this Division, which had done such great work since it was founded in 1896.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

BYRNES, MARIA EWA STANISLAWA, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. Irwin, K. H. M. Lotinga, R. C. Hicks.

CANDY, JULIAN, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Friern Hospital, New Southgate, N.11.
Proposed by Drs. W. Sargant, J. Bradley, J. T. Bruce.

CARSON, JAMES ALEXANDER, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Friern Hospital, N.11.
Proposed by Drs. J. Bradley, J. T. Bruce, B. Klassnik.

CHRISTIE BROWN, JEREMY ROBIN WARRINGTON, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., Registrar, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals; 26 Wandle Road, London, S.W.17.
Proposed by Drs. M. G. Gelder, J. R. Pedder, T. G. Tennent.

CROWN, TIMOTHY JOHN, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Maudsley Hospital, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. R. Levy, D. Abrahamson, T. G. Tennent.

D'ACCURZIO, ESTELA VALENTINA, M.D., Registrar, Henderson Hospital; 68a Warwick Way, London, S.W.1.
Proposed by Drs. J. S. Whiteley, M. H. Sunderland, S. Crown.

JOHNS, MARCUS EDDIE DAVID, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals; 49 Trinity Church Square, London, S.E.1.
Proposed by Drs. T. G. Tennent, E. R. Herst, E. G. Wooster.

LEVISON, LIONEL HANS LOTHAR, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, North Middlesex Hospital, London, N.18.
Proposed by Drs. J. T. Rose, C. M. Vaillant, W. Stephen.

PRASHNER, PHILIP LOUIS, M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Claybury Hospital; 28 Wimborne Close, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
Proposed by Drs. E. Moran, M. Monro, B. Pitt.

RASALAM, MOSES SATYADAS, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Registrar, Bexley Hospital, Bexley, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. A. C. Smith, A. Norton, G. K. Shaw.

ROBERTSON, JOHN GARNET, M.B., B.S., L.M.S.S.A., Medical Officer, Royal Air Force; c/o Mrs. M. Robertson, 38 Priory Way, North Harrow, Middlesex.
Proposed by Drs. J. H. Price, W. A. S. Falla, G. A. Bleaden.

ROBERTSON, MARGARET FOSTER, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, King's College Hospital, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. A. Hordern, I. S. Kreeger, B. A. Snowdon.

RODRIGUEZ-ARGANARAS, RODOLFO, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Barking Child Guidance Clinic; 28 Grove Park Road, S.E.9.
Proposed by Drs. W. Warren, D. A. Pond, M. C. Rutter.

WHITAKER, ROBERT MARTIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Grendon Underwood, nr. Aylesbury, Bucks.
Proposed by Drs. W. J. Gray, J. W. G. Dexter, I. G. W. Pickering.

WORTERS, ALISTAIR ROBIN, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Physician Superintendent, The Manor Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. A. B. Monro, J. H. Watkin, H. R. Rollin.

Dr. Greenberg from the floor raised the matter of liaison between local health authorities and hospital psychiatrists. He stressed the need for clinical reports to the local health authorities at the time of discharge of patients from hospital, and cited two examples where the lack of this had resulted in tragedy. Some discussion ensued on this topic, and the Chairman summed up by emphasizing the importance of secrecy in regard to patients' clinical treatment countered by the need for liaison between different bodies associated with follow-up and after care.

Dr. G. C. Heller read a paper entitled **"Existentialism and Psychotherapy".** He gave a historical outline of the philosophical antecedents of the subject and summarized the present relationship in particular between the psychopathology of the neuroses and the philosophy of existentialism.

Dr. Colin Allfrey then described **"A Case of Porphyria"** and Dr. Denis Cronin described **"A Case of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning".** A lively discussion ensued. Finally, Dr. Harvey Jones gave **"A View of Family Psychotherapy".** He described the technique of therapy involved, and illustrated this in a clinical case by means of a tape recording.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Gilsenan, Chairman of the Division, thanked the speakers for their excellent papers.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Coney Hill Hospital, Gloucester, on Thursday, 31 March, 1966, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. D. Lindsay Walker, Physician Superintendent.

During the forenoon, members were shown round the hospital. At lunch, members and guests were welcomed by Mr. George Lister, Chairman of the Hospital House Committee. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. A. J. Galbraith, gave thanks in reply.

