"EEG AND THE NEUROPHYSIOLOGY OF EPILEPSY."
Dr. M. W. Driver.

"THE BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS OF CONVULSIVITY."
Dr. Derek Richter.

"THE PSYCHIATRIC ASPECTS OF EPILEPSY."
Dr. Donald Liddell.

"TREATMENT: (*a*) SURGICAL."
Dr. John Potter.

"TREATMENT: (*b*) SOCIAL AND PHARMACOLOGICAL."
Dr. Robert Porter.

Film Show

At the Film Show Dr. J. A. R. Bickford introduced his film "High Road or Low Road". "The Seven Ages of Psychiatry" was also shown.

Section Meetings

Professor Norbert Elias presented a paper "Sociology and Psychiatry—Interdisciplinary Problems" to the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section. The Child Psychiatry Section met at University College Hospital Medical School and Dr. Mavis Gunter and Dr. L. Frankl discussed the film "First Responses in Feeding". This meeting was followed by the Section's Annual Dinner. Dr. J. M. Berg opened a discussion by the Mental Deficiency Section on Records and Clinical Documentation. The following papers were presented at the open meeting of the Research and Clinical Section at the Maudsley Hospital:

"CEREBRAL BIOPSY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF PRE-SENILE DEMENTIA.

(*a*) *Clinical Aspects.*
Dr. Myre Sim.

(*b*) *Pathological Aspects.*
Dr. Walter Smith.

"THE GENETICAL ASPECTS OF THE DEMENTIAS."
Dr. Valerie Cowie.

"IS DEMENTIA A UNITARY DEFECT OR A COLLECTION OF SPECIFIC DISABILITIES?"
Mr. Malcolm Piercey.

"EEG IN PRE-SENILE DEMENTIA, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO HUNTINGTON'S CHOREA."
Dr. J. Margerison.
Dr. D. Scott.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Crichton Royal, Dumfries, on 25 September, 1964, Dr. M. M. Whittet in the Chair.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

ALI, SAFDAR, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Ailsa Hospital, Ayr.
Proposed by Drs. H. J. B. Miller, Margaret Inglis, A. McClelland.

CROSBIE, JOHN CLARKSON FORREST, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Registrar, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, J. Moffat, J. F. Anderson.

SHORT, RICHARD, L.R.C.P.&S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer, Mental Health Services, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, F. G. Lassalle, D. E. H. Beattie.

SOUTTER, CATHERINE ISABEL, M.B., B.S., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., D.C.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Mental Health Services, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, F. G. Lassalle, D. E. H. Beattie.

Membership of the Scottish Health Services Council. The Division recommended that Professor Carstairs should be put forward for re-appointment and that the name of Dr. James Harper should also be put forward for consideration by the Secretary of State.

Future Meetings. The response to the questionnaire sent out on the pattern of future meetings had been disappointing. Only 48 members replied, of whom 33 were in favour of maintaining the present pattern and 15 wished some change. It was decided to maintain the present pattern of meetings.

Future Organization of the Division. The Division recommended that an approach be made to the Scottish Home and Health Department with a view to arranging regular meetings between representatives of the Division and the Scottish Home and Health Department. It was noted that the only member of the Scottish Division who was a member of the R.M.P.A. Sub-Committee on the revision of the Bye-Laws and the institution of a Higher Qualification was Professor Carstairs, and it was decided that Professor Carstairs should be elected a member of the Committee of Management of the Scottish Division.

Membership of Regional Hospital Boards. The Division

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has been asked by the Scottish Home and Health Department to nominate members who would be prepared to serve on Regional Hospital Boards. After some discussion it was remitted to the Committee of Management to decide on which names should be submitted to the Department.

Kilbrandon Report. It was decided to set up a sub-committee to consider the implications for psychiatry of the Kilbrandon Report and if necessary to prepare a memorandum. The members of the Sub-Committee were: Professor Millar and Drs. Devlin, J. D. Haldane, Maxwell Jones, J. K. W. Morrice, Rogers, Sinclair, F. H. Stone, Isabel Sutherland and K. H. R. Wardrop, with the Chairman and Secretary.

Dr. Isabel Sutherland was appointed Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

Sub-Committee on Alcoholism. The Secretary reported that there had been a very good response to the questionnaire on Alcoholism, and that in general there seemed to be a fair measure of agreement amongst members of the Division. After some discussion it was agreed (*a*) that evidence should be submitted to the Sub-Committee, (*b*) that there was a need for properly controlled experiment with each of the forms of administrative arrangements for the treatment of alcoholics which had been suggested, as there was no clear evidence that any of them was superior to the others, (*c*) that there was no need for specialized training for medical or nursing staff other than in-service training, (*d*) that education of the public should be the responsibility of a National Council and that there was at present no clear need for special legislation for alcoholics.

In the morning two papers were presented to the Division—"**Who Goes Home—Some Aspects of a Follow-up Study**" by Dr. A. C. Tait, and "**Psychopathological Problems in Geriatrics**" by Dr. R. A. Robinson. It was clear from the discussion that followed that members found both papers interesting and stimulating and would wish to record their appreciation to the two speakers.

Following the business meeting in the afternoon Dr. K. H. R. Wardrop gave a very clear and concise summary of the recommendations of the Kilbrandon Committee. This was followed by a lively discussion in which many members took part. It was particularly fortunate that Dr. F. H. Stone, who is a member of the Kilbrandon Committee, was present to clarify some of the points raised. As a result of the discussion a sub-committee was appointed to consider the implications of the Report for psychiatry.

Throughout the day an exhibition of historical material relating to the Crichton Royal was on display.

The Division wish to record appreciation and gratitude to Dr. James Harper and his Board of Management for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and for the hospitality given to the Division.

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