by commending the idea of charity, and said that if he had to choose between charity and science he would inevitably choose charity. In the course of his lecture he showed how charity and science might be linked to provide something better than either alone, and showing the necessity for this union in order to develop fully the psychiatric resources at our disposal. Dr. DUNNE proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, commenting on his eloquence and the wisdom of his remarks. This motion was seconded in similar terms by Dr. HONAN. Dr. MOORE and Dr. MORAN also spoke.

The Division was then most hospitably entertained to Lunch by the Hospital.

At the conclusion of Lunch Dr. KEARNEY read a message from Dr. Noel Browne, Minister for Health, first of all apologizing for his unavoidable absence due to illness.

A vote of thanks to the Brothers of St. John of God for their Hospitality and the success of the Congress was proposed by Dr. DUNNE and seconded by Dr. MORAN.

The Business Meeting of the Association was held after Lunch. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Apologies were read from Drs. Weir, Allison, K. K. Drury (General Secretary), Glancey and O'Malley.

The following Officers were nominated, proposed, seconded and elected :

Chairman : Dr. B. F. HONAN.

Secretary : Dr. J. N. P. MOORE.

Junior Representative on Council : Dr. H. J. EUSTACE.

After a ballot the following was elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

WALSH, MAIRE M., M.B., D.P.M., The Botanic Gardens, Dublin.

Proposed by Drs. Mary Sullivan, F. McLaughlin and J. N. P. Moore.

Dr. HONAN kindly invited the Division to hold the Summer Meeting in Cork on Wednesday, 19 July. The invitation was unanimously accepted. It was agreeed that the Meeting should be at least one, and possibly, two days, and that the arrangements for it should be left to the Chairman and Secretary.

The SECRETARY suggested that owing to the increased cost of printing, only one notice should be sent to the members for each Meeting. After discussion this proposal was agreed to. Dr. O'SULLIVAN of Killarney kindly agreed to have the notices printed at his Hospital in future for a nominal sum.

The formation of a National Association for Mental Health was then discusssed. It was finally proposed, seconded and agreed that the members of the Preparatory Commission for the Mental Health Congress, held in London, 1948, should act as a nucleus and draw up plans for the formation of the new Association.

The Meeting then adjourned and the Division went to visit St. Augustine's Colony, Blackrock. Here papers were read by Drs. P. F. O'BRIEN and A. J. DEVLIN on **" Mental Deficiency and St. Augustine's "** and on **" Experiences in a Dublin Child Guidance Clinic,"** by Drs. M. M. WALSH and MARY P. MULVANY.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

ABSTRACT of Minutes of a Meeting of the Scottish Division held at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on Friday, 27 January, 1950, at 3 p.m.

THIRTY MEMBERS were present and apologies for absence were received from 10 members.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association :

BUCHANAN, ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., Assistant Medical Officer, Hartwood Mental Hospital ; 18, Hartwood Road, Hartwood, Lanarkshire.

Proposed by Drs. W. N. J. Chapman, R. Good and J. McComb.

RORIE, RONALD ARTHUR BAXTER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Eastern Regional Hospital Board ; 61, Clepington Road, Dundee.

Proposed by Drs. J. D. Uytman, J. W. Macpherson and J. McDougall.

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STEWART, RONALD ALEXANDER YOUNG, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.G., 136, Wilton Street, Glasgow, N.W.

Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, E. Cruickshank and M. M. Whittet.

It was reported that Dr. Wm. McAlister had accepted an invitation to serve on the Scottish Health Services Council in the place of Sir David Henderson who was retiring.

The Meeting approved, after lengthy discussion, to the setting up of an *ad hoc* Committee to help the Scottish Sub-Committee who were advising on Distinction Awards. This *ad hoc* Committee being composed of Drs. P. K. McCowan (Convener), Kate Fraser, A. Dick, H. B. Craigie and A. MacNiven.

Nominations were made for filling vacancies on Regional Hospital Boards.

ABSTRACT of Minutes of a Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, held at Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital on Thursday, 27 April, 1950, at 11.0 a.m.

Forty-three members were present, and 6 apologies for absence were recorded.

Officers were appointed for the ensuing year :

Chairman : Dr. P. K. McCOWAN.
Secretary : Dr. E. J. C. HEWITT.
Assistant Secretary : Dr. G. M. BELL.
Junior Representative on Council : Dr. A. M. SHENKIN.

Committee of Management was appointed :

Drs. P. K. McCOWAN, T. R. SPENCE, G. M. BELL, A. M. SHENKIN, J. H. MACDONALD, E. J. C. HEWITT and Professor M. MILLER.

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

LINDSAY, JESSIE McINTYRE, L.R.C.P. & S.E., L.R.F.P.S., House Physician, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. W. Mayer-Gross, Hunter Gillies and W. W. Roberts.

ROTH, MARTIN, M.D., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatrist, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, W. Mayer-Gross and Hunter Gillies.

SCLARE, ASTOR BALFOUR, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.M., Senior Psychiatric Registrar, Killearn Hospital, Stirlingshire.

Proposed by Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. D. Glendinning and H. I. Clapham.

A discussion took place on the following points :

Present position of the Scottish Division ; Conditions regarding the welfare of patients in Mental Hospitals, and the present conditions of service of Hospital Officers.

REPORT TO THE L.C.C. COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

The Royal Medico-Psychological Association was recently invited to prepare a memorandum for the London County Council Committee on Juvenile Delinquency.

The Sub-committee entrusted with the preparation of this memorandum consider that the Committee of the L.C.C. on Juvenile Delinquency may most profitably :

(*a*) Formulate the principles governing normal social development as generally accepted by the psychiatrist.

(*b*) Discuss the relationship between psychiatric ill-health and delinquency.

(*c*) Outline the part played by Child Guidance and Psychiatric Clinics in treating juvenile delinquency.

(*d*) Suggest how the problem may be more effectively met.

The R.M.P.A. therefore submit the following points :

In the child of normal endowment and potentiality the mature pattern of social behaviour depends upon the pattern of behaviour established in early family relationships.

Normal behaviour presupposes that the child in the home should have met firstly with *stable and secure affection.* This is a biological need without which he cannot develop normally. In its absence, relative or, rarely, complete, he will

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