The Divisional Representative on Council reported on the further progress that had been made towards the formation of a College.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

BEAUMONT, GEORGE, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.(Obst.)R.C.O.G., D.C.H., General Practitioner; Medical Adviser, Geigy (U.K.) Ltd., 11 Dorchester Road, Hazel Grove, nr. Stockport, Cheshire.
Proposed by Drs. E. H. Kitching, W. I. N. Kessel, C. S. MELLOR.

BENSA, ROBERT GUY ROMERIL, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.
Proposed by Drs. S. Lucas, J. C. Barker, F. Kane.

BROOKS, JOHN HAMILTON, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. N. J. de Ville Mather, G. G. Hay, M. J. MacCulloch.

BYRON, ALAN JOHN, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Lancaster Moor Hospital; 15 Daisy Bank, Lancaster.
Proposed by Drs. S. Smith, J. R. Theobalds, D. L. Aspinall.

CHOUDHURI, AJIT KUMAR, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Registrar, De La Pole Hospital, Willerby, Hull.
Proposed by Drs. H. Ellett-Brown, I. C. Church, J. A. R. Bickford.

DUNLEABY, DESMOND LEO FRANCIS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Registrar, Walton Hospital, Liverpool, 9.
Proposed by Drs. J. T. Rose, E. M. Bell, C. Maxwell.

ENTWISLE, MICHAEL, M.B., B.S., D.(Obst.)R.C.O.G., Assistant in Psychiatry, Glenfrith Hospital, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. A. A. Valentine, S. Reid, N. Kaye.

HALLAS MARGARET, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, St. James's Hospital, Leeds.
Proposed by Drs. S. M. Leese, J. M. Roberts, J. R. Burgess.

JOHNSON, DONALD ARTHUR WHEATLEY, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Registrar, Springfield Hospital, Manchester.
Proposed by Drs. H. L. Freeman, J. C. Devlin, M. C. Ingham.

KEEVIL, GWENDOLINE MARY ELSIE, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.P.M., Registrar, Cheadle Royal Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire.
Proposed by Drs. E. Howarth, W. V. Wadsworth, M. B. Edwards.

SPENCER, ELSPETH CATTO, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Registrar, Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Proposed by Drs. R. Orton, L. Marinovich, S. Brandon.

SWINSON, RICHARD PRICE, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Royal Southsea Hospital, Liverpool.
Proposed by Professor F. J. Fish, Drs. I. Leveson, G. Hopkinson.

TERRY, HAROLD, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Lincoln.
Proposed by Drs. H. Hunter, M. S. M. Rayner, W. A. S. Falla.

PAPERS

Two papers were read at the morning session and two more in the afternoon. All these papers stimulated keen and full discussion. The following is a summary:

"Factors associated with the Onset of Neurosis in Old Age" by DR. D. W. KAY.

This work is based on interviews with a random sample of elderly people living in their own homes. The frequency of various kinds of neuroses in old age are described and the results of a study of their association with various medical and social factors discussed.

"Clinico-Pathological Correlations in the Psychoses of Old Age" by DR. G. BLESSED.

Pathological findings in 40 patients are described and compared with the clinical findings during life. A comparison is made with a control group of similar age. The relevance of the findings in the diagnosis of dementia in old age is discussed.

"Psychometric Assessment of the Aged: Some Recent Advances in Cognitive and Personality Measurement" by DR. R. D. SAVAGE.

This paper will discuss some recent research work on cognitive and personality assessment in the aged with special reference to their clinical use. It will include advances in techniques to measure intellectual deterioration, personality deviation, verbal learning and generalized brain damage, as well as cognitive state and mental health screening in the community aged.

"Psychogeriatrics: A Community Problem" by DR. P. MORGAN.

Methods of overcoming the problems of integrating the hospital and local authority services are discussed. Attention is drawn to the importance of recruiting and training social workers. The uses and limitations of sheltered accommodation and day centres are considered.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Hartwood Hospital on 2 December, 1966.

The following business was transacted:

Membership of Regional Hospital Boards. It was decided to put forward the names of Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart for the North-Eastern Regional Board, Dr.

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M. M. Whittet for the Northern Regional Board and Dr. A. K. M. Macrae for the South-Eastern Regional Board. Dr. A. P. Russell is at present a member of the Western Regional Hospital Board.

Report from the Committee of Management.

Request from the Education Committee of the R.M.P.A. It was reported that the Education Committee of the Association had been considering the use of the Medical Assistant Grade and had asked the Division to supply information mainly of a factual nature concerning the employment of Medical Assistants in Scotland. The Secretary reported that he had written to the S.A.M.O.s of Regional Boards in Scotland asking how many Medical Assistant posts in Psychiatry were in the Region and whether there was any difficulty in filling the posts. The S.A.M.O.s were also asked whether they would regard Medical Assistant posts as training posts and as a possible step towards a Consultant post. When the information was available it would be forwarded to the Education Committee. There followed a brief discussion on the Medical Assistant Grade, in which it became clear that many members were unhappy about this grade and particularly critical of the name itself.

Mental Deficiency. It was reported that the Mental Deficiency Section were concerned that there was no Consultant in Mental Deficiency on the National Panel of Specialists and that therefore the National Panel Representatives on appointments committees for consultant posts in Mental Deficiency were drawn from the field of general Psychiatry. This matter had been raised with the Home and Health Department on a previous occasion, but it was agreed that further representation should be made.

