The Meeting then proceeded to the Clinical Session and Dr. T. McCracken presented his communication entitled "Psychotherapy".

In a thoughtful paper Dr. McCracken outlined some of the fundamental problems of psychotherapy. He pointed out how much we can learn from the giants of the past —Déjerine, Freud, Jung, Adler, Stekel, Coué, Janet—and he felt that most of us nowadays, rather than accepting the teaching of any of these workers in its entirety, try to learn something from each.

Dr. McCracken gave his own reflections on the day to day problems of the psychotherapist as a result of his experience in dealing with the neuroses and the problems of child psychiatry. He dealt at some length with the intricacies of the transference situation and stressed the need for the therapist to have insight into his own psychological mechanisms.

The paper produced a lively discussion in which the following took part: Drs. Eustace, Moran, FitzGerald, McEvoy, O'Higgins, O'Brien, O'Sullivan, Dunne and Moore.

The Members were then entertained to tea.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH DIVISION was held at the Murray Royal Hospital, Perth, on Friday, 25 March, 1955.

Thirty-seven Members were present.

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

2. *Election of Office Bearers* for the ensuing year:

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

Secretary: Dr. G. M. Bell.

Assistant Secretary: Dr. M. M. Whittet.

Representative on Council: Dr. J. F. McHarg.

3. *Election of Committee of Management:*

The Secretary reminded the meeting that in past years the Committee of Management was composed of the Office Bearers and the Chairman and Secretaries of the five Committees or Sections—these all being ex-officio. The retiring Chairman and Drs. A. Milne and R. A. Y. Stewart were elected (or re-elected) last year and the latter two were eligible for re-election. The Meeting agreed unanimously that the Committee for the ensuing year be:

Professor Ferguson Rodger and Drs. E. J. C. Hewitt, G. M. Bell, M. M. Whittet, P. K. McCowan, M. Methven, Kate Fraser, H. Stalker, W. G. B. Roger, A. Tait, J. B. Methven, *ex-officio*; and Drs. H. B. Craigie, A. Milne, R. A. Y. Stewart, *elected.*

4. *Election of Ordinary Members:*

DEVLIN, MATTHEW, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., D.P.M., Deputy Physician Superintendent, Bellsdyke Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. A. P. Russell, R. A. Y. Stewart and E. J. C. Hewitt.

MUCHA, JEAN MURIEL, M.B., Ch.B., Fellow, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, James Harper and Allan Tait.

WILSON, WILLIAM DOUGLAS, M.B., Ch.B., House Officer, Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

Proposed by Drs. P. K. McCowan, James Harper and Allan Tait.

PRINGLE, EDITH PATRICIA, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., Junior Hospital Medical Officer, Rosslynlee Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. E. J. C. Hewitt, H. B. Craigie and W. M. Mason.

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SPICER, EDWARD ROBERT, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Psychiatrist, Craig Dunain Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Martin M. Whittet, John Rosie and R. F. Caddell.

JOHNSTONE, ALEXANDER FORDYCE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Kingseat Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. Adam Milne, W. A. Cramond and J. K. W. Morrice.

5. *Report from Committee of Management:*

(*a*) The next Divisional Meeting would be held at Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, on Friday, 24 June.

It was hoped to hold an Extraordinary Meeting in Glasgow on Thursday, 26 May, at which papers would be read on the effects of atomic radiations, with special reference to the genetical issues.

(*b*) Joint sub-committee meetings with representatives of the Medical Officers of Health (Scotland) Association. The Chairman briefly reported on the progress to date and informed members that further meetings were pending.

(*c*) Memorandum from the Association of Psychiatrists of the Scottish Western Region on the problem of mental defectives in Scotland. The Chairman explained that this memorandum had had a preliminary survey by the Division's Mental Deficiency Committee, and it was felt that another early meeting of the Mental Deficiency Committee should be convened to which some of those who prepared or sponsored the memorandum should be invited.

Dr. Rogers agreed to this suggestion, but pleaded for early action and that after amendment or approval and with the final authority of the Chairman and Secretary the memorandum should be discussed by the Sub-committee working with the Medical Officer of Health.

(*d*) A letter from the Association of Psychiatrists of the Scottish Western Region on the subject of Hospital Junior Staffing was considered. It was not entirely clear which particular aspect of this problem was for consideration, but the Secretary reported that the whole question of medical establishment, gradings, salaries, etc., was under active consideration by the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee (Scotland). He promised to find out when the matter was likely to be referred to Regional Committees.

After discussion on certain points the Meeting approved the Report.

6. *Any Other Business*

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association, in which he sent his greetings and expressed a hope that he would be able to attend a meeting of the Division. Dr. Craigie told the Meeting that he had sent a suitable reply including a cordial invitation to attend the next, or any other, Divisional Meeting.

At a combined meeting in the forenoon of the Forensic Psychiatry and Research and Clinical Committees, members heard a most interesting paper by Dr. Douglas Inch on "Psychiatry in relation to the Prisons"—this produced a stimulating discussion.

Paper by Dr. T. Freeman and Dr. J. Cameron on

"Clinical Observations during Group Psychotherapy on Chronic Schizophrenia"

All Members who attended this Meeting will wish to record their appreciation and gratitude for the excellent hospitality received from the Board of Management and the Physician Superintendent.

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THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, on Friday, 24 June, 1955.

Forty-one members were present, including Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association.

In the absence of Dr. H. B. Craigie, Chairman of the Division, Dr. William Boyd took the Chair. Dr. Boyd referred to the recent serious illness of Dr. Craigie, but reported his improvement. The Secretary was asked to convey to Dr. Craigie the good wishes of the Division for his speedy and complete recovery.

Dr. Boyd then asked Dr. Noel Harris, President of the Association, to take the Chair.

1. *The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.*
2. *Report from Committee of Management.*

(*a*) Representative—and deputy for Central Consultants and Specialists Committee (Scotland). After brief discussion it was decided to recommend the re-nomination of Dr. Hewitt and Dr. Bailey.

(*b*) Memorandum from the Association of Psychiatrists of the Scottish Western Region on mental deficiency. A brief discussion took place in which Dr. Rogers explained the present position—the revised memorandum would soon be ready for discussion with the existing sub-committee of the Medical Officers of Health who were however, still discussing their present remit on the psychiatric training of health visitors.

(*c*) Preliminary consideration was given to an offer from Professor A. Kennedy to provide some accommodation at the University of Edinburgh for the R.M.P.A. This project to be fully discussed at the next meeting.

(*d*) Date and place of next divisional meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on Friday, 16 September, either at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow or at Dykesbar Hospital.

It was hoped that Professor Ferguson Rodger would give a paper on his recent visit to Russia. The Winter meeting might be a joint medico-legal meeting in Edinburgh—possibly discussing the problem of Criminal responsibility.

3. *Nomination of Representative for Central Consultants and Specialists Committee (Scotland).*

The Meeting accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Management and re-elected Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt and Dr. R. Bailey (Deputy).

4. Dr. G. M. Bell gave a most interesting and stimulating paper on **"The Open Door"** and directly after this members were conducted round the Hospital. The Meeting then re-assembled and a short but lively discussion followed.

All Members who attended this meeting will wish to record their appreciation and gratitude for the splendid hospitality received and for the excellent arrangements provided by the Physician Superintendent and the Board of Management.

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