A vote was taken on Dr. Skottowe's motion for the endorsement of the Report, and was carried *nem. con.*, most of the members present voting.

Superannuation Rights and Retiring Age of Mental Health Officers. The Meeting then considered the question of superannuation rights and retiring age of Mental Health Officers.

The Honorary General Secretary (Dr. R. W. Armstrong) suggested that the Association might set up an *ad hoc* committee to consider this matter and to report upon it. This was agreed unanimously without a vote.

Recommendations for Regional Hospital Board Membership. The Meeting agreed to submit the following names for the consideration of the Council of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, for recommendation as members of Regional Hospital Boards:

South-Western Regional Hospital Board.
Dr. F. C. Logan.
Dr. G. W. T. H. Fleming.
Dr. K. C. Bailey.

Oxford Regional Hospital Board.
Dr. R. W. Armstrong.

Welsh Regional Hospital Board.
Dr. T. J. Henelly.

Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.
Dr. Andrew Shepherd.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Meeting to Dr. Fleming and the Board of Governors of Barnwood House, Gloucester, for their hospitality, and said that the Division had been most grateful for their willingness to receive them at rather short notice. The meeting had been well attended and much enjoyed in very pleasant surroundings.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at The Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Craig House, on Friday, 2 December, 1955.

Forty-eight members were present and Dr. Jokinen from Helsinki and Professor Brotherston attended as guests.

Sympathy was extended to Dr. George Bell, the Secretary, on his illness, and the good wishes of the Meeting for his recovery were expressed.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

CRAWFORD, HUGH ALEXANDER, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Bellsdyke Hospital, Larbert.

Proposed by Drs. A. P. Russell, A. Smellie, M. Devlin.

FYFE, MATTHEW, M.B., F.R.C.P.E., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, County of Fife.

Proposed by Drs. H. B. Craigie, L. M. D. Mill, D. Ross.

GOW, EDWARD JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness.

Proposed by Drs. M. M. Whittet, R. F. Caddell, E. R. Spicer.

Psychiatric Social Workers. Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. J. M. Matheson, Chairman of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers, asking for a discussion with the Association regarding the contribution that the Psychiatric Social Workers might make. The Committee of Management suggested that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary and Professor Malcolm Millar, who is President of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers, might meet Mrs. Matheson and her Committee to have a preliminary talk. This was approved by the general Meeting.

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Scottish Health Services Council. In connection with the vacancy in the Health Services Council the name of Dr. Boyd was again put forward and this was approved by the general Meeting.

Vacancies in the Regional Boards. It was reported that the Committee of Management had received a letter asking for nominations for vacancies in the Regional Boards.

After discussion the names of Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt and Dr. John J. MacDougall were put forward for the South-Eastern, and Eastern Regional Boards, respectively. The name of Dr. McCowan was put forward for the Western Region, and the names of Professor Malcolm Millar and Dr. Moore Taylor were put forward for the North-Eastern, and that of Dr. M. M. Whittet for the Northern Region.

Memorandum on Maladjusted Children. This Memorandum had been partially considered at the last Meeting, and after discussion it was decided to appoint a Committee to meet the Secretary of State or his representative if he so wished, the Sub-Committee to consist of the Chairman, the Secretary, Dr. Margaret Methven, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Biggar. It was also stated that further consideration would be given by the Mental Deficiency Sub-Committee to the question of the Memorandum.

Nomination of Office Bearers for 1956–57. The following names were selected, for circulation to all Members as set out in Bye-Law 34.

Chairman, Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt.

Secretary, Dr. George Bell.

Assistant Secretary, Dr. M. M. Whittet.

Arrangements for Meetings. The Assistant Secretary apologized for the inadequacy of the running of the Meeting and hoped that the Secretary would be fully restored to health by the next Meeting. He mentioned that the Committee were aware of the difficulties of arrangements in connection with the Sub-Committees, and that in future intimations of the Sectional Meetings would be sent to all Members whether or not they had put their names down for Membership of a particular Section.

It was proposed by Dr. Ross, and seconded by Dr. Harper that this question be remitted to the Committee of Management for further consideration at their next Meeting.