Child Psychiatry. Dr. Philip Barker had drawn attention to the fact that in the Home and Health Department's allocation of Senior Registrar posts to the Regions the allocation was a total one for Senior Registrar posts in Psychiatry and did not separately identify how many Senior Registrar posts there should be in e.g. Child Psychiatry and Mental Deficiency. Regional Boards had no means of knowing how many training posts there should be in Child Psychiatry to fill future consultant vacancies and it would therefore be more appropriate for the Department, who presumably had this knowledge, to identify these posts. After discussion it was agreed to ask the Home and Health Department when making their allocation of Senior Registrar posts in Psychiatry for each Region to identify the number of such posts for Child Psychiatry, Mental Deficiency and Forensic Psychiatry.

Geriatric Patients. It was reported that the Chief Medical Officer had indicated that he would be interested in holding a joint meeting at St. Andrew's House between representatives of the R.M.P.A., the Scottish Society of Geriatricians and himself. This had been discussed in the Committee of Management and it was felt that the Division was probably not clear on their policy with regard to geriatric beds and that before having such a meeting with the C.M.O. they should have a discussion in the Division on the arrangements for treatment in the elderly. It was agreed that this would be a suitable subject for the March Meeting.

Memorandum on the Care of Handicapped Children. This Memorandum was prepared by the Child Psychiatry Section and was introduced by Dr. Isabel Sutherland. With minor amendments it was agreed. It was to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee on the Care of Handicapped Children. If the Division were asked to give oral evidence it was recommended that the Chairman and Secretary of the Child Psychiatry Section, the Secretary of the Mental Deficiency Section and the Chairman and Secretary of the Division should form the delegation.

Memorandum on Epilepsy. This Memorandum, which had been prepared by an *ad hoc* committee, was approved and it was agreed that it should be forwarded to the Standing Medical Advisory Committee's Sub-Committee on Epilepsy.

Memorandum on the Farquharson-Lang Report. This Memorandum was discussed at some length and various amendments were accepted. The Memorandum was then transmitted to the Secretary of the Scottish Home and Health Department.

Memorandum on the Requirements for Residential Care of Mentally Disturbed Adolescent Delinquents. This Memorandum, which was prepared by the Forensic Psychiatry Section, was introduced by Dr. K. H. R. Wardrop. It was accepted by the Division and was to be forwarded to the Scottish Home and Health Department and to the Standing Medical Advisory Committee's Sub-Committee on Forensic Psychiatry.

Working Party on Suggestions and Complaints in Hospitals. A Working Party on Suggestions and Complaints in Hospitals had been set up by the Department under the Chairman of Mr. Elliott-Binns. The Working Party had asked the Division for its views, and the Secretary had written to Physician Superintendents and Consultants in general hospital units asking for their comments. There had been a very good response from members in this way and it appeared that many hospitals had a pamphlet which was given to patients and their relatives when they were admitted and that these pamphlets contained information on how

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complaints and suggestions could be channelled. In many hospitals also there were regular ward meetings which provided an excellent opportunity for patients to make suggestions and raise complaints. It was felt that the administration of most mental hospitals was such as to encourage a free flow of communications and that complaints and suggestions were quite freely made. It was also pointed out that to have too firm an apparatus for dealing with complaints and suggestions would be disturbing to some patients. The Secretary was instructed to report to the Working Party incorporating these views and pointing out the statutory functions of the Mental Welfare Commission.

Social Work and the Community. The Scottish Home and Health Department had invited the Division to make comments on the White Paper on Social Work and the Community. They had requested that these comments be given by 31 January, 1967. It was agreed that the Committee of Management should meet in January in order to draw up a Memorandum which should be submitted to the Department, but that it could not be submitted to the Department until it had been approved by the Division at the March Meeting.

Papers

In the morning Dr. M. J. Harfst presented a paper on a trial of 'Heminevrin'. Considerable interest was expressed not only in the content of the paper but in the methodology of the trial.

Dr. R. N. Antebi read a paper on **"Absconders"** which was part of a study he had carried out while in Birmingham. This paper also stimulated a very lively active discussion. The Division is grateful to both speakers for presenting such interesting papers.

The Division would wish to thank Dr. Dymock and his Board of Management for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and for the kind hospitality provided.

The next meeting was fixed for Friday, 10 March, 1967 in Edinburgh.

IRISH DIVISION

The Spring Meeting of the Irish Division was held on 4 March, 1967, by kind invitation of the Reverend Mother and Dr. P. Pearse O'Malley, at the Mater Hospital, Belfast.

Members lunched at the Midland Hotel, by invitation of Rev. Mother Superior.

The meeting was held in the Nurses Training School attached to the Mater Hospital.

Dr. P. Pearse O'Malley read a paper entitled **"Impotence: a Clinical Study"**. He discussed a series of 25 cases referred to him from local marriage guidance clinics, and gave the case history and diagnosis. Most of the cases were anxiety states and some depressives, and a few paranoid schizophrenics. When the underlying psychiatric condition was treated the impotence usually improved.

Mr. Gilligan, a surgeon, gave the organic causes which came his way for treatment, and said that in every case he took a careful history and complete blood and urine test, and did urethroscopy. He discussed cases occurring after pelvic injury and mentioned the medico legal complications.

The papers were discussed by Drs. Glass, Moore, McGrath, Bradley, Whiteley, D. Eustace and Professor Gibson.

At the Business Meeting which followed, it was reported that only four nominations had been received for the Divisional Committee of Management, and these members, Dr. S. D. McGrath, Dr. D. J. Bradley, Dr. Hugh Gath and Dr. J. J. Meenan, were unanimously elected.

The Northern Ireland members were asked to forward two names who would be co-opted at next meeting.

Dr. M. Heffernan gave a report on the Sub-Committee meeting with the Irish Medical Association to discuss the prescribing of drugs.

The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, 10 June, 1967, at St. Davnet's Hospital, Monaghan.

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