SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Lennox Castle, Lennoxtown, on 2 March, 1962. Dr. Angus MacNiven was in the chair, and 38 members and a number of guests were present.

The Division paid tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Thomas Tennent and Dr. D. H. Williamson.

Dr. MacNiven congratulated Dr. Laura Mill on becoming an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

It was warmly agreed that the Secretary should send a telegram of good wishes to Dr. Craigie on the occasion of his wedding.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Dr. D. M. Kissen and Dr. M. Sheridan were unanimously elected members of the Association.

The following were elected Office Bearers for the year 1962-63:

Chairman:	Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.
Divisional Secretary:	Dr. M. M. Whittet.
Assistant Divisional Secretaries:	Dr. A. C. Tait and Dr. A. K. M. Macrae.
Junior Representative on Council:	Dr. J. W. Affleck.

Election of Committee of Management. The retiring Members were Dr. A. P. Russell and Dr. K. R. H. Wardrop. The Division elected, in addition to the present Members, Dr. Matthew Devlin, Dr. J. Buchanan, Dr. R. C. MacGillivray and Dr. H. B. Miller.

The following were elected Officer Bearers of Sections:

Chairman, Forensic Psychiatry Section:	Dr. P. K. McCowan.
Secretary, Forensic Psychiatry Section:	Dr. H. Stalker.
Chairman, Papers and Discussions Section:	Professor T. F. Rodger.
Secretary, Papers and Discussions Section:	Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor.
Chairman, Research and Clinical Section:	Dr. A. D. Forrest.
Secretary, Research and Clinical Section:	Dr. J. F. McHarg.
Chairman, Child Psychiatry Section:	Dr. F. H. Stone.
Secretary, Child Psychiatry Section:	Dr. J. Haldane.
Chairman, Mental Deficiency Section:	Dr. J. R. Bailey.
Secretary, Mental Deficiency Section:	Dr. H. S. Ross.
Chairman, Historical Section:	Dr. J. Harper.
Secretary, Historical Section:	Dr. A. A. Bell.

The following names were put forward for membership of the Working Party on Maladjustment:

Dr. F. H. Stone.	Dr. H. S. Ross.
Dr. J. Haldane.	Dr. K. R. H. Wardrop.
Dr. R. C. MacGillivray.	Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Secretary read the letter from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for Scotland giving an assurance that they had informed all appropriate Bodies of impending changes. Some Members felt that this did not go far enough and they asked that the Secretary should again approach the Nursing Council, either directly or through Dr. James Milne.

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Kilbrandon and McBoyle Committee

Dr. Stalker outlined the Report of the R.M.P.A. Special Committee in relation to the Kilbrandon and McBoyle Committee. There was considerable discussion about the recommendations being put forward. Dr. Bailey criticized the Police Juvenile Liaison Scheme and there was also discussion and criticism about the role of Medical Assessors, and the Juvenile Boards instead of Courts.

Certain Members asked to have time to study the Report, but after discussion the Chairman said that as this was a Special Committee with powers and time was limited, the Sub-Committee should proceed to submit the Report.

Report on Wright Committee

Dr. Tait outlined the findings of the Sub-Committee. The application of the formula for arriving at the requirements for medical staffing met with general acceptance, and Dr. MacNiven congratulated Dr. Tait and the Members of the Committee on the work they had devoted to this difficult question.

Dr. MacGillivray, our host, had indicated earlier in the day that if time was running short he would not be offended if he did not give his Paper. The Chairman asked the feeling of the Meeting regarding this and as Dr. MacGillivray himself felt that time was too short, it was agreed to postpone this Paper.

There was further discussion about the arrangements of the Meetings—in the first place with regard to the starting time in the morning. The Chairman suggested 10 a.m. but a number of Members felt that 11 a.m. was more suitable.

Dr. A. K. M. Macrae and Dr. Timbury proposed that the procedure agreed to at the previous Divisional Meeting should be carried out and it would obviate this difficulty in future. There was further general discussion about the arrangements.

In the forenoon the Historical Section met and Dr. John Campbell gave a talk entitled "Some Historical Notes on Mental Deficiency".

The Research and Clinical Section also met and Dr. Sinclair-Gieben gave a Talk on "Psychiatric Aspects of Gastric Surgery".

All Members who were present will wish to thank Dr. R. C. MacGillivray and his Staff for the trouble they took to make the day a very pleasant one.

IRISH DIVISION

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held on Wednesday, 27 June, 1962, on the kind invitation of Dr. J. Moore Johnston, at the Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh. Twenty-nine members and six visitors were present.

The meeting commenced with lunch, at which a short address of welcome was given by Dr. Watson, Chairman of the Board of the hospital. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. W. McCartan, and seconded by Dr. C. Robinson.

Dr. T. M. J. Haran read a paper on "'Ospolot' in Epilepsy". He had done a trial on 48 patients, 7 of whom were much improved, and 5 improved. As well as the improvement in the number of convulsions, patients improved in their behaviour, and there was a definite reduction in attacks of violence. Side-effects noticed were paraesthesiae, which occurred in 57 per cent. of patients, gastric symptoms, headaches and dizziness.

The paper was discussed by Dr Whitfield, Dr. McCartan and Dr. McCarthy.

Dr. Moore Johnston read a paper on "The Planning of a Combined Hospital". The present hospital in Omagh is due to be demolished, and plans are going ahead for a new combined hospital, which would cover the present General Hospital, Maternity Hospital and Mental Hospital. They are endeavouring to break down the numbers in the Mental Hospital by making accommodation for the Geriatric patients elsewhere, and there would also be a Colony attached to the Hospital for long stay patients, where they could live and go out to work, if suitable.

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