There was some general discussion, particularly on the question of the arrangements of the Sub-Committees. In general, a need was felt for more co-ordination, and the disadvantages of having several Meetings going on at the same time were mentioned. On the other hand it was pointed out that if the Meetings were to be confined, as at present, to one day, it was not possible to overcome this.

It was intimated that the next Divisional Meeting would be held on Friday, 30 March, 1956, at Gartloch Mental Hospital, by kind invitation of Dr. James W. Macpherson and the Gartloch Mental Hospital Board of Management.

Paper. A Paper by Dr. T. A. Munro on **"A Survey of Patients in Morningside"** was warmly appreciated by all who were present to hear it.

Sub-Committee Meetings

(*a*) *Forensic Psychiatry*

The Sub-Committee of the Forensic Psychiatry Section met and heard an interesting paper by Dr. Keigh Wardrop on **"Some Account of the International Congress on Criminology, and especially of the Discussions on the Treatment of Recidivism".**

The Office-Bearers were re-elected: Chairman, Dr. P. K. McCowan, and Secretary, Dr. H. Stalker.

(*b*) *Papers and Discussion*

The Papers and Discussion Sub-Committee met and Office Bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

It was the general feeling that the Medical-Legal Meeting proposed should not be lost sight of when future Meetings were being arranged.

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(*c*) *Research and Clinical*

Owing to the illness of the Secretary, who is Chairman of the Research and Clinical Section, and the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Shenkin, the election of Office-Bearers had unfortunately to be postponed.

Dr. Elizabeth Robertson presented at the Meeting a very interesting Demonstration on cases of Organic Diseases of the Central Nervous System.

(*d*) *The Mental Deficiency and Child Psychiatry Sub-Committees* did not meet on this occasion.

Members who were present at this Meeting will wish to record their grateful appreciation of the kind hospitality and excellent co-operation received from the Board of Management, and the Physician Superintendent of the Royal Hospital, Edinburgh.

IRISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY AND CLINICAL MEETING of the Irish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on Wednesday, 16 November, 1955.

The Chairman, Dr. Eustace, kindly invited the Division to hold the Spring Meeting at Hampstead, Glasnevin, the date to be arranged with the Secretary nearer the time.

Dr. Dolphin spoke of a visit to Ireland by Dr. Jellinek of the World Health Organization. He wished to have a survey of the alcohol drinking habits of this country carried out and asked for the co-operation of psychiatrists in doing so. A questionnaire will be sent to the Mental Hospital Superintendents and Dr. Dolphin asked for their co-operation in carrying out the instructions accompanying the questionnaire.

The Meeting then proceeded to the Clinical Session and Dr. John Stack read a paper entitled **"Current Trends in Child Psychiatry"**. The speaker first gave a brief history of the development and growth of the Child Psychiatry system, since the founding of the first Child Guidance Clinic in the United States in 1896. The method of making referrals to an Out-Patient Clinic was next dealt with, and other methods of treatment such as In-Patient treatment, treatment in a Residential Centre or in the Nursery School setting, were discussed.

The speaker next dealt with the classification of emotional illnesses in childhood. the aetiology of habit disorders and of childhood psychosis. Many so-called mentally defective children were, in reality, suffering from juvenile schizophrenia. Two types of schizophrenia, namely, the Autistic and the Symbiotic, were discussed. The importance of the early childhood experiences, especially during the first three years of life was emphasized; insecurity during this time might set up a vicious circle of symptoms when each further stage of the psycho-sexual development of the child becomes more difficult to come through unscathed. The speaker concluded his talk by outlining the various treatment techniques in Child Psychiatry.

Mr. John McKenna, Ph.D., read a paper on **"Current Trends in Child Psychology"** Present-day frames of reference and their genesis in philosophic thinking were briefly touched upon, and the speaker went on to cover some developments in clinical psychology, which was defined as a form of applied psychology investigating the behaviour characteristics of an individual by methods of measurement, analysis, and observation, and which on a basis of an integration of these facts secured from the physical examination and social histories suggested means of adjusting the individual.

Initially intelligence was thought to be an unvarying personality trait; now it was regarded more as a fluctuating function, an interaction of many forces and structural conditions. Illustrations were given of how both intelligence tests and projective techniques could be used as tools of diagnosis. Some basic causes of diminished capacity to function and their diagnosis in the growing child were then

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