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The Divisional Secretary reported that the Divisional Committee of Management had met before lunch.

With reference to the new Branches of the R.M.P.A., the result of the postal ballot of members in the Oxford Region was a decision to combine with the North-West Metropolitan Region to form the new Chilterns and Thames Valley Branch by 33 votes to 6.

A letter from the Ministry of Health concerning the appointment of members for Mental Health Review Tribunals was discussed. It was presumed that all Consultants in the N.H.S. were available for the Tribunals unless they had expressed a decision not to serve. It was agreed that the following, if not already on the panel, should be approached and asked to serve: Drs. R. W. Armstrong, G. A. Betts, T. E. Burrows, Mary Capes, A. C. Dalzell, O. W. S. Fitzgerald, F. E. Kingston and J. S. I. Skottowe.

Members were asked to forward other nominations of retired Consultant Psychiatrists to the Secretary.

Dr. Mandelbrote reported that he had been invited to serve on a Ministry of Health sub-committee to consider the standardization of hospital records as far as it related to psychiatric hospitals. The Divisional Committee endorsed the views of the Parliamentary Committee in hoping that there would be adequate psychiatric representation in the further study of psychiatric records, as it was agreed that the proposed medical record system was not suitable for psychiatric use. Dr. Mandelbrote would be pleased to receive any comments and suggestions from members.

It was decided to accept an invitation from Dr. O'Gorman to hold the Autumn Meeting at Borocourt Hospital, near Reading, on Thursday, 20 October, 1966.

Dr. P. R. Doherty raised the question of the payment by Regional Hospital Boards of course fees, travelling allowance and subsistence to attend medical meetings. A keen discussion followed, in which it was obvious that many members in the South-Western Region felt strongly that their Board was not giving fair and sympathetic consideration to their requests. Two resolutions were passed by the meeting:

1. That the Divisional Secretary should write to the General Secretary asking him to report this dissatisfaction to Council.
2. That a letter be sent to Professor D. Russell Davis asking him to raise the question at the Board's Medical Advisory Committee and asking if a Post-Graduate Advisor could be appointed who would consider all requests in connection with study leave, expenses and subsistence and refer them to the M.A.C.

The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Acland-Hood, Phyllis Lily Frances, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Medical Officer, Mendip Hospital, Wells, Somerset.
Proposed by Drs. R. H. Armin, A. Urquhart, S. M. Cannicot.

Bird, Michael Charles Cyril, M.B., Ch.B., General Practitioner, The Porch, Corsham, Wiltshire.
Proposed by Drs. E. S. Foote, A. C. Gibson, E. S. Lamont.

Lowther, John, M.B., B.Ch., Senior Medical Officer, St. Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon, Monmouthshire.
Proposed by Drs. V. A. Wills, R. L. Bird, J. M. Hughes.

Rees, Tudor Williams, M.B., B.Ch., Senior House Officer, Department of Psychological Medicine, The Welsh National School of Medicine, Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff.
Proposed by Professor K. Rawnsley, Drs. E. W. Davies, E. W. Fine.

Taeed, Heshmat, M.D., Junior Medical Officer, Exe Vale Hospital, Exeter, Devon.
Proposed by Drs. J. Scott, L. Couper, A. Jack.

Vohra, Ejaz Ahmad, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, Hants.
Proposed by Drs. J. Ffoulkes Edwards, N. Wright, Muriel O'Doherty.

Westerman, James Gordon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Medical Adviser to the Crookes Laboratories, Ltd., Telford Road, Houndmills Estate, Basingstoke, Hants.
Proposed by Drs. R. R. Tilleard-Cole, G. H. B. Baker, P. J. V. Beumont.

The following Office-Bearers were elected:

Chairman	Dr. A. J. Galbraith
Divisional Secretary . .	Dr. R. Wallace Simpson
Assistant Secretary	Dr. E. B. McDowall
Junior Representative on Council	Dr. T. C. Waters

Papers and Discussions

Psychiatry in the Forest of Dean

Dr. Jeffery Lomas first gave a résumé of the geographical and historical background of the Forest, saying it was an isolated area with no through traffic, few communications and much intermarriage. The population amounted to 50,000, there were few industries and much unemployment. The standard of living was, therefore, generally low. He then went on to describe the personality of the Forester, the intense social stratification and the difficulty of obtaining any history and information about the individual patient.

