COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

Professor W. M. Millar, Dr. T. A. Munro, Dr. A. P. Russell, Dr. K. R. H. Wardrop, Dr. Angus MacNiven, Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt, Dr. J. Owens.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR SECTIONS

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Forensic Psychiatry Section:	Dr. P. K. McCowan.
Secretary, Forensic Psychiatry Section:	Dr. H. Stalker.
Chairman, Papers and Discussions Section:	Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.
Secretary, Papers and Discussions Section:	Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor.
Chairman, Research and Clinical Section:	
Secretary, Research and Clinical Section:	Dr. J. F. McHarg.
Chairman, Child Psychiatry Section:	Dr. F. H. Stone.
Secretary, Child Psychiatry Section:	Dr. J. D. Haldane.
Chairman, Mental Deficiency Section:	Dr. J. R. Bailey.
Secretary, Mental Deficiency Section:	Dr. H. S. Ross.

Report from Committee of Management. It was reported that in the forenoon the Sections had met. Dr. A. L. Goodall read a Paper on the **"Health and Personality of King James VI"** to the History Sub-Section, and Dr. G. C. Timbury read a Paper on **"The Psychiatric Aspects of Thyroid Disease"** to the Research and Clinical Sub-Section. These Papers were stimulating and enjoyable.

It was mentioned that a possible Training Scheme for nurses in Mental Deficiency would be the subject of a Memorandum for the Mental Deficiency Section.

The Chairman, Professor Millar, referred to the proceedings of the Association's Committee on the possible formation of a College of Psychiatry and mentioned the various tentative proposals. The Division felt, however, that they should not express a definite opinion at this stage until the advantages and disadvantages were presented to them in a more detailed way and a longer time was given for consideration.

The next Meeting was fixed for June at a place and date to be arranged later.

Dr. Angus MacNiven raised the point that the Committee of Management Meeting might be held earlier in the day and it was agreed to consider this matter further, as also his further suggestion that there should be a levy from Members of the Scottish Division to facilitate travelling to Meetings in London for representatives of the Division.

Dr. Betty E. A. Magill read an interesting Paper on **"The Work of the Adolescent Unit in Bangour Hospital"** which was very well received.

All the Members who were present will wish to record their appreciation to Dr. Macrae and his staff, as well as his Board of Management for the excellent arrangements and the generous hospitality the Division received on the occasion of this meeting.

IRISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 16 November, 1960, at the I.M.A. House, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin. Twenty-three members and five visitors were present.

Dr. O'Higgins took the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Dr. Bowers, who is training in Psychiatry in Canada, read a paper on **"The Psychiatric Approach to Criminology"** which was discussed by Drs. O'Higgins and McLoughlin.

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The Criminal Justice Bill was discussed by Dr. Glass and Dr. O'Connor, and Professor Dunne's written comments were read to the Meeting.

The following candidate was elected:

WHITELEY, ROGER WILLIAM, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, St. Luke's Hospital, Armagh, N. Ireland.

Proposed by Drs. J. A. S. Mulligan, A. S. Clenaghan, Mary Sullivan.

It was decided to put the new Syllabus for Nurses on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Irish Division was held on 8 May, 1961, at Verville Retreat, Clontarf, Dublin, on the kind invitation of Dr. Mary Sullivan.

Forty-one members were present, including the President of the Association, Dr. Alexander Walk, and there were also five guests.

In the morning a Golf Competition for the Boileau and Boyd Cup was held at the Sutton Golf Club, and this was won by Dr. J. D. Sullivan.

Members were most hospitably entertained to lunch by Dr. Mary Sullivan. The Chairman of the Division, Dr. O'Higgins, proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Dr. A. Walk.

In accordance with the By-Laws, Dr. Walk was invited to take the Chair at the meeting. Dr. Walk conveyed to the meeting the fraternal greetings of the Divisions in Great Britain, and his interest in the subject to be discussed that afternoon. He then handed over the Chair to Dr. O'Higgins.

Dr. S. D. McGrath read an interesting paper on **"The Ganser Syndrome".** Ganser's original description in 1897 had not been bettered since. The incidence of the syndrome was not easy to ascertain. Ganser himself reported on twenty cases between 1897 and 1902. Few cases were noted until 1941, when several were described in men trying to escape military service.

Dr. McGrath discussed the relationship of the syndrome to simulation and to psychosis. He described a case he had himself investigated—the symptoms followed head injury in a labourer aged 28. He gave details of his investigation and findings, particularly of the results of psychological testing at difficult stages of the illness.

The paper was discussed by Professor Dunne and Drs. Robinson, McEvoy, Crotty, Eustace, McKenna and McCollum.

A discussion on the new Mental Nursing syllabus of the Irish Nursing Council was opened by Dr. B. M. Ramsay, who explained how the syllabus was based on the recommendations published by W.H.O. in 1956

The syllabus was criticized by Dr. O'Higgins and Dr. O'Brien, and was supported by Professor Dunne.

Dr. Walk described the circumstances which had led to the introduction of the 1957 "experimental" syllabus of the English General Nursing Council, with the full support of the R.M.P.A. The syllabus had been devised as one specially adapted to the needs of the mental nurse and not tied to the syllabus in general nursing. The first year course had deliberately been kept on an elementary level. The syllabus had been well received and the first results were encouraging.

Drs. Shea, Moran and Hegarty also spoke.

Further consideration was given to the Minister of Health's withdrawal of members' privileges. It was agreed, on the motion of Professor Dunne, seconded by Dr. Hegarty, that the Minister should be asked to receive a Deputation from the Division.

After the meeting, members were further entertained to tea at Verville Retreat, and in the evening dined together at the Gresham Hotel.

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