to be better informed, smoother in its working, and more economical, the medical superintendents being willing to make decisions and accept responsibility. In the mental hospitals the Matron is usually in charge of both male and female sides, to give better nursing co-ordination. The mental hospitals we visited were advancing, if occasionally with a little canny hesitation. But above all it was the University Psychiatric Departments which struck us as far in advance of anything we had seen elsewhere. They are well integrated with the mental and mental deficiency hospitals, child guidance clinics, etc. The medical superintendents and other medical directors hold appointments as lecturers in the University, which in turn makes ample use of their facilities and clinical material for teaching. The senior academic staffs were distinguished by having had practical experience in the mental hospital field, and so they are well respected by their colleagues. Instruction is given, not only to undergraduates and postgraduates, but also to medical auxiliaries, ministers of religion, etc. Research is active and the professorial units specialize in the investigation of rare cases and the carrying out of difficult biochemical, pathological, or psychological work.

Finally, the boundless hospitality, both private and public, that we enjoyed from our hosts, made the tour a happy and easy one. We thank them all heartily and especially Professor Ferguson Rodger for suggesting this tour and the General Board of Control for Scotland for planning it and personally meeting and helping us throughout.

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Occupational Therapy (*London*).
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