problems in diagnosis in psychiatry which justify the need to examine the process of diagnosis itself; states the reliance of our present approach on the methods of natural science; discusses other methods available to us—in particular that offered by the philosophy of history; describes the theory of the historical method and how it could be applied to the theory of diagnosis; argues that with it we could rewrite the subject in another frame of reference; and then discusses the new questions available to ask, which is to say, the kind of research which could arise, from such an undertaking.

'The Management of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning' by Dr. J. Sydney, Research Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Newcastle upon Tyne.

A three-year review of all cases of carbon monoxide poisoning in the Newcastle upon Tyne City area has been made. Some observations are presented on patterns of management; the survivors and fatal cases are contrasted, and some late neuro-psychiatric sequelae of poisoning described.

'A Metabolic Research Unit in a Psychiatric Hospital' by Dr. R. McDonald, Medical Director, High Royds Hospital.

This paper describes the setting up and development of a Metabolic Research Unit at a large psychiatric hospital. The origins of the project and the way in which it has evolved to its present state are described. Various investigations so far undertaken are briefly reviewed, and the present and future lines of research are discussed. Reference is made to the general question of the provisions for research in the psychiatric field.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

Summer Meeting, 1969

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at The House of Daviot, Pitcaple, Aberdeenshire, and at The Aberdeen Royal Cornhill Hospital on Thursday and Friday, 19 and 20 of June 1969.

Committee of Management. The report from the Committee of Management of its meeting on 20 June, 1969, was accepted.

(a) Dr. Fowlie described the Mental Health Statistical Return which would be issued to all Hospitals in 1970.

(b) Dr. Carlisle gave an interim report on his survey of occupational and other therapies.

(c) A letter from a member regarding the finances of psychiatric patients was referred to the Mental Welfare Commission.

(d) Dr. Morrice received strong support for his proposal to form a Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Group.

Obituary. The Division noted with deep regret the death of Drs. R. H. Park and A. F. McLean.

The following was elected as Ordinary Membership:

MORTON, HUGH GLOAG, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Maryfield Hospital, Dundee; Royal Dundee Liff Hospital, Dundee.
Proposed by Professor I. R. C. Batchelor, Drs. J. D. Uytman, A. H. Reid.

The Chairman, Professor Macrae, referred to the work of the Committee of Management during the year and to the activities of the special section of the Division. The Report on Psychiatric Services for the Elderly had received favourable comment and interest throughout the United Kingdom.

He then proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Andrew Wyllie and his staff for the arrangements for the Summer Meeting, and this was carried by acclamation.

The programme for the Meeting included presentation of the following papers:

'Research into Behavioural Effects of Anti-convulsants on Children with Seizure Disorders,' Dr. Ian Lowit and Dr. David H. Mellor. 'Avitaminosis B_{12} in Psychiatric Practice—The Present Position,' Dr. James G. Henderson. 'Birth Order and Mental Illness,' Dr. John Birtchnell.

'Chromosome Abnormalities,' Dr. Harold S. Ross. 'Some Aspects of Dependence in the Doctor/Patient Relationship,' Dr. James D. Gomersall. 'Hostel Care for Long stay Patients,' Dr. John H. Henderson.

'The Sociopath and His Treatment,' Dr. J. K. W. Morrice.

The Division is most grateful to all the speakers for their contribution to the success of the meeting and to Professor W. M. Millar for helping to arrange the Scientific Programme.

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Autumn Meeting, 1969

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Lynebank Hospital, Dunfermline, on Friday, 26 September, 1969, with Prof. A. K. M. Macrae in the chair.

The following Report from the Committee of Management was accepted:

(a) The Report on Area Mental Health Services, which had been approved by the Committee, would be circulated to all members for the December meeting but could form the basis of further discussion with the Chief Medical Officer.

(b) The memorandum on Police Procedures and Children was approved.

(c) The new scale of fees for reports to Procurators Fiscal was accepted.

(d) The Department's circular on the proposed Scottish Hospital Advisory Service was severely criticized.

The following was elected an Ordinary Member:

MACKAY, JOYCE ELISABETH, M.B., Ch.B., Clinical Assistant, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Larbert, Stirlingshire.

Proposed by Drs. D. A. Primrose, J. Surawy, H. G. Hamilton-Hislop.

The following papers were presented:

'Psychological Aspects of Subnormality: perspectives in a new hospital', by Dr. W. I. Fraser, Consultant Psychiatrist, Lynebank Hospital.

'Trends in Prophylaxis: perinatal and neonatal hazards', by Dr. James Syme, Visiting Paediatrician, Lynebank.

After lunch there was a tour of the new hospital. The Division is most grateful to Dr. W. W. Sinclair and his Board of Management for their hospitality and to the speakers for their excellent contributions.

FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT

Clinical Tutors Sub-Committee Reading List in Psychiatry

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