At the beginning of the Business Meeting, Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger formally handed over the badge of office as Chairman to Dr. M. M. Whittet.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

CRAMOND, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, *O.B.E.*, M.D., D.P.M., Professor of Mental Health, University of Adelaide, Australia.
*Proposed by* Drs. G. E. Swinney, N. Fraser, A. K. M. Macrae.

MURRAY, MARY ALICE, *M.C.*, D.Obst.R.C.O.G., D.C.H., Registrar, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.
*Proposed by* Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. F. McLean, C. P. McGovern.

NELSON, ELIZABETH, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Department of Child Psychiatry, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.
*Proposed by* Drs. F. Stone, Margaret Small, M. T. Kennedy.

ROBERTSON, DAVID FALCONER, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Registrar, Gogarburn Hospital, Edinburgh.
*Proposed by* Drs. J. R. Bailey, F. G. Lassalle, A. K. M. Macrae.

It was reported that a deputation from the division had met the Farquharson-Lang Committee on 3 April, 1964. The deputation had discussed with the Committee the views put forward by the Division on communication within the Health Service and on psychiatric advice to Regional Hospital Boards. In addition the Committee asked for comment on a number of other topics viz.—(1) Grouping of Boards of Management. (2) Relationships with the Department and Regional Boards in the field of mental health. (3) Co-ordination in the mental health field with Local Health Authorities. (4) Responsibility for public relations. The deputation said firmly that they could not comment on these as representatives but only as individuals and on this clearly agreed basis the discussion continued.

It was reported that a very successful meeting had been held in the Central Hotel, Glasgow on 14 May on *Industrial Therapy Organizations*. The meeting had been a stimulating one and well attended by psychiatrists. It was hoped that further developments would take place in Scotland in this field as a result of this meeting.

A letter from Sir David Henderson was read expressing his appreciation that the Division had remembered the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

From the *Committee of Management* it was reported that a meeting of Chairmen and Secretaries of sections had taken place and that they had recommended that the Committee of Management should meet some time before the Divisional quarterly meeting, that the morning of the Divisional Meeting be taken up by scientific papers, and that the business meeting should be followed by a discussion of general interest. Each Section should be encouraged to have an open day once a year, and further arrangements should be made to have combined meetings with the corresponding main Section of the Association. Where a host hospital was not able to provide a full programme, one of the Sections would be asked to provide the programme.

On the question of Endowment Funds, it was reported that the Dundee Northern Group, ably led by Dr. P. G. Aungle, had raised the question of their distribution at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Scottish Hospitals Boards of Management in Inverness on 15 May. It was noted that, while that Association had decided against any further review, the Secretary of the Home and Health Department, Mr. R. C. Johnston, had stated that the Department would institute a review of the distribution of these funds, since it was now ten years since the Endowment Commission had reported.

The Division noted with great pleasure that the President-Elect for 1965-66 was Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, and agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Association should be in Glasgow in July, 1965.

Members of the Division will wish to thank Dr. M. M. Whittet for the very good arrangements made for the Summer Meeting and in particular will wish to thank Dr. Whittet and his Board of Management for the truly Highland hospitality given to them throughout the meeting.

## IRISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 21 October, 1964, on the kind invitation of Dr. C. B. Robinson, at Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast.

The members were hospitably entertained to lunch.

Dr. J. T. Quinn and Dr. Nabney described some experiences with **"Traumatic One-Trial Aversive Conditioning in Alcoholics".** The method attempts to produce a phobic-like reaction to alcohol by associating the act of drinking alcohol with a sudden, unexpected traumatic experience, namely acute



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respiratory paralysis due to the intravenous injection of Scoline. It is important that the patient drinks the alcohol so that the act of drinking exactly precedes, or overlaps, the onset of Scoline apnoea. Certain modifications have been introduced into the original procedure.

(1) Electromyograph and psychogalvanic skin response control has been impossible.

(2) Atropine has been administered intravenously before the administration of Scoline.

(3) The patient's sensitivity to Scoline was measured directly by giving the patient a session prior to his treatment, during which he received both an intravenous barbiturate, Sodium Brietal, and Scoline.

In general, they said, the patients subjected to this procedure belong to a poor prognosis group.

The cardiovascular effects of this procedure (acute hypertension) were considered.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, McCartan, Johnston, Rahill, Campbell, Pringle, Glancy, Moffatt and Fennelly.

The following new members were elected:

CLARKE, JOHN FRANCIS GABRIEL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Davnet's Hospital, Monaghan.
*Proposed by* Drs. J. V. Glass, Mary Sullivan, M. M. Walsh.

CORBOY, CATHERINE, M.B., B.Ch., D.C.H., D.P.M., Registrar, St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan; 26 Castlepark Road, Sandyvoe, Co. Dublin.
*Proposed by* Drs. Mary Sullivan, P. D. McCarthy, M. M. Walsh.

MEENAN, JOHN JOSEPH O'D., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Davnet's Hospital, Monaghan, Ireland.
*Proposed by* Drs. J. V. Glass, Mary Sullivan, M. M. Walsh.

## NOTICE BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Editor-in-Chief would be glad to hear from Members of the Association who would be willing to review books for the Journal.

Would those interested kindly write to h m, stating their preferred subject or subjects, and whether they would be prepared to deal with literature in foreign languages.



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