The five points raised in the Summary of the Working Party's Report were then discussed in great detail, and some modifications suggested.

Resolved: That the Hon. Divisional Secretary be instructed to send these points to the Education Committee of the R.M.P.A. for discussion, together with a Summary of the Working Party's Report.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at Bangour Village Hospital, Edinburgh, on Friday, 14 December, 1956.

Thirty-five Members were present.

1. *Obituary:*

The Chairman referred with great regret to the recent passing of Dr. James Hogg MacDonald, formerly of Hawkhead Hospital, Glasgow. Dr. Ronald Stewart paid tribute to the late Dr. MacDonald and referred to his personality and character and to his contribution to the field of Psychological Medicine.

2. The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

3. *Election of Ordinary Members:*

The following Candidates for Ordinary Membership were duly elected:

BELL, FREDERICK, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., Junior Medical Officer, Royal Mental Hospital, Montrose.
Proposed by Drs. J. C. Anderson, H. B. Craigie and M. M. Whittet.

DAVIDSON, ROBERT, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. Cramond, R. H. Park and D. H. Williamson.

4. *Report from Committee of Management:*

The Secretary reported that the Committee had considered Professor Kennedy's letter regarding Post-Graduate Lectures, Professor Rodger referred to the position of the Royal Colleges in this regard. The Committee put forward a proposal that Dr. Batchelor should act as Registrar for the Division in these matters and that they be further considered. The Meeting agreed to this.

On the question of emoluments raised by the Association of Psychiatrists for the Western Region, the Committee decided that the matter be taken up with the Central Authorities and that everything possible should be done to make the views of the Association clear in this respect.

5. *Nomination for Regional Hospital Boards:*

The Committee suggested and the Division approved that the following names be submitted for consideration for Membership of Regional Hospital Boards:

Eastern Regional Board	Dr. John McDougall.
North-Eastern Regional Board	Professor Malcolm M. Millar.
Northern Regional Board	Dr. M. M. Whittet.

6. *Meeting with Psychiatric Social Workers' Committee:*

The Secretary reported that a Meeting had been held with the representatives of the Psychiatric Social Workers' Association in Edinburgh on the 8 November, 1956, and the Committee had a general discussion and in particular with regard to training of members. It was agreed that in certain instances suitable people who had not had a full training might have a part to play in the field of Social work.

There was some discussion as to whether trained Psychiatric Social Workers, during the present shortage, were more beneficially employed, from the point of view

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of the Community, by local Authorities or in association with hospitals. The consensus of opinion favoured the latter.

A further Meeting is to be arranged between the two Committees.

7. "*White Paper*":

The Committee of Management of the Division met on 9 November to consider the proposed "White Paper". This was in the nature of a preliminary discussion and three main points of view were put forward.

(*a*) One trend of thought was that there was no need for the Category "Recommended Patients" and in general the present system worked well.

(*b*) Another view was put forward that the "recommended" category with modifications would fulfil a need.

(*c*) Others felt that there was also need for further clarification in the way of safeguards to civil rights and personal property of patients in relation to the proposed recommendations.

8. *Scottish Diploma in Psychological Medicine:*

The Secretary reported to the Division that the Committee had considered carefully the need for a Scottish D.P.M. and in this regard the Chairman called on Professor Millar to give a résumé of previous considerations in relation to this matter. Professor Millar outlined the discussions that had taken place in the past and it was the opinion of many that there was a need for a Scottish D.P.M. with conditions similar to those of the Conjoint examination in London; in other words a Diploma for which Candidates would not necessarily be obliged to undergo a set course of instruction at one particular centre.

After discussion the Division agreed that there was a need for such a Diploma and agreed that the names of Professor Kennedy and the Secretary be added to the previously appointed Committee to consider this matter further.

9. *Sub-Committees:*

At the Meeting of the Sub-Sections in the forenoon, the following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Papers and Discussions:

Chairman	Professor Rodger
Vice-Chairman	Professor Millar
Secretary	Dr. Batchelor

Forensic Psychiatry:

Chairman	Dr. McCowan
Vice-Chairman	Dr. A. A. Bell (Dundee)
Secretary	Dr. Stalker

Research and Clinical:

Chairman	Dr. Cramond
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Shenkin
Secretary	Dr. McHarg

Child Psychiatry:

Chairman	Dr. Margaret Methven
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Stone
Secretary	Dr. Rodgers

Mental Deficiency:

Chairman	Dr. Kate Fraser
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Laura Mill
Secretary	Dr. McGillivray

It was agreed to leave the question of a Psycho-therapy Section over for further consideration.

