NEAL, Charles David, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Highcroft Hospital, Erdington, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. I. A. MacDonald, R. M. Taylor, E. Jacoby.

ROCKLEY, Gerald Joseph, M.B., B.S., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Pastures Hospital, Mickleover, Derby.
Proposed by Drs. F. Berliner, J. H. Colhoun, R. E. Brandon.

ROGERS, Stephen Clifford, M.B., B.S., Clinical Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby.
Proposed by Drs. C. Tetlow, S. W. Gillman, E. L. Sutherland.

ROLSTON, Eleanor Thomasine, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood, Lichfield, Staffs.
Proposed by Drs. J. L. Clegg, S. J. Frewin, J. K. Wing.

ROY, Chunilal, M.B., B.S., Registrar, St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough.
Proposed by Drs. T. M. Cuthbert, D. D. Webster, R. V. Read.

SCHAPIRA, Kurt, M.D., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Newcastle General Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Proposed by Prof. M. Roth, Drs. M. W. P. Carney, H. Neubauer.

SURAWY, Jerzy, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Senior Medical Officer, St. Edward's Hospital, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. Hutchinson, J. V. Halpenny, T. Galla.

WHITE, John Hunter McNeil, M.B., B.S., Registrar, St. Mary's Hospital, Stannington, Morpeth.
Proposed by Drs. J. J. Justice, Josephine Rutter, W. M. M. Lyon.

WHITE, Beryl Margaret, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., St. Mary's Hospital, Stannington, Morpeth.
Proposed by Drs. J. J. Justice, Josephine Rutter, G. M. Langham-Hobart.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman	.. ..	Professor E. Stengel
Secretary	.. ..	Dr. W. V. Wadsworth
Junior Representative on Council	.. ..	Dr. D. B. Fowler
Assistant Secretary	..	Dr. B. Ward

The following were elected to the Divisional Committee of Management:

Dr. T. M. Cuthbert	Dr. I. Frost
Dr. S. Barton Hall	Dr. T. L. Pilkington
Dr. J. R. Roy	Dr. M. Silverman
Dr. S. Smith	Dr. J. A. R. Bickford
Dr. H. Freeman	Dr. C. P. Gore
Dr. J. S. Madden	Dr. C. Tetlow
Dr. R. Vereker	

A paper was delivered in the morning by Dr. H. B. Milne on **"Periodic Psychoses"** and also one by Dr. H. P. Hullin on **"Fluid and Electrolyte Changes in Periodic Psychoses"**. These were followed by a lively discussion.

In the afternoon Dr. P. M. J. O'Brien delivered a paper entitled **"The Psychotherapeutic Treatment of Alcoholism"** and Dr. J. S. Madden also delivered a paper entitled **"Why Does the Alcoholic Drink?"** Both these papers were followed by discussion.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Ailsa Hospital, Ayr, on Friday, 21 June, 1963, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ferguson Rodger.

The Chairman made reference to the following members of the Division who had died since the last Meeting: Drs. J. Milne, M. M. Macrae and A. H. C. Sinclair-Gieben. The Chairman also made reference to the death of Dr. Kenneth Cameron, who although not a member of the Scottish Division had been very well known in his native Scotland. The Division paid tribute to those Members in the usual way.

Election of Ordinary Members. The following were elected:

AHMED, Mohamed Basheeruddin, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Department of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. I. M. Ingram, B. G. Young, J. M. Carlisle.

BLACK, Sheila Johnstone Dedman, M.B., Ch.B., L.M.C.C., Registrar, Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital.
Proposed by Drs. Angus MacNiven, T. Freeman, W. T. McClatchey.

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CARTER, Mary, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Clinical Assistant, Department of Psychological Medicine, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh: Psychiatrist to Dr. Guthrie's Approved Schools, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Drs. Margaret Methven, S. Kumar, R. A. W. Ratcliff.

COTTRELL, Leonard George, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist Murthly Hospital, Perth.

Proposed by Drs. H. Stalker, J. C. Scott, T. A. Wylie.

PRABHAKARAN, Nanco, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Registrar, Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife.

Proposed by Drs. D. M. MacGregor, D. Ross, J. D. Haldane.

SINCLAIR, William Wells, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.M., Medical Officer, Home and Health Department, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.

Proposed by Dr. H. S. Ross, H. B. Craigie, E. J. C. Hewitt.

Representative on Consultants and Specialists Committee. Dr. MacNiven was re-elected as representative for the ensuing year.

Mental Health Statistics. It was reported that an approach had been made to the Scottish Home and Health Department for a meeting, but that the dates in June and July suggested by the Department were unsuitable and the Secretary was instructed to seek a date in September. The deputation to consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Drs. Aungle, Bailey, Ratcliffe and Tait.

Voting Rights of Patients in Hospital. It was reported that representations had been made to the Scottish Home and Health Department in this connection as the result of the appeal by two patients in the Crichton Royal, and that an acknowledgement had been received from the Department, but no further information could be given at this date. It was suggested that this was an appropriate matter for the Mental Welfare Commission to pursue on behalf of the patients.

