their comments and suggestions and that the matter be further discussed at the Autumn Meeting.

It was pointed out that membership lists of Sections were vague and incomplete, and it was suggested that all Scottish Members be given an opportunity of restating their desires *re* membership of various Sections in order to bring membership rolls up to date.

The Committee of Management had considered a memorandum on the Kilbrandon Report which had been prepared by a special Sub-Committee, and decided that this should be circulated to all members in time for discussion at the Autumn Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, 1 October, 1965 at Lochgilphead.

On Friday, 18 June, Members were given an opportunity of visiting the Psychiatric Units in and around Aberdeen—Kingseat Hospital, Ross Clinic, Royal Cornhill Hospital, the Children's Hospital, and Wellwood Unit, Woodlands Home. In the evening a most successful dinner was held in the Recreation Hall at Kingseat. On the morning of Saturday, 19 June, three papers were given.

Dr. James G. Henderson gave a paper on **"Psychiatric Symptomatology and Vitamin B12"** including the result of a pilot study and the design of a more elaborate assessment of admissions for a period of one year. Dr. Henderson's paper provoked considerable discussion and stimulated much interest in the question of Vitamin B12 deficiency states.

Dr. Cecil B. Kidd read a paper on **"Old People in Mental Hospitals in the North-East Region"**, in which he gave an analysis of the patients over 65 in all the mental hospitals in the area, together with information about their background and detailed information about their physical and mental states.

Dr. John H. Evans, B.Sc., gave a very stimulating paper on **"Computer Techniques in Psychiatry"**.

The Division will wish to thank the Board of Management for the Aberdeen Hospitals and Dr. Ronald A. Y. Stewart for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality which had been shown to the Division.

IRISH DIVISION

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held on Saturday, 29 May, 1965, on kind invitation of Dr. N. B. O'Higgins, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Limerick.

The members were most hospitably received to lunch at the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, on the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. O'Higgins.

Dr. Berrington read a Paper entitled **"Re-Socialization and Repairing the Damage"**.

Dr. Berrington traced the history of industrial therapy in mental hospitals in England, and said that it was a very slow process. He recommended a sheltered life outside hospital for long term patients, with remunerative work. There were three stages in re-socialization: (1) Structural; (2) Sociological; (3) Extension into Community. Hostels were the ideal solution, where patients resided and went out working in various industries.

Dr. Berrington reported on progress of the hostel system in Northern Ireland. The first hostel had 10 beds, and there were now 9 hostels with 70 beds in Northern Ireland.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Connor, Hill, Moran, O'Higgins, Power and Blake.

A motion was proposed by Dr. O'Higgins and seconded by Dr. Moore, that the Secretary should write to Dr. Peter Irwin thanking him for his good wishes, and expressing the members' appreciation for the work he had done for the Irish Division. This was carried unanimously.

The next meeting was fixed for The Royal College of Physicians, at a date to be arranged later.

After the meeting the members were entertained to tea by Mrs. O'Higgins, at "Elmhurst".

MENTAL DEFICIENCY SECTION

The Annual General Meeting of the Mental Deficiency Section was held at Rampton Hospital on Thursday, 29 April, 1965, by kind permission of the Ministry of Health and Dr. D. R. K. Street, Medical Superintendent.

Members were taken on a conducted tour of the hospital and much interest was shown in the wide range of skills taught. After lunch the business meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. McCoull, who announced the resignation of the

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