When the Secretary reported the election of Office Bearers of the Sub-Sections to the main Divisional Meeting in the afternoon it was decided by the Division that the

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Chairmen and Secretaries of the Sub-Sections should be *ex-officio* members of the Committee of Management, and also that in the absence of the Chairmen of Sub-Sections, the Vice-Chairmen would attend the Committee of Management Meetings in their stead.

It was emphasized that all Members of the Division were welcome to attend any or all of the Meetings of the Sub-Sections. It was stressed however that Members should inform the Secretary of the Sub-Section or Sections in which they were particularly interested so that they might take a more active part in that Section or Sections.

Dr. Forrest of Bangour Hospital gave a Paper on **"Huntington's Chorea"** to the Meeting of the Sub-Sections in the forenoon and this was followed with great interest and appreciation.

The Division agreed that a special meeting be held on the "White Paper" before the next Divisional Meeting.

The Division agreed that the next quarterly meeting be held on Friday, 22 March, 1957.

Dr. Kenneth Macrae delivered a Paper entitled

"Bangour 1906–1956"

This Paper was warmly appreciated and the thanks of the Division were conveyed to Dr. Macrae together with the hope that it would be published.

All those who attended the Meeting at Bangour would wish to record their appreciation of the hospitality and excellent arrangements made by Dr. A. K. M. Macrae and the Bangour Village Hospital Board of Management for the Winter Meeting of the Scottish Division.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Woodilee Mental Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow, on Friday, 22 March, 1957.

Forty-six Members were present.

Obituary:

The Chairman referred with deep regret to the recent passing of Dr. Kate Fraser and also of Dr. Dryden and Professor MacCalman.

Dr. Hewitt said that the late Dr. Kate Fraser, *C.B.E.*, who was formerly Senior Medical Commissioner of the General Board of Control for Scotland, devoted the latter years of her life to furthering the welfare of the Scottish Association for Mental Health. So great was her interest and energy in this direction that her name would always be linked with this Association by members of the present generation. Dr. Hewitt referred also to the late Dr. Dryden who was formerly Physician Superintendent at Gartloch Mental Hospital, and to the late Professor MacCalman of the Chair of Psychological Medicine, University of Leeds.

Members of the Association stood in silence as a token of respect.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

The following were unanimously elected as Ordinary Members of the Association:

MACDONALD, JOHN, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Perth Mental Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. J. McDougall, H. Stalker and T. A. Wyllie.

ROY, JOHN REID, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., F.R.F.P.S.G., Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. A. B. Sclare and F. H. Stone.

SCOTT, JOHN CLELLAND, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Dundee Royal Mental Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. I. R. C. Batchelor, W. M. M. Lyon and J. H. Brown.

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Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year. The following Office-Bearers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt.
Hon. Divisional Secretary: Dr. M. M. Whittet.
Assistant Hon. Divisional Secretary: Dr. A. C. Tait.
Representative on Council: Dr. A. C. Tait.

Election of Committee of Management:

Dr. Craigie, Dr. MacPherson and Dr. Clapham, being all eligible for re-election, were re-elected for the ensuing year. It had previously been agreed that the Committee of Management should consist of the Office Bearers and the Elected Members together with the Chairman and Secretary of each Sub-Section.

Report of Special Meeting of the Division held on 8 March, 1957

The Secretary reported that a Special Meeting of the Scottish Division was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow on 8 March, 1957, and that 32 members attended. The "White Paper" on proposed reforms in Mental Health Law was considered in detail.

Dr. Hewitt, the Chairman, opened the Meeting by saying that discussion would no doubt centre around the major matter, whether or not the "recommended" category was considered an advance in legislation. There were certain other considerations and modifications which he would call the "trivia", only because they were smaller issues and not because they were insignificant or unimportant in terms of the welfare of the individual patient.

There was prolonged discussion mainly centred round the question of the proposed "recommended" category.

Professor Ferguson Rodger and Dr. McNiven moved that it was the view of the Meeting that the "recommended" category was unnecessary.

