The following were elected to the Divisional Committee of Management, in place of Drs. L. G. Kiloh, G. McCoull, K. O. Milner and A. Pool who retired: Prof. E. Stengel and Drs. S. Barton Hall, M. J. Brookes, T. M. Cuthbert, I. Frost, R. McDonald, D. F. McGregor, T. L. Pilkington, J. R. Roy, M. Silverman, S. Smith, J. Valentine, B. Ward.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership of the Association:

ABENSON, MAURICE HARRY, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Rainhill Hospital, near Liverpool.
Proposed by Drs. P. A. Roxburgh, Eileen Scanlan, R. H. Martlow.

BAKKER, ADRIAN HENDRIK, M.B., B.Ch., Junior Medical Officer, Towers Hospital, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. C. E. H. Turner, L. Arenillas, H. B. Kidd.

BRADLEY, ROBERT COLIN PHILLIPS, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M., Locum Senior Registrar, Cherry Knowle Hospital, Ryhope, Sunderland.
Proposed by Drs. A. Gillis, S. J. Frewin, C. F. Lascelles.

FISHER, GORDON WILLIAM HERBERT, M.B., B.S., Registrar, Prudhoe and Monkton Hospital, Prudhoe Hall, Prudhoe-on-Tyne, Northumberland.
Proposed by Drs. G. McCoull, F. Murray, Margaret Walley.

FOOKES, BERNARD HARRY, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. Nicholas Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3.
Proposed by Drs. J. R. Roy, P. Morgan, P. J. G. Quinn.

LAMBOURNE, ROBERT ALFRED, M.B., Ch.B., 73 Westfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
Proposed by Drs. J. R. Mathers, J. W. Yerburgh, D. W. Millard.

MILNER, GERALD, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Towers Hospital, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. L. Arenillas, C. E. H. Turner, H. B. Kidd.

RYAN, EAMONN, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar, Uffculme Clinic, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. Harrington, J. L. Crammer, H. H. Grosser.

WALSH, JEFFREY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G., Clinical Assistant in Psychiatry; 1 Hilton Crescent, Malley Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham.
Proposed by Drs. Duncan Macmillan, H. Fisher, Z. Finkelstein.

WILSON, JOHN DAVID, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Whiteley Wood Clinic, Woofindin Road, Sheffield, 10.
Proposed by Professor E. Stengel, Drs. P. Hall, F. G. Spear.

The meeting went on to hear Professor Stengel speak on *The Management of Attempted Suicide after the Suicide Act 1961*. He pointed to the unobtrusive nature of this Act and felt that it might lead to an apparent increase in the incidence of suicide and attempted suicide became of greater willingness on the part of coroners and hospitals to accept these incidents as suicidal. He discussed the Ministerial Memorandum which closely followed the passage of the Act and noted the lack of comment among psychiatrists thereon. Attempted suicide was operationally defined, and the Sheffield scheme (with printed ward instructions) was referred to. It was agreed that the Act and the Memorandum brought a formidable addition to the psychiatrists' work, and in the following discussion it was felt that this was to be accepted as a definite commitment and should be catered for.

The meeting then retired for sherry and lunch to which they were welcomed by the Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. Dewhurst. Dr. Pentreath thanked the hosts for their very excellent hospitality.

The afternoon session was arranged as a symposium on the biochemical aspects of psychiatry and papers were presented by Dr. Smythies on *The Biochemistry of Schizophrenia*, Dr. Grant on *Some Biochemical Factors in Depression*, Dr. M. Harper on *Biochemical Enquiries into the Phobic Anxiety-Depersonalization Syndrome*, and Dr. Jenner on *Biochemical Research in the Periodic Psychoses*.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH DIVISION, was held at Dundee Royal Mental Hospital, Liff, by Dundee, on Friday, 22 June, 1962.

Fifty-nine members and several guests were present.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

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The following were elected ordinary members of the Association:

ANDERSON, ANDREW MCINNES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Senior Administrative Medical Officer, South-Eastern Regional Hospital Board.

Proposed by Dr. H. S. Ross and *seconded by* Drs. D. Ross and G. S. Riddell.

BARKER, MONTAGU GORDON, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer in Psychiatry, Maryfield Hospital, Dundee.

Proposed by Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor, and *seconded by* Drs. H. C. Fowlie and R. S. Bluglass.

MATHERS, DAVID STEPHEN, L.R.C.P.&S., L.R.F.P.S.G., Registrar, Lennox Castle Hospital, Lennoxtown.

Proposed by Dr. R. C. MacGillivray and *seconded by* Drs. J. S. Green and J. Campbell.

MUNRO, ALISTAIR, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Woodilee Hospital, Lenzie, by Glasgow.

Proposed by Dr. G. E. Swinney and *seconded by* Drs. R. Davidson and N. Fraser.

WHYTE, ELINOR MARY, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Argyll & Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead.

Proposed by Dr. J. L. MacDougall, and *seconded by* Drs. D. L. McNab and J. S. Carslaw.

Wright Committee.

Professor Rodger gave an account of the present position of the Division's recommendations in regard to the Wright Committee.

Consultants and Specialists Committee.

The Division nominated Dr. Angus MacNiven to be a Member of this Committee for the year 1962-63.

Letter from Dr. J. K. W. Morrice.

A letter from Dr. Morrice, Consultant Psychiatrist, Dingleton Hospital, was read to the Division. In essence he raised the question of whether psychiatrists should not be paid for a visit to a patient which was essentially to determine whether or not the patient should be compulsorily admitted to Hospital; and in conjunction the whole question of payment for domiciliary visits by full-time Consultants. There was considerable discussion about these questions and it became apparent during the discussion that the practice varied from area to area. It was felt that the question was an important one and Professor Rodger felt it warranted discussion at the next Meeting.

Draft National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1962.

These regulations relate to Officers who retired early on account of redundancy, and also Officers who retired in the interests of the efficiency of the Service. Professor Rodger said that certain important considerations were involved here. After a little discussion he suggested that the matter be taken up with the Parliamentary Committee of the R.M.P.A.

Date of the next Meetings.

It was agreed that the provisional dates and venues for the forthcoming Meetings would be:

Last Friday in September—28 September, 1962, at Dingleton Hospital, Melrose.

First Friday in December—7 December, 1962, proposed venue—Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

Second Friday in March—8 March, 1963, proposed venue—Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

Third Friday in June—21 June, 1963, proposed venue—Murray Royal Hospital, Perth (one or two-day Meeting).

In the forenoon the Division heard two interesting Papers—one by Dr. H. C. Fowlie on *Somatotyping of Female Psychiatric Patients*, and the other by Dr. A. McGhie on *An Experimental Study of Disorders of Attention in Schizophrenia*, including a film.

After the business meeting and tea, the Forensic Section held a short business meeting.

Some of the Members were able to see part of the Hospital.

All those who were present will wish to thank Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor and his staff and Board of Management for the consideration and efforts they expended on our behalf, and for the hospitality which they showed to us at our Summer Meeting.

INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOSOMATIC CANCER STUDY GROUP

The 3rd International Conference of the above group will be held from July 22nd to 26th, 1963, in Newnham College, Cambridge. The theme of the Conference is "Psychosomatic Aspects of Neoplastic Disease". Further particulars may be had from the U.K. representative, Dr. D. M. Kissen, Brookfield, Elm Walk, Bearsden, Glasgow.

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