evidence.

The Staff of the Child Guidance Department presented a most interesting case conference, which was followed by a keen clinical discussion.

Dr. WARDROP read a short memorandum prepared by the Child Psychiatry Committee on the present position and future requirements of the Child Psychiatric Service in Scotland.

This memorandum was sympathetically received by the Division. During the discussion which followed, it was the feeling of the Meeting that this memorandum should be linked with the recent memorandum on Maladjusted Children, prepared by a special sub-committee of the Child Psychiatry Section of the R.M.P.A., and that both these documents should be, in due course, submitted to the D.H.S. In the meantime the Secretary was instructed to communicate briefly to the D.H.S. the pressing need for extending this important Psychiatric Service in Scotland.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Gartloch Hospital on Friday, 27 March, 1953.

There were 36 members present. Apologies for absence were received from 12 members.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Election of Office Bearers for ensuing year:

Chairman: Dr. W. Boyd.
Secretary: Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt.
Assistant Secretary: Dr. G. M. Bell.
Representative on Council: Dr. J. F. McHarg.

2A. *Election of Committee of Management:* Drs. W. Boyd, E. J. C. Hewitt, G. M. Bell, J. F. McHarg, Office Bearers. Drs. M. Methven, J. C. B. Sym, P. K. McCowan, K. R. H. Wardrop, W. Mayer-Gross, A. C. Tait, K. Fraser, R. Bailey, R. M. Stewart, M. M. Whittet, Chairmen and Secretaries of Committees. Prof. M. Millar, Dr. J. H. MacDonald, re-elected.

3. *Election of Ordinary Member:*

ROGERS, WALTER JAMES BLACHFORD, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Psychiatrist, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.
Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, W. Mayer-Gross and James Harper.

4. *Report from Committee of Management: Committee Meetings:*—

(1) *Mental Deficiency:* No meeting held.

(2) *Forensic Psychiatry:* 11 a.m. Short meeting. Discussion on medico-legal

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aspect of complications which might arise following the giving of certain drugs before E.C.T. Unless a qualified anaesthetist was present to deal with emergencies there might be grounds for legal action if a fatality took place.

(3) *Research and Clinical:* 11 a.m. A good attendance heard two interesting and provocative papers on various aspects of Geriatrics, by Dr. SHENKIN and Dr. O'CONNELL. A lively discussion followed.

(4) *Papers and Discussions:* 12 noon. Subjects for papers, etc., were discussed and it was satisfactory to note that there was plenty of material available for the ensuing year. The Summer Meeting would be largely clinical.

(5) *Child Psychiatry:* 11.30 a.m. A long, well-attended meeting which discussed at length the recent Memorandum on Child Psychiatric Services in Scotland. Attention was also given to a request from the Adoption of Children Committee that the Scottish Division might wish to submit a Memorandum.

5. *Report from Central Consultants and Specialists Committee.*—The SECRETARY reported briefly on the discussion and action taken as a result of the majority vote against the recent D.H.S. proposals for the introduction of a new consultant grade. The C.C. & S. Committee had asked the Medical Establishments Sub-Committee to make recommendations for the amendment of the present structure of hospital medical establishments. The D.H.S. was being pressed to carry out the review of S.H.M.O.'s in Scotland.

6. *Training and Examination in Psychiatry in Scotland.*—Professor MALCOLM MILLAR gave a clear and encouraging report on recent developments. He, with Professor Ferguson Rodger and Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor, had recently met representatives of the Scottish Royal Corporations in Edinburgh. A full and friendly discussion had taken place. It was made clear by the representatives of the Corporations that they would not agree to any lowering in the standard of the examination. It was finally agreed that Sir David Henderson's views must be obtained as to the position of Edinburgh University. Subsequently, he and Professor Ferguson Rodger had a general discussion with their teaching colleagues in London. The general idea of a Scottish D.P.M. had been sympathetically received. Further points in the discussion had been that there were likely to be new regulations shortly for the English Conjoint D.P.M., and these would probably make some of the pre-examination conditions easier. There was a hint that consideration might be given some-time to setting up a National Examination, and a further suggestion envisaged an interchange of examiners between England and Scotland. Following Professor Millar's résumé a general discussion ensued. All members were pleased that such good initial progress had been made, and the Secretary was asked to arrange a further meeting with representatives of the Scottish Corporations.

