follow-up system, and believed that patients were more likely to survive outside hospital, if they knew they were going to be seen as out-patients.

Dr. Pilkington described an interesting innovation at his hospital, whereby members of the nursing staff make domiciliary visits to discharged patients.

Finally Dr. Walk proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to the hospital authorities for a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Dykebar Mental Hospital on Friday 6 March, 1959. 59 members were present and apologies for absence were received from 16 members.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

EDMOND, CATHERINE RUSSELL, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife.

Proposed by Drs. David Ross, A. M. Cook, J. D. Haldane.

IMLAH, NORMAN WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B., Dip.Psych.(Edin.), Registrar, Bangour Village Hospital, West Lothian.

Proposed by Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, B. E. A. Magill, D. E. H. Beattie.

JOHNSTON, JAMES MCLAUGHLAN, M.B., Ch.B., Physician Superintendent, State Mental Hospital and State Institution, Carstairs.

Proposed by Drs. H. B. Craigie, E. J. C. Hewitt, L. M. D. Mill.

MCGOVERN, GERALD PATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.E., Registrar, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside.

Proposed by Drs. T. A. Munro, J. W. Affleck, M. M. Whittet.

MALEY, WILLIAM ANDREW, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Hawkhead Hospital, Crookston Road, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. J. Milne, R. H. Park, W. S. Thomson.

ROBERTSON, ALAN ROXBURGH, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Bellsdyke Hospital, Larbert.

Proposed by Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. A. P. Russell, M. Devlin.

TODD, NORMAN ALEXANDER, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Psychiatric Unit, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. F. McLean, T. Freeman.

Professor W. M. Millar was elected Chairman, Dr. M. M. Whittet Divisional Secretary, Dr. A. C. Tait Assistant Divisional Secretary, and Dr. J. H. Harper Representative on Council.

Drs. E. J. C. Hewitt, A. P. Russell and K. R. H. Wardrop were elected to the Committee of Management.

The following were elected Office Bearers of Sections (to be *ex-officio* members of the Committee of Management):

Dr. P. K. McCowan	Chairman, Forensic Psychiatry Section.
Dr. H. Stalker	Secretary, Forensic Psychiatry Section.
Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger	Chairman, Papers and Discussions Section.
Dr. I. R. C. Batchelor	Secretary, Papers and Discussions Section.
Dr. W. A. Cramond	Chairman, Research and Clinical Section.
Dr. J. F. McHarg	Secretary, Research and Clinical Section.

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Dr. F. H. Stone	Chairman, Child Psychiatry Section.
Dr. W. J. B. Rogers	Secretary, Child Psychiatry Section.
Dr. L. M. D. Mill	Chairman, Mental Deficiency Section.
Dr. R. C. MacGillivray.	Secretary, Mental Deficiency Section.

The Secretary reported that the Forensic Section had met in the forenoon. At the Meeting a sub-section had been appointed to deal with the History of Psychiatry; Dr. Harper was appointed Chairman, Dr. McHarg Vice-Chairman, and Dr. A. A. Bell Secretary. Dr. Wardrop had given an interesting paper on **Some Aspects of Forensic Psychiatry.** A Sub-Committee had been appointed to consider the question of psychopathic states, with Dr. McCowan as Chairman and Dr. Stalker as Secretary.

There had also been a short meeting of the Papers and Discussions Section.

At the Committee of Management Meeting further consideration had been given to the new Mental Health Bill. This gave rise to further discussion at the Divisional Meeting, and it was agreed that it should form the major topic for discussion at the Summer Meeting.

The question of hospital staffing which had been discussed at the Committee of Management, was also the subject of further discussion by the Division and it was agreed that the matter should be gone into further with the central body of the Association.

The arrangements for the next meeting to be held at the Argyll and Bute Mental Hospital, Lochgilphead, on Friday, 19 June, were confirmed.

A Symposium was held on **The Psychiatric Aspects of Therapeutic Abortion and Sterilization.** The Division was addressed by Dr. A. Balfour Sclare, Dr. M. M. Garrey and Mr. C. G. Carmichael, Advocate, and this was followed by questions and discussion.

