produce such an interesting and educative exhibition.

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

After lunch the Chairman referred to the forthcoming retiral of Dr. McNiven and paid tribute to his influence on Scottish Psychiatry and to his work for the Association and the Scottish Division during his years of office at Gartnavel.

IRISH DIVISION

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 24th February, 1965, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, at the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin.

A vote of sympathy was passed on the death of Dr. Vincent Crotty and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Crotty expressing the sympathy of the Division.

A Paper entitled **"Suicides in Dublin in 1962-63"**, by Dr. P. D. McCarthy and Dr. Dermot Walsh, was read by Dr. Dermot Walsh.

Dr. Walsh analysed 314 suicides in Dublin from information in Coroners' reports. He broke down his figures into groups under various headings, e.g. age and sex distribution; age—specific rates per 100,000; social status; month of year; causes; and area of residence.

The Paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, M. Sullivan, Shea, Dolphin, J. Sullivan, T. Lynch, R. McCarthy, D. Eustace, J. Ryan, Moran, McGrath, Brown, Hill, Clenaghan, Fennelly, Power, Ramsay, and M. Conlon.

The following was elected an Ordinary Member:

Scully, Gertrude Dorothy Mary, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer, Our Lady's Hospital, Lee Road, Cork, Eire.

Proposed by Drs. J. J. O'Connor, D. D. Kelly, E. G. Ryan.

A letter from the Department of Justice was read, referring to a query regarding the examination of prisoners in the presence of prison staff. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Department of Justice for permission to publish the letter in the *Irish Medical Journal*.

On the motion of Dr. Ivor Brown, seconded by Dr. Moore, it was decided to form a committee from the Division to meet the Medico-Legal Society to discuss problems which had been raised.

The next meeting was fixed for 29th May, 1965, at Limerick.

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