Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section

An all-day meeting was held at the Cassel Hospital, and during the day the following papers were read:

"The Problem of Hospitalization of Neurosis"
By Dr. T. F. Main.

"The Nursing of Neurotic Patients"
By Miss Weddell (Matron of the Cassel Hospital).

"The Significance of the Hospital Setting in Group Psychotherapy"
By Dr. Norman Cohen.

"Migraine and Depression"
By Dr. L. H. Rubinstein.

Members were given an opportunity to tour the hospital, and at the kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Physician Superintendent they were entertained to luncheon, tea and aperitifs.

Mental Deficiency Section

Members of this Section were given an opportunity of hearing the papers on Mental Deficiency which were included in the morning programme of the Research and Clinical Section, and afterwards they visited St. Lawrence's Hospital, Caterham, at the kind invitation of the Management Committee and the Physician Superintendent. After luncheon, and inspection of the hospital, the following paper was given:

"Statistical Trends in Mental Deficiency Hospital Practice"
By Dr. B. W. Richards,

and this was followed by tea.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

The Spring Meeting of the Scottish Division was held at Gartloch Mental Hospital, Gartcosh, on Friday, 30 March, 1956.

Forty-three Members were present.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

2. *Election of Office Bearers:*

The following Office Bearers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt.

Hon. Divisional Secretary: Dr. G. M. Bell.

Assistant Hon. Divisional Secretary: Dr. M. M. Whittet.

Junior Representative on Council: Dr. Alan C. Tait.

It was pointed out by the Secretary that Dr. McHarg was ineligible for re-election and the Division agreed in the special circumstances that Dr. Tait's name be approved without the normal preliminaries.

Election of Committee of Management. In addition to the election of the Chairmen and Secretaries of Sub-Committees, Dr. H. B. Craigie, Dr. H. I. Clapham and Dr. James MacPherson were elected members of the Committee of Management.

3. *Election of Ordinary Members.*

The following were unanimously elected:

Gray, Sarah Kirkpatrick Ruth, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, Elizabeth Robertson, Betty Magill.

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RATCLIFF, RAYMOND ALFRED WILLIAM, M.R.C.P.Ed., Registrar, Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, Elizabeth Robertson, P. G. Aungle.

4. Dr. Hewitt intimated that he wished to resign from the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee and the names of Dr. Whittet and Dr. Baillie were put forward.

The Meeting approved of these appointments.

5. *Sub-Committees.*

Meetings were held by the Forensic Psychiatry, Papers and Discussions, and Research and Clinical Sub-Committees. Dr. Alan A. McDougall delivered a very interesting Paper on the **"Treatment of Addiction"**, to the Research and Clinical Sub-Committee.

6. It was intimated that the next Divisional Meeting would be held on Friday, 15 June, 1956 at Crichton Royal, Dumfries, by kind invitation of Dr. P. K. McCowan and the Crichton Royal Board of Management.

7. Dr. H. B. Craigie opened a discussion on the White Paper "The Law Relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency in Scotland. Proposals for Amendment". Many Members took part in the discussion and a number of interesting points were raised. The Meeting agreed to remit to the Committee of Management for further consideration of the points involved, and gave them powers to co-opt additional Members, if necessary, for this purpose. The Committee will report back to the Division later.

Members attending the Meeting will wish to record their grateful appreciation of the kind hospitality and excellent arrangements made by Dr. James W. Macpherson, Physician Superintendent, and the Gartloch Hospital Board of Management.

THE SUMMER MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH DIVISION was held at Crichton Royal, Dumfries, on Friday, 15 June, 1956.

Thirty-four members were present, and apologies for absence were received from 12 members.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

It was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Dr. Matthew Fyfe, who had the honour of *C.B.E.*, conferred upon him.

It was announced that Dr. George M. Bell had been obliged to tender his resignation as Hon. Divisional Secretary. His resignation was accepted with regret, and the Secretary was instructed to send him a letter conveying appreciation of his services to the Division.

The Meeting elected Dr. Martin M. Whittet as Secretary, and Dr. Allan C. Tait as Assistant Secretary.

The following were unanimously elected members of the Association:

CHAMBERS, HELEN HEGGIE, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatrist, Lansdowne Clinic for Functional Nervous Diseases, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. D. Yellowlees, D. Gilmour, and A. MacNiven.

HENDERSON, JOHN HOPE, M.B., Ch.B., Staff of British Military Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya. (National Service.)

Proposed by Dr. J. G. Henderson, Prof. W. M. Millar and Dr. J. K. W. Morrice.

MATHESON, KENNETH WILLIAM, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H., Medical Officer for Mental Services, Public Health Department, City of Edinburgh.

Proposed by Prof. A. Kennedy, Drs. J. O'Neill and F. J. Fish.

Report from the Committee of Management. The Secretary reported that apart from matters already raised, the main issue was the consideration of the Question-

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naire on the White Paper. Completed Questionnaires were received from a number of Members, but he hoped to have a further response.

It was decided to call a special Meeting of the Committee of Management to discuss the results.

The Secretary said that in view of his commitments, he would ask that another representative of the Division be appointed to the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, and Dr. Angus McNiven was unanimously appointed.

Forensic Psychiatry Sub-Committee. Dr. Shenkin opened an interesting and important discussion on the Report of the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce.

Papers and Discussion Sub-Committee. This Section held a short business meeting.

It was intimated that it was hoped that the next Divisional Meeting would be held at the Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose, and the date was fixed for Friday, 5 October, 1956.

Dr. McAdam gave a very valuable Paper on **"The Electroencephalogram, Personality and Disease"**. It was followed by a lively discussion.

Members attending the Meeting will wish to record their grateful appreciation of the kind hospitality and excellent arrangements made by Dr. P. K. McCowan, Physician Superintendent, and the Crichton Royal Board of Management.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Division was held at Rainhill Hospital, near Liverpool, on Tuesday, 10 April, 1956, by kind permission of Dr. B. Finkleman, Physician Superintendent, and Management Committee.

Before lunch Members toured the Hospital. The patients' Library was most impressive and the active Neuro-Psychiatric Unit was of great interest to many members.

At lunch the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee welcomed Members and the Divisional Chairman thanked him for his hospitality on behalf of the Division.

At the meeting, Dr. McCoull took the chair. Thirty Members were present and apologies were received from 44 Members.

Various items of business were dealt with, including the election of the Officers and Divisional Committee of Management for the ensuing year, as follows:

Chairman: Dr. G. McCoull.

Hon. Secretary: Dr. G. M. Woddis.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: Dr. E. U. H. Pentreath.

Junior Representative on Council: Dr. H. B. Kidd.

Members of Committee: Drs. T. W. Davidson, B. Finkleman, W. V. Wadsworth, J. V. Donovan.

The following Candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

HAMILTON, MAX, M.D., D.P.M., Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, University of Leeds.

Proposed by Professor G. R. Hargreaves, Drs. J. M. Roberts, Agnes D. Collins.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar in Psychiatry, St. George's Hospital, Stafford.

Proposed by Drs. T. Egan, H. M. Flanagan, C. M. Ross.

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