Dr. Batchelor and Dr. Gilmour moved the direct negative. Professor Rodger's motion was carried by a majority of 5. It was noted, however, that some of those voting in favour of the negative motion were in favour of some modification in the suggested temporary category.

Dr. MacPherson raised the question of the present arrangement with regard to Section 14 cases in which the Procurator Fiscal insists on receiving 10 days' notice of discharge.

Dr. Stalker raised the question of the present position of dangerous patients in ordinary Mental Hospitals. "Must we wait", he asked, "until something serious happens before they are transferred to a State mental hospital?"

There was considerable discussion also about the length of the Emergency Certificate. Some favoured 14 days but many people thought that 7 days would be quite ample for all possible contingencies for an Emergency Certificate.

Report from the Committee of Management

The Committee of Management considered the discussions of the Special Meeting held on the 8 March and decided to suggest to the Division that a small Drafting Committee should formulate a draft statement setting forth the opinions so far expressed by Members of the Division. This Draft would be submitted at the next Divisional Meeting. It was hoped to incorporate the views of the Mental Deficiency Sub-Section on the aspects of the "White Paper" dealing with Mental Deficiency.

The Draft Committee should be the Chairman, the Secretary, Dr. McNiven and Dr. A. A. Bell. This was approved by the Division.

Mention was made of the fact that the Committee of Management considered that another meeting with the Psychiatric Social Workers' Committee should take place in the near future and also a meeting with the re-constituted D.P.M. Committee.

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Report of Meeting of Sub-Sections

The Forensic Psychiatry Sub-Section met in the forenoon and had a stimulating, dramatic and humorous address by Dr. T. D. Inch on the Problem of the Criminal Psychopath.

The Papers and Discussions Sub-Section also met and discussed their future programme and it was suggested that the question of tranquillizing drugs should be discussed at an early meeting, possibly at the next.

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Division be held on Friday, 21 June, at Stratheden Mental Hospital, Cupar, Fife, by kind invitation of Dr. David Ross and his Board of Management.

Professor T. Ferguson Rodger gave an interesting account of some of his experiences during a recent American visit. It was a stimulating and interesting talk and it was warmly appreciated by all those present.

All those attending the meeting at Woodilee will wish to record their appreciation of the hospitality and excellent arrangement made by Dr. W. A. Cramond, his Staff and Board of Management, for the Spring Meeting of the Scottish Division.

IRISH DIVISION

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held at Mullingar Mental Hospital, by kind invitation of Dr. John FitzGerald, on Tuesday, 23 April, 1957.

Twenty-eight Members and 7 visitors were present.

The Members were entertained most hospitably to lunch by Dr. John FitzGerald.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Summer Meeting was fixed for Thursday, 25 July, 1957, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

The following were unanimously elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

O'KELLY, DENIS JOSEPH LANE, L.R.C.P. & S.I., L.M., Medical Superintendent, St. Patrick's Hospital, Waterford.
Proposed by Drs. J. P. Hill, Mary Sullivan and P. J. Cassin.

WALSH, KEVIN FRANCIS, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, Mental Hospital, Mullingar.
Proposed by Drs. J. FitzGerald, J. N. P. Moore and Mary Sullivan.

A letter and Memorandum from An Bord Altranais was read and discussed by Dr. Dolphin and Dr. Foley. It was proposed by Dr. Moore and seconded by Dr. O'Higgins that a Sub-Committee be formed to study the correspondence and send back recommendations.

The following Sub-Committee was formed: Dr. FitzGerald, Dr. Glass, Dr. Moore, Dr. Mulligan and Dr. M. Sullivan, to report back at the July Meeting.

Dr. Murphy's question on farms was discussed by Drs. Moran, Glass, Cassin and Foley. Dr. Moran thought that patients should live the life of the people around them, but that the farms should not be run on patient labour alone. Drs. Glass and Cassin agreed.

Dr. McLaughlin said that farm bailiffs should be employed. Dr. Dolphin thought that Board members tended to be more interested in farm than in patients. Dr. FitzGerald said that the farm should be ancillary to the hospital.

Dr. N. B. O'Higgins read a Paper entitled **"Musings—Pertinent and Impertinent".**

He began by pointing out the great improvements which had been brought about in public mental hospitals during the last twenty years by the State and by Local Authorities, both in administration and legislation. About £4,000,000 had been disbursed by local and central authorities towards new buildings and improvements.

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