7. *Scottish Central Medical Recruitment Committee—Psychiatric Representation.*—Dr. P. G. MCGRATH spoke on the need for the above. This matter had been raised by the Western Region Psychiatrists. The SECRETARY confirmed the present position and discussion followed. The CHAIRMAN indicated that this matter could be dealt with by the existing Joint-Committee recently set up by the R.M.P.A. and B.M.A. to study medical establishments in mental hospitals and associated institutions—to which he was the Scottish representative. After discussion and vote, it was decided, by a very narrow majority, that the Secretary should forward a letter to the Secretary B.M.A. (Scotland) asking for consideration to be given to the question of having psychiatric representation on the Central Medical Recruitment Committee.

8. *Memorandum from Scottish Division on the Journal of Mental Science.*—The Secretary read a letter recently received from the Hon. Gen. Secretary in reply to the above Memorandum. This stated that the Council proposed to increase the Editorial Committee by the appointment of a total of 7 members. The additional 4 members would be nominated by the Nominations Committee at the May Meeting.

9. *Child Psychiatry.*—Dr. MARGARET METHVEN addressed the Meeting and gave a résumé of the meeting of her Committee held in the morning. The SECRETARY read the recent Memorandum prepared and, after some discussion, the Meeting unanimously agreed that this document should be forwarded at once to the Secretary of State, together with a suggestion that the Division would welcome an opportunity to support the recommendations made by a personal deputation. The Meeting further agreed that if such an opportunity was granted, the following members

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would represent the Division: Professor Malcom Millar, Dr. W. Boyd, Dr. M. Methven and Dr. W. Blachford Rogers. Consideration was given to a request from the recently set up Committee on the Adoption of Children, under the Chairmanship of Sir Gerald Hurst, Q.C., that the Scottish Division of the R.M.P.A. might wish to present a memorandum and thereafter be prepared to give oral evidence, if this was called for. After discussion, the meeting unanimously agreed that a memorandum should be prepared by the Child Psychiatry Committee and be submitted as soon as possible. It was realized that the Division might well not have an opportunity to see this prior to submission, but powers were given to the Committee and Chairman to authorize this on behalf of the Division, the Memorandum to be submitted at the next Divisional Meeting.

10. *Any other business.*—The Secretary read a letter recently received from Dr. Isabel Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the Study Tours Sub-Committee, intimating that a Study Tour of England would be arranged during September. This would be inexpensive, and any members wishing to participate might write to Dr. Wilson.

The next Divisional Meeting, on Friday, 19 June, 1953, would be held at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness, and it was hoped to make this largely clinical.

The paper by Dr. Adam Milne had to be cancelled owing to Dr. Milne's indisposition.

Members were most generously received by Dr. R. Stewart, and thanks to his excellent organization and bountiful hospitality the Spring Meeting was most successful. Members will wish to thank Dr. Stewart, his Board of Management and his staff for their kindness and hospitality.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, on Thursday, 16 October, 1952, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. I. Atkin, Physician Superintendent.

1. *Minutes.*—The Minutes of the last meeting, which had already been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

The HONORARY DIVISIONAL SECRETARY said that the Division's Resolution on the Staffing of Mental Hospitals had been carefully considered by the Council of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association at their Meeting in May, 1952, and that, as the result, it had been decided by the Council to transmit their views on the matter to the British Medical Association. The outcome of this had been that the British Medical Association had suggested the setting-up of a Joint Committee, composed of members of the Psychological Medicine Group of the British Medical Association, and members from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. The Royal Medico-Psychological Association, at their July Meeting, had appointed Drs. R. W. Armstrong, William Boyd, R. G. McInnes and G. M. Woddis to serve on this Committee. The Committee had not yet met.

2. Twenty-two members and one guest were present.

Apologies for absence were received from nine members.

3. The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that the Divisional Committee of Management had met before lunch. They had not received any nominations for the vacancies on the Committee of Management, and they therefore put forward as their own nominations the names of Dr. I. Atkin, Dr. W. E. W. Bridger and Colonel J. T. Robinson to fill the vacancies on the Committee.

The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that he had received through the General Secretary of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association an invitation from Dr. Elizabeth Casson, O.B.E., for the Division to hold a meeting at the Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy, which is now situated in Oxford. The Divisional Committee of Management had considered this invitation and recommended that it be gratefully accepted, with a suggestion that the Spring Meeting next year might be held at the Dorset House School.

The report of the Divisional Committee of Management was accepted, and the recommendations agreed.

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