SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Bangour Hospital, Broxburn, on Friday, 16 June, 1967.

Obituary

The Division noted with regret the deaths of: Dr. W. M. McKinlay and Dr. Muriel Mackie.

The report of the Committee of Management was read and it was agreed that:

(*a*) Drs. A. K. M. Macrae, G. C. Timbury, J. W. Macpherson, S. S. Sutherland, J. M. Henderson, W. D. Boyd, and J. C. Scott should meet the C. M. O. on 14 July, 1967, to discuss geriatric psychiatry with representatives of the Scottish Branch of the British Geriatric Society.

(*b*) Dr. P. G. Aungle be invited to prepare a memorandum on hospital endowments.

(*c*) The Nurse-Training Sub-Committee be reconstituted to review the training of psychiatric nurses and to consider an approach which had been made from The Psychiatric Hospital Tutors and Clinical Instructors' Group for assistance.

(*d*) Dr. J. W. Affleck be asked to represent the Division on the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee (Scotland) for a further year.

(*e*) The Autumn Meeting of the Division be held on Friday, 22 September, 1967, at Sunnyside Royal Hospital, Montrose.

Dr. M. M. Whittet presented the Chairman's Badge to Dr. A. K. M. Macrae, who then moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Whittet which was carried with acclaim.

Dr. Macrae then addressed the Division on: **"What is a Psychiatrist?"** A vote of thanks to the new Chairman was proposed by Dr. Whittet.

Dr. J. B. Rae presented a paper on: **"The Influence of an Alcoholic's Marriage on Prognosis".** There followed a period of questions and discussion.

The Division is grateful to Dr. Rae for his paper and to Dr. Macrae and all his colleagues at Bangour for the generous hospitality which was enjoyed throughout the day.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Sunnyside Royal Hospital, Montrose, on Friday, 22 September, 1967.

The Division noted with regret the death of Dr. J. B. Methven.

The report from the Committee of Management was read and it was agreed that:

(*a*) the revised memorandum on Hospital Endowments be forwarded to the Working Party at St. Andrew's House.

(*b*) that a Sub-Committee be formed to discuss divisional policy with regard to the care of elderly patients in psychiatric hospitals.

The following was elected an Honorary Member of the Association:

GUTHRIE, ANNE, M.B., Ch.B. House Physician in Neurology, Killearn Hospital; 11 Seafield Crescent, Ayr.

Proposed by Drs. A. MacNiven, Sheila Black, G. C. Timbury.

Dr. A. Grubb read a paper on **"Psychiatric Illness Among Wives of Service Personnel"** and Dr. A. N. Munro read a paper on **"The Impact of a new General Hospital Psychiatric Unit on an Area Psychiatric Service".** Both papers were followed by a lively period of question and discussion.

Following the meeting, members adjourned to Stracathro General Hospital and were given an opportunity to inspect the new Psychiatric Unit.

The Division is grateful to the speakers for their papers, and particularly to Dr. W. Murray Lyon, Physician Superintendent, Sunnyside Royal Hospital, for the generous hospitality which was enjoyed throughout the day.

IRISH DIVISION

THE AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING of the Irish Division was held on Saturday, 25 November, 1967, by kind permission of the Reverend Mother and Dr. J. P. A. Ryan, in the Lecture Theatre of Jervis Street Hospital.

Dr. B. G. Scally read a paper entitled **"The Offspring of Mental Defectives".**

Dr. Scally opened his paper by referring to the question whether mental defectives were prolific or not. The earlier writers supposed them to be exceptionally prolific, but later writers did not agree with this view. In order to investigate the many questions a survey was carried out on the total mental defective population in Northern

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Ireland. Of all the mental defectives 342 were known to have fulfilled the following criteria:

1. Married, with or without offspring.
2. Single, with offspring, alive or deceased.
3. Single, with miscarriage or still-birth.

These 342 were 7·6 per cent. of the total mentally defective population. The speaker analysed these into various categories: Age, characteristics of parents, number of miscarriages, still-births, deceased and living offspring, deceased offspring by age and legitimacy, causes of death, age range of offspring by sex, severe defects in offspring under and over 15 years of age, comparison of defect of offspring of 6 years and over with the diagnostic classification of defective parent.

The speaker concluded that it could be generally stated that 30 per cent. of the offspring of mentally defectives will themselves be mentally defective or educationally subnormal.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Glass, Meenan, Ryan, Clarke, Dr. Maureen Walsh and Dr. D. Walsh.

A letter to the Chairman from the National Organization for Rehabilitation requesting suggestions for the Congress in 1969 was read, and two subjects were suggested:

1. Importance of social rehabilitation.
2. Establishment of parallel dimensions in rehabilitation.

A Vote of Thanks was passed to Reverend Mother for the hospitality provided.

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