Mental Deficiency Section. Arising from a report by Dr. H. S. Ross on the activities of the Mental Deficiency Section, who had expressed concern about the training of student nurses for the Mental Deficiency Register, it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to study the whole question of nurse training in psychiatry. Drs. Harper, McGillivray, Haldane, Christina Hamilton, H. B. Miller were elected to the sub-committee along with the Chairman and Secretary.

Arising also from Dr. Ross's report a sub-committee was elected to give evidence to the Farquharson-Lang Committee on the administrative practice of hospital boards, with particular reference to psychiatric hospitals. The members elected to this sub-committee were Professor I. Batchelor, Dr. James MacPherson, Dr. H. B. Miller, Dr. J. Owens, Dr. Elizabeth Robertson, and Dr. H. S. Ross along with the Chairman and Secretary.

Child Psychiatry Section. Dr. J. Haldane gave an informative account of the year's activities of the Child Psychiatry Section and also gave the Section's comments on the report on medical services for Child Guidance, which were endorsed by the Division.

Sub-Committee on Alcoholism. It was reported that the Standing Medical Advisory Committee of the Scottish Health Services Council had set up a sub-committee to review the provision for the treatment of alcoholics within the Health Services in Scotland, and that this sub-committee had asked for evidence from the R.M.P.A. It was decided that the most effective method of doing this would be for the Division to devote time at the September Meeting to a discussion on alcoholism on the basis of a paper by Dr. Vallance on a follow-up study of alcoholics. In this way the views of the Division as a whole would be most usefully gathered. The Secretary should report the result of the discussion to the Standing Medical Advisory Sub-Committee.

Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize. The Chairman reported that the Gaskell Medal and Prize had been won this year by a member of the Scottish Division—Dr. Ian Oswald of the Department of Psychological Medicine, Edinburgh.

Papers. Dr. Hewitt read a paper to the Historical Section giving an interesting account of the functions of the Criminal Lunatic Department at Perth and the State Hospital at Carstairs.

Dr. J. B. McWhinnie read a very interesting paper to the Child Psychiatry Section, **"Language, Communication and Delinquency."**

Dr. J. D. Haldane gave a stimulating account of a series of 23 cases of attempted suicide in children and adolescents whom he had seen over a five year period.

The Division is very grateful to all the speakers for their interesting contributions. The Division also wish to thank Dr. Miller and his Board of Management for the very excellent arrangements and hospitality which were provided at Ailsa Hospital at short notice.

The date and place of the next Meeting was fixed for 27 September at the Murray Royal Hospital,

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Perth, by kind invitation of Dr. Harry Stalker and his Board of Management.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Murray Royal Hospital, Perth, on Friday, 27 September, 1963, under the Chairmanship of Professor T. F. Rodger.

Election of Candidates to Ordinary Membership. The following were elected:

MCCRACKEN, Gordon Hughan, M.B., Ch.B., D.I.H., Assistant Psychiatrist, Hartfield Nerve Clinic, Dunbarton.

Proposed by Drs. D. Gilmour, G. E. Swinney, R. Davidson.

MORRISON, Archibald, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Stratheden and Associated Hospitals, Fife.

Proposed by Drs. D. M. MacGregor, D. Ross, W. E. J. Wilson.

Representative on Consultants' and Specialists' Committee. It was reported that Dr. McNiven had felt that he should not continue on this Committee on which he had been the Division's representative for some considerable time. The meeting noted Dr. McNiven's resignation with regret and appointed Dr. J. W. Affleck as the Division's Representative.

Mental Nurses' Committee of the General Nursing Council. A request had been received from the Scottish Home and Health Department for nominations for a representative on this Committee to replace the late Dr. James Milne. Dr. James MacPherson was nominated to fill this vacancy.

Mental Health Statistics. It was reported that owing to changes in the Secretariat the Department had asked for the proposed meeting to be delayed, but they were still anxious to meet the representatives from the Division.

The Farquharson-Lang Committee on the Administrative Practice of Hospital Boards. The sub-committee which had been appointed to give evidence to this committee met in the morning, and after considerable discussion came to the conclusion that little useful purpose could be served by submitting evidence. When this was reported to the main meeting in the afternoon, a lengthy discussion ensued in which it became apparent that many members were dissatisfied with the present system whereby Regional Hospital Boards obtained their advice on psychiatric matters, particularly in reference to planning for the future. The Secretary was instructed to draw up a memorandum in conjunction with Dr. J. W. Affleck and submit this to the Farquharson-Lang Committee.

Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards. It was reported that in response to requests from several members the Secretary had had a meeting with the Secretary of the Distinction Awards Committee, in the course of which the procedure for the nomination of Consultants for Distinction Awards had been explained. Each year the Scottish Sub-Committee, consisting of three members whose names have been published, review the claims of all Consultants in Scotland. Before this review is undertaken, a list is prepared of all consultants in all specialties who do not have awards. This list is then sent to a number of senior doctors in the various Regions, who are invited to make recommendations. These senior doctors include senior psychiatrists. The sub-Committee therefore have confidential information and recommendations from our own senior colleagues. The Secretary reported that it had been strongly emphasized that it was the responsibility of every Consultant to keep the Sub-Committee informed of any additional qualifications or publications which would be useful to the Sub-Committee. They should do so by writing to the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh.

The date and place of the next meeting was fixed for 6 December, 1963.

Dr. M. Vallance read an interesting paper on a follow up of 68 male alcoholics who had been admitted to the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow during 1960. The paper was followed by a lively discussion in which many members who had had considerable experience of treating alcoholics joined. It was clear that many members felt they were able to treat alcoholics successfully although their methods showed a considerable variation. Among the points made during the discussion were the need for physical treatment and first aid for the acute alcoholic episode, the need for a certain number of beds being put aside for more intensive treatment of those who are prepared to co-operate, and the prime importance of detailed follow up and after-care, especially in the early stages. It was suggested that various approaches to treatment should be tried on a research basis in order to determine which would be the most successful in different circumstances.

The Division is very grateful to Dr. Harry Stalker and his Board of Management for the excellent arrangements and hospitality which were provided at Murray Royal Hospital for the Meeting.

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IRISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY Meeting of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 27 November, 1963, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Dr. C. B. Robinson, Chairman of the Division, welcomed Professor Curran, President of the Association, and asked him to take the Chair. Professor Curran thanked him and handed the Chair back to Dr. Robinson.

Dr. Robinson then welcomed another guest, Professor Hong-Te-Lin from Formosa.

Dr. P. D. McCarthy read a paper entitled **"Preliminary Review of some Attempted Suicides in Dublin in 1962".**

Dr. McCarthy got his information from hospital records. He stated that Ireland has the lowest suicide rate in the world—3 per 100,000. In his review he had tried to see each patient personally.

In all Dr. McCarthy dealt with 16 hospitals, but in many cases even serious attempts were not admitted to hospital. Dr. McCarthy's group was divided into 80 women and 78 men, and he further divided each group into their various diagnoses and social conditions. Many were unemployed or living alone. Eleven of the group were in hospital when the attempt was made. Only a small number had taken alcohol.

Dr. McCarthy said, in conclusion, that of his original group of patients, 5 had died since.

The following took part in a discussion on the paper: Professor Curran, Dr. Moore, Dr. Pringle, Dr. Bergin, Professor Dunne, Professor Hong-Te-Lin, Dr. King, Dr. McGrath, Dr. Fennelly, Dr. Shea, Dr. McLaughlin, Dr. Brown, Dr. K. Walsh, Dr. Meenan, and Dr. Wilson.

Dr. Robinson read a short report on the meeting of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee with the Commission of Inquiry into Mental Illness, held in July last.

Dr. Moran referred to Dr. Sargant's letter to the *British Medical Journal* re therapeutic abortion, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the General Secretary in the matter.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast.

R.M.P.A. STUDY TOUR OF IRELAND

MAY, 1963

By WILLIAM RODGER

Sailing up Belfast Lough on 14 May, 1963, the party of R.M.P.A. members and friends on the Study Tour of Ireland had their first view of Ulster, with the varied coast-lines of Antrim and Down. In the next two crowded weeks they were going to see something of the psychiatric services both in Northern Ireland and in Eire. The first day was spent leisurely travelling along the magnificent Antrim coast road, with its dazzling cliffs of black basalt, white limestone and red sandstone, stopping to see the unique Giant's Causeway and thence on to Londonderry.

The introduction there to the hospital services of Northern Ireland was impressive, starting with the *new Mental Hospital at Gransha*; this was commenced in 1956 and the villas are still being completed in stages. It has a well-equipped admission unit and also a fine recreation hall and gymnasium. The hospital is closely linked administratively with the 12-storey new general hospital at Altnagelvin, a few miles away, and it is planned, when the latter has its new psychiatric wing, to specialize more as a subacute unit. The rehabilitation of patients is handicapped by the shortage of male employment facilities in the area.

An interesting day was spent at *Muckamore Abbey*, which has been developed since 1949 as the first residential unit for "persons requiring special care" (those designated as "subnormal" in Great Britain). At present there are around 700 patients in residence in this well-equipped hospital, built on the villa system. There is particular emphasis on treatment through training both in the school, with progressive classes graded according to mental age, and in the workshops. An important experiment is the forming of a training college for teachers in the field of special care, which has been started recently at the Abbey. The variety of toys in the wards and the playing equipment, the mural decorations and modern garden hut, all illustrated the active interest and help given to the hospital by voluntary effort. The strange tale was related how in the construction of the hospital every effort was made by local workmen to avoid destroying the "Fairy Ring" in the grounds,

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