well behaved and usefully employed after three injections. So well was she that treatment was stopped after only five fits and she remained well for three weeks, but again lapsed into her stupor. A further four fits got her going again—bright, cheerful and usefully employed. She is, however, liable to relapse a short time after cessation of treatment.

Another confused, restless, wet and dirty patient, who had been here two months without improvement, became cleaner in her habits from the very first convulsion. She is now pleasant, clean, usefully employed and taking a motherly interest in the other patients.

She had sixteen convulsions, the last being in October. She maintains her improvement.

Another stuporose girl, admitted five months before treatment, is now bright and well after twelve fits, the last of which was given six weeks ago.

Yet another girl with a psychosis of six months' duration, morbidly depressed and actively suicidal, is now happy, accessible and rational after four convulsions.

A male schizophrenic, of two and a half years' standing, in catatonic stupor, with flexibilitas cerea, after four fits astonished the charge-nurse, to whom he had not previously spoken, by walking up to him and asking for a cigarette. He is now employing himself and is still under treatment.

Cardiazol, in our experience, is of particular value in cases of stupor. Wet, dirty, masturbating patients early show marked improvement in habits.

In only one case (not included in the twenty-one cases mentioned) was treatment stopped after the first convulsion. The patient was physically speaking a poor thing, who, on admission, though without a valvular lesion, had a very feeble heart action. She recovered poorly from the fit, showing mild collapse in the process.

No untoward incident has occurred otherwise.

The treatment is not, as a rule, greatly resented. Unconsciousness occurs so quickly that the subject has only a memory of the injection, and none at all of the fit.

There is unfortunately a tendency to relapse when treatment is stopped—not immediately—but after some weeks. A further short course soon puts things right.

In only one case, so far, has it been necessary to employ a dose of cardiazol greater than 1·0 grm. to produce a convulsion.

Dr. von Meduna considers that the smaller the convulsion-producing dose the better the prognosis. My short experience does not bear this out.

Cardiazol is, in my opinion, the most hopeful contribution made, so far, to the treatment of that vast group of "incurable" schizophrenia.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Dr. MacInnes for permitting me to start the treatment, Dr. Main for her able assistance, and the nursing staff for their enthusiastic co-operation.

For my first cases I used cardiazol supplied to me by Messrs. Knoll, who have throughout been most courteous and helpful.

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Scottish Division was held in the Faculty Hall, Glasgow, on November 5, 1937, Dr. Donald Ross presiding.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business the Chairman referred to the loss which the Division had sustained through the deaths of Sir Hugh Arthur Rose, D.S.O., formerly Chairman of the General Board of Control, and Dr. W. Tuach-McKenzie, Medical Superintendent of Dundee Mental Hospital.

A letter was read from Prof. Adolf Meyer, thanking the Division for the message of congratulation sent to him on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

Congratulations were extended to Dr. McRae on his election to the Presidency of the Association.

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The following nominations were made :

(1) *For the Committee of Management :* Drs. Chislett, Spence, Robb, Crichlow, McAlister.

(2) *For the Nursing Advisory Committee :* Drs. McRae, Hotchkis, T. C. Mackenzie, Chislett, McAlister.

(3) *As Representative Members of Council :* Drs. Campbell and Chislett.

(4) *For the Divisional Chairmanship :* Dr. Chislett.

(5) *As Divisional Secretary :* Dr. McAlister.

Intimation was made of Dr. Dryden's resignation from the post of Examination Secretary, and Dr. Robb was appointed in his stead.

A discussion introduced by Dr. K. FRASER took place on the subject of "**Insanity and Divorce**", in the course of which many divergent views were expressed by members. Eventually the following resolution was moved by Prof. HENDERSON and seconded by Dr. MCRAE :

> " That the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association is of the opinion that divorce on the ground of insanity would be prejudicial to the interests of those who are mentally ill, and to the stability of society."

An amendment proposed by Dr. EASTERBROOK and seconded by Dr. MACDONALD was in these terms :

> " That this Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association is of opinion that chronic and incurable mental illness should be regarded as sufficient ground for annulment of marriage under sufficient safeguards."

On a vote being taken thirteen were for the motion and nine for the amendment.

A second amendment proposed by Dr. MACDONALD to the effect that no resolution should be formulated was defeated, and the original motion adopted.

The meeting later decided that the terms of the motion should be communicated to the Scottish Members of Parliament and to the Press.

Notice was given by Dr. MACDONALD, Hawkhead Mental Hospital, that at the next meeting of the Division he would draw attention to the inadequacy of the salaries paid to the Medical Commissioners of the General Board of Control.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on Saturday, November 6, 1937.

The following members were present :

Dr. T. A. Greene (in the Chair), and Drs. P. J. Aird, S. Blake, R. D. Brennan, P. J. Cassin, L. Clifford, T. J. Conlon, P. O. Courtney, W. J. Coyne, F. J. Deane, Kathleen Dillon, J. O'C. Donelan, J. Dunne, Annie J. Dunleavy, H. J. Eustace, J. Fitzgerald, Dorothy Gardiner, J. V. Glass, D. Hegarty, J. V. Kelly, R. R. Leeper, D. J. Lothian, C. J. McCarthy, C. B. Moloney, D. O'Sullivan, A. Sheridan, H. StG. Smith, F. Walsh, Mary Fitzgerald, and Dr. P. Moran (Hon. Sec.).

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Drs. P. Grace, P. Honan, J. C. Martin and R. Thompson.

Dr. GREENE proposed and Dr. DEANE seconded " that the sympathy of the Division be extended to Dr. William N. Eustace on the death of his wife ". The motion was passed, all the members standing, and the Secretary was directed to write to Dr. Eustace, conveying the sympathy of the Division in his bereavement.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

The SECRETARY read correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and the Hospitals Commission in the matter of research into mental diseases.

The Minister's letter stated that the New Research Council had already been constituted ; that the Minister could not nominate more than one member ; and

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