He then mentioned how the commoner psychiatric

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syndromes seemed to differ in the Forest patients. In the neuroses, somatic symptoms predominated. There did appear to be a specific "Forest psychosis" which he considered was probably essentially manic-depressive, with schizophrenic features modified by the Forest personality and culture. It responded well to E.C.T. but not to drugs. There was a pattern of heavy drinking, usually of rough cider, but, in fact, there were few alcoholics.

Dr. P. R. Doherty reported on the problems encountered in child psychiatry. He considered that social, educational and moral attitudes differed from elsewhere. When delinquency occurred, it was mainly motivated by revenge. The initiation of referral very rarely came from the parents.

On Running an Inexpensive Hostel

Dr. D. Lindsay Walker gave an account of his experiences in running an hostel for male patients discharged from hospital and working in the community. (*This paper is published in the February Journal 1967.*)

A keen and animated discussion, in which many members participated, followed both papers.

Finally, a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. A. T. Waters, who paid tribute to the speakers on the quality of their serious and fascinating papers, presented in such an interesting way, which had held the audience and contributed to such an excellent meeting.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

The Spring Meeting of the Northern and Midland Division was held at Cheadle Royal Hospital, Cheadle, on Thursday, 21 April, 1966, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee.

In the morning, members made a tour of inspection of the hospital.

The Divisional Committee of Management reported that Professor Stengel, as President-Elect of the Association, would be unable to continue in his present office of Chairman of the Northern and Midland Division. The Meeting expressed its congratulations and thanked Professor Stengel for his services as Chairman.

The Committee of Management had also agreed to request Council to consider the matter of payment of limited travelling expenses to lecturers who had to travel from outside the Division, to address Divisional Meetings.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Bainton, Cynthia Adela Ruth, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., D.C.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Consultant Psychiatrist to Birmingham Mental (D) Group of Hospitals: 24 Fenton Road, Hollywood, nr. Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. J. E. Varley, Rita Baillie, A. I. Roith.

Barton, John Laing, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Scalebor Park Hospital, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire.
Proposed by Drs. M. R. Leahy, J. C. Little, J. R. Burgess.

Bhattacharya, Biswarup, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. Sylvia Reid, N. C. Low, N. Kaye.

Bruce, Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield.
Proposed by Drs. R. D. H. Maxwell, D. P. Oakley, J. C. Gallagher.

Collies, Mary Patricia, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Registrar, Uffculme Clinic, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. W. H. Newnham, J. A. Harrington, E. R. Sethna.

Cuda Wijeyeratne, Amithodana Gamini, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Naburn and Bootham Park Hospitals, York.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. L. Bowen, H. de B. Warren, A. H. Wilson.

Foley, Patrick Christopher, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Registrar, St. George's Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland.
Proposed by Drs. B. M. A. Quigley, A. O. A. Wilson, P. Leyburn.

Goulden, Geoffrey William, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior Medical Officer, Monyhull Hospital, Birmingham 14.
Proposed by Drs. M. Sim, C. Berry, Rita Baillie.

Hands, Alicia Joyce, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Psychiatrist, Moss Side Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool.
Proposed by Drs. J. McDougall, F. J. Fish, R. Kellner.

Jaffri, Syed Shams Ul-Haq, M.B., B.S., Junior Medical Officer, Cherry Knowle Hospital, Ryhope, Sunderland.
Proposed by Drs. A. Gillis, S. J. Frewin, M. Wright.

Kinsella, Anne Teresa, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.C.H., Junior Medical Officer, Hollymoor Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham, 31.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. S. Falla, J. H. Price, N. Rivers.

Lautch, Henry, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, John Conolly Hospital, Bristol Road South, Rednal, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. J. M. White, D. P. Oakley, M. R. Morton.

Lawrie Bruce Richard, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Senior House Officer, Midland Nerve Hospital, Elvetham Road, Birmingham 15.
Proposed by Drs. R. W. Tibbetts, M. Sim, H. C. White.

Lopes, Wilfred Prazeres, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn, Lancashire.
Proposed by Drs. M. Silverman, T. V. A. Harry, J. D. Glynn.

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