RICHARDS, VERONICA JANE, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Rubery Hill Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. C. Entwistle, J. R. Mathers, J. Wardell-Yerburgh.

ROBINSON, JOHN RICHARD, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Central Hospital, Warwick.
Proposed by Drs. E. S. Stern, K. R. Thomas, C. Tetlow.

SOMARATNE, HENRY BENEDICT ANTON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Registrar, St. Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood, Lichfield.
Proposed by Drs. J. L. Clegg, Eleanor Rolston, M. R. Morton.

VISRAM, SHIRIN ABDULKUSSEIN, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.P.M., Registrar in Psychiatry, Manchester Regional Hospital Board; 61 Oak Road, Manchester 8
Proposed by Drs. J. Hoenig, G. Sedman, G. Hopkinson.

WHITE, HARRY VERE, B.A., L.M.S.S.A., Registrar, Rainhill Hospital, Rainhill, nr. Liverpool.
Proposed by Drs. B. Finkleman, R. H. Martlew, R. B. Taylor.

WILSON, JOHN RALPH EDWIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, St. George's Hospital, Stafford.
Proposed by Drs. R. Vereker, J. H. Burns, H. M. Flanagan.

WILSON, MAIDIE ELIZABETH, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, Highcroft Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. R. M. Taylor, E. Jacoby, E. M. Whitelaw.

A letter from the General Secretary was considered. This stated that the Royal College of Physicians had requested names of 8 or 9 senior psychiatrists from each Region from which representatives of the Royal College on Advisory Appointment Committees would be chosen. The Division was asked to nominate representatives from each of the Regions in its area. It was agreed that a Divisional Committee member from each Region should be nominated, who should submit names of Consultants to the Secretary.

Papers were then read on **"The Birmingham Regional Plan for Postgraduate Education in Psychiatry"**, given by Professor W. H. Trethowan, University of Birmingham; and (as a complementary paper further outlining the Birmingham Plan) **"The Peripheral Unit"**, by Dr. M. David Enoch, Consultant Psychiatrist, Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury. These two excellent papers stimulated a high level of discussion and comment from the audience.

In the afternoon two further papers were given, the first by Dr. G. Hope Scott, Consultant Psychiatrist, Uffculme Clinic, Birmingham, entitled, **"Intensive Group Psychotherapy"** and the second by Dr. R. Morgan, Medical Superintendent, St. Wulstan's Hospital, Malvern, entitled, **"An Experiment in Psychiatric Rehabilitation"**. Following each paper there was comment and discussion.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

SPRING MEETING, 1964

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, on Friday, 13 May, 1964.

Professor Ferguson Rodger, Chairman of the Scottish Division, welcomed the President, Professor Desmond Curran, to the Divisional Meeting and asked him to take the chair for the meeting.

The following was elected an Ordinary Member:

BREBNER, CECILIA, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Visiting Psychiatrist, Notre Dame Clinic; Clinical Assistant in Child Psychiatry, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.
Proposed by Drs. F. Stone, I. F. Sutherland, M. T. Kennedy.

The following Office Bearers were elected for 1964-65:

Chairman	Dr. M. M. Whittet
Divisional Secretary . .	Dr. A. K. M. Macrae
Assistant Divisional Secretary	Dr. J. W. MacPherson
Junior Representative on Council	Dr. J. W. Affleck

Office Bearers of Sections were elected as follows:

Research and Clinical	
Chairman	Dr. A. D. Forrest
Secretary	Dr. P. G. Fawcett
Mental Deficiency	
Chairman	Dr. J. R. Bailey
Secretary	Dr. J. Sinclair
Child Psychiatry	
Chairman	J. B. Rogers
Secretary	Dr. Isobel Sutherland

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Forensic Psychiatry

Chairman	Dr. J. K. W. Morrice
Secretary	Dr. K. H. R. Wardrop

Historical

Chairman	Dr. J. Harper
Secretary	Dr. A. A. Bell

The Committee of Management was elected as follows:

Dr. Philip Barker	Dr. H. Ross
Professor I. R. C. Batchelor	Professor T. F. Rodger
Dr. J. Buchanan	Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart
Dr. Matthew Devlin	Dr. Gerald Timbury
Dr. H. B. Miller	

Farquharson-Lang Committee. It was reported that the Farquharson-Lang committee had asked for a deputation from the Division to give oral evidence on Friday, 3 April, at St. Andrew's House, and the following were proposed:

Dr. J. W. Affleck, Prof. I. R. C. Batchelor, Dr. A. P. Russell, Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart, Dr. M. M. Whittet and the Divisional Secretary.

Conference on Industrial Therapy. It was reported that Messrs. Smith, Kline and French were going ahead with arrangements for organizing a conference on Industrial Therapy to be held in Scotland in or about the middle of May.

Endowment Funds. A letter had been received from Professor Batchelor pointing out the discrepancy in the allocation of Endowment Funds between general hospitals and mental hospitals. It was generally felt that there was a considerable discrepancy here, and it was pointed out that the Endowment Commission had suggested a review of the position in ten years from the time of their report. After some discussion, it was agreed that the best approach would be for the matter to be taken up again with the Association of Boards of Management, and only if this again failed to achieve any result would the Division take it up directly with their own Health Department.

Professor C. Knight Aldrich of the University of Chicago delivered a very interesting paper on **"Psychological Aspects of Delinquency",** which was followed by a discussion. The Division will wish to thank Professor Aldrich for giving such a stimulating and interesting paper.

Professor I. R. C. Batchelor opened a discussion on "A College of Psychiatry?". Professor Batchelor began by asking whether a College would be good for psychiatrists, for the discipline of psychiatry and for medicine as a whole. He went on to examine the proposal for a College of Psychiatry from four different angles: *Who* wants a College of Psychiatry; *Why* is a College wanted; *What* would be its effect on psychiatrists, physicians and Scottish psychiatry; and can the objectives be reached by other means? He suggested that the reasons for wanting a College were in part due to the attitude of the Royal College of Physicians of London and in part to the widespread dissatisfaction with the R.M.P.A. as it functions at present. He also thought that the formation of a College would have a bad effect on the relationship between psychiatry and general medicine, that a College would be less democratic and more exclusive than the R.M.P.A., and that even if the College instituted a new higher qualification, the D.P.M. would have to continue, so that there would be an increase in the number of examinations which the aspiring psychiatrist might have to sit. He did not think that changing the Association into a College would in any way enhance the status or prestige of psychiatry or increase psychiatrist representation on important committees. In conclusion, he made a plea for the reorganization of the R.M.P.A. at headquarters and Divisional levels as a constructive alternative to the formation of a College.

Professor Batchelor's paper was followed by a brisk discussion in which many members took part. As at the Glasgow meeting, no vote was taken.

The Division all wish to thank Professor Batchelor for providing such a stimulating and provocative opening for this discussion.

SUMMER MEETING, 1964

The Summer Meeting of the Scottish Division was held at Craig Dunain Hospital, Inverness on 18-19 June, 1964.

The Meeting began on June 18 with a paper by Dr. M. M. Whittet on **"Melancholia in the Highlands and Islands".** Dr. Whittet provided a comprehensive set of statistics relating to the Northern Region and to the rest of Scotland, and enlarged upon the epidemiological, socio-economic and psycho-pathological factors which formed the background against which the figures should be interpreted

In the evening the Board of Management entertained members and their wives to an excellent dinner at the hospital.

On the morning of 19 June, the Division heard a paper by Dr. Ian Oswald on some of his original work on **"Clinical Aspects of Sleep".** This was followed by a lively discussion.

A Buffet lunch, kindly provided by the Board of Management, was followed by the Business Meeting of the Division.

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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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