The thanks of the Division were conveyed to Dr. John Rosie and his Board of Management for their generous hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Argyll and Bute Mental Hospital, Lochgilphead, on Friday, 19 June, 1959. Forty-six members were present.

The Chairman referred with regret to the recent passing of Dr. Matthew Fyfe, *C.B.E.*

The following were elected Ordinary Members of the Association:

BROWN, DOROTHY LENA NEILSON, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Dept. of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Prof. T. Ferguson Rodger, Drs. A. B. Sclare, H. I. Clapham.

CARSLAW, JAMES STEWART, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Hawkhead Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. J. Milne, R. H. Park. W. S. Thomson.

DUNCAN, ROBERT LESLIE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.M., Senior House Officer, Ailsa Hospital, Ayr.

Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, J. F. McHarg, W. L. Flanagan.

HOWIESON, WILLIAN EVAN, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Jordanburn Nerve Hospital, Edinburgh.

Proposed by Drs. F. J. Fish, A. McClelland, A. D. Forrest.

TAYLOR, JOHN HARPER DAWSON, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Commander, Royal Navy.

Proposed by Drs. F. J. Fish, A. D. Forrest, J. R. B. Saxby.

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Report from Committee of Management.

Dr. Angus MacNiven was re-nominated to the Central Consultants' and Specialists' Committee. It was reported that the question of the Scottish D.P.M. had not been lost sight of and that the matter was still under consideration. The Research and Clinical Section had met in the forenoon and had heard talks from Dr. J. L. Macdougall on "An Assessment of a Phenothiazine Drug", and from Dr. I. J. MacCammond and Dr. Margaret Dewar on "A Survey of the Female Depressive Group in Argyll and Bute". Both these talks aroused great interest and discussion.

There was also a short meeting of the Papers and Discussions Section in the forenoon.

A lengthy discussion took place on the Mental Health Bill. Members present were strongly in favour of a continuance in Scotland of the Board of Control, with wide powers in relation to the Medico-legal side and also the mental health service in general.

The questions of compulsory admission to hospital; the case of high-grade mental defectives, and responsibility for detention and discharge, were discussed. Professor Kennedy said that he was strongly in favour of adopting the English Bill, but the great majority of those present favoured separate legislation for Scotland.

There was divided opinion regarding the question of nomenclature in respect of the responsible person in relation to admissions and discharges. Some favoured the designation "Medical Superintendent", and by implication, people acting on his behalf, while others wanted the designation "Responsible Medical Officer" used in this connection. Of those who were present at the end of the meeting, 16 voted for the designation "Responsible Medical Officer", and 16 for that of "Medical Superintendent".

Thanks are due to Dr. MacCammond and his staff at Lochgilphead Hospital, whose efforts on our behalf made the Meeting such a pleasant and memorable one, and also the Board of Management, in particular Sir George Campbell, the Chairman, who not only presided at the luncheon but also did us the honour and courtesy of attending the meeting of the Division later in the afternoon.

It was agreed that Murthly Hospital, Perth, would be the venue for the next meeting in October, 1959.

IRISH DIVISION

THE SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held at The Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, on Wednesday, 23 April, 1958.

The Summer Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 16 July, 1958 at The Royal College of Physicians.

Dr. Eamon O'Sullivan, Mental Hospital, Killarney, was elected Chairman of the Division, Dr. Mary Sullivan was re-elected Divisional Secretary, and Dr. C. B. Robinson was re-elected Junior Representative Member of Council.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

PERRY, BRENDAN F., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M.; Medical Officer, Ardee Mental Hospital, Co. Louth.

Proposed by: P. Moran, T. Foley, Mary Sullivan.

ROBINSON, LOUIS REID, M.A., M.D., D.P.H., D.P.M.; Principal Tutor in Psychiatry, Department of Mental Health, Queen's University, Belfast.

Proposed by: C. B. Robinson, Mary Sullivan, J. Fitzgerald.

A vote of sympathy was passed on the death of the late Dr. Stanley Blake, Portrane, and Dr. Bertie Blake, Carlow, replied on behalf of the family.

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