MICHAEL, JOSEPH, M.B., Senior House Officer, St. James's Hospital, Leeds.
Proposed by Dr. J. T. Rose, Professor M. Hamilton, Dr. D. L. F. Dunleavy.

POWELL, JOHN CHRISTOPHER, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Registrar in Psychiatry, The Towers Hospital, Humberstone, Leicester.
Proposed by Drs. W. H. Reid, A. Bakowski, A. K. Aggarwal.

ROSE, STANLEY, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.S.G., Clinical Assistant, All Saints Hospital, Birmingham.
Proposed by Drs. N. W. Imlah, M. Sim, J. Owens.

SCOTT, DAVID LINDSEY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.A. Consultant Anaesthetist, Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.
Proposed by Drs. B. Ward, W. P. Walsh, R. R. Steinert.

TYRER, STEPHEN PATRICK, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., Registrar, Crichton Royal, Dumfries; Bent House, Newhey, Rochdale, Lancashire.
Proposed by Drs. J. A. Clark, I. B. Raafat, K. Ratnanather.

The following were elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

TAAN, MEHDI, M.D., D.P.M., Registrar, St. Davnet's Hospital, Monaghan, Ireland.
Proposed by Drs. J. V. Glass, B. D. Courtney, P. Grilly.

WHYTE, ROBERT, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Eastern R.H.B. at Royal Dundee Liff Hospital, Dundee.
Proposed by Professor I. R. C. Batchelor, Drs. P. G. Aungle, H. B. McNamee.

The morning session comprised a joint paper by the consultant staff of Carlton Hayes Hospital, read by Dr. N. Cranston Low, entitled, **'Organization of the Unit System at Carlton Hayes Hospital'**. This was followed by full discussion and comment.

The afternoon session comprised four further papers:

'A Physiological Investigation into Desensitization of Phobic Anxiety', by Dr. N. Kay.

'A Pilot Study of a new Geriatric Assessment Unit at Carlton Hayes Hospital', by Dr. Sylvia Reid.

'Some Psychometric Characteristics of a Day Hospital Population', by Mr. D. Burton.

'Treatment of Non-Consummation of Marriage by LSD 25', by Dr. D. Bhattacharya.

Each of these papers stimulated a keen and full discussion.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow on 6 December, 1968, under the Chairmanship of Professor A. K. M. Macrae.

The Division noted with regret the death of Dr. J. C. Henderson.

The Report from the Committee of Management of its meetings on 19 November and 6 December, 1968, was accepted.

It was agreed that Dr. J. M. Carlisle be asked to carry out a survey of the present position in Scotland relating to occupational, recreational, diversional and other similar therapies.

Dr. G. C. Timbury was nominated as the Division's representative on the Sub-Committee on Psychiatry of the Scottish Post-graduate Medical Association.

Drs. H. C. Fowlie and J. Campbell were proposed as the Division's nominees on the Mental Nurses Committee of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

Drs. Jean Bolt and G. Voineskos were nominated to attend the R.M.P.A./A.S.M.E. Conference on Postgraduate Psychiatric Education to represent the trainee psychiatrists in the Division.

The programme for the day consisted of a lecture demonstration, 'Teaching Psychiatry by Television', by Dr. A. B. Sclare and Mr. George O. B. Thomson which was followed by a valuable discussion, and in the afternoon a lecture on 'The Royal Commission on Medical Education' by Professor G. M. Carstairs which also led to lively discussion. The Division is most grateful to all three speakers for their contributions.

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, on Friday, 14 March, 1969, under the Chairmanship of Professor A. K. M. Macrae.

The report from the Committee of Management of its meetings on 27 February and 14 March, 1969, was accepted.

The following were elected as office bearers for 1969–70:

Chairman, Professor A. K. M. Macrae; Hon. Secretary, Dr. G. C. Timbury; Hon. Asst. Secretary, Dr. P. W. Kershaw; Junior Representative on Council, Dr. W. D. Boyd.

Committee of Management: Drs. P. G. Aungle; H. B. Craigie; C. M. Hamilton; J. H. Henderson; I. M. Ingram; A. N. Munro; S. S. Sutherland; M. M. Whittet; S. Wolf; R. Davidson; G. Stirling; H. C. Fowlie; R. C. B. Aitken.

Dr. J. W. Affleck was re-elected to the Scottish Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services for the session 1969–70.

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Psychiatric services for old people in Scotland. The report of the Ad Hoc Committee, which had been circulated, was presented by the convener, Dr. J. H. Henderson. The report was approved, but a number of items were remitted to the Committee of Management for further discussion, in particular the role of the physician superintendent, the need for local authority accommodation for the confused elderly, and consideration of nursing staff establishments.

Area mental health services. The Secretary intimated that the Chief Medical Officer had requested that the Division should discuss the development of comprehensive area mental health services with a view to meeting him later in the year. It was agreed that a Special Committee be set up for this purpose and the following membership was agreed:

Professor A. K. M. Macrae and Dr. G. C. Timbury (*ex-officio*); Drs. A. B. Sclare; P. G. Aungle; R. A. Y. Stewart; I. Lowit; W. W. Sinclair; R. Short; J. W. Affleck; M. M. Whittet; J. H. Henderson; G. Stirling; H. B. Craigie.

Mental Health Statistics. The Secretary intimated that Dr. Heasman of the Scottish Home and Health Department, Research and Intelligence Unit had asked for the Division's views on the format of mental health statistic returns which were to be issued in 1970. It was agreed that a special committee should be set up to discuss this matter and the following membership was proposed: Drs. A. B. Sclare, H. C. Fowlie, N. Kreitman and G. D. Innes.

Staffing of mental deficiency hospitals. Professor Batchelor asked that the Mental Deficiency Section should submit more detailed evidence to the S.M.A.C. Committee considering this matter. It was remitted to the Secretary of the Mental Deficiency Section to call a special meeting for this purpose.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were elected:

Graham, Alice Bell, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, N.1.
Proposed by Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. H. Frame, J. McCurley.

Higgins, James, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Stobill General Hospital, Glasgow, N.1.
Proposed by Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. H. Frame, J. McCurley.

Johnstone, Eve Cordelia, M.B., Ch.B.. Senior House Officer, Department of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Professor T. F. Rodger, Drs. M. Mullin, A. M. Shenkin.

Saad, Ali Farid, D.M., M.D., D.P.M.&N., Registrar, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. G. C. Timbury, W. E. Kiernan, S. J. D. Black.

Papers

The Programme for the day included presentation of three papers:

'Some Psychological Aspects of Physical Illness', by Dr. R. C. B. Aitken and Dr. A. Zealley.

'Family Situations, Social Patterns and Symptomatology in Schizophrenia', by Dr. A. D. Forrest and Dr. Joan Hay.

'Patterns of Admission to an Acute Psychiatric Ward', by Dr. R. I. Kennedy.

The Division is most grateful to all the speakers for their contribution to the success of the day's meeting.

IRISH DIVISION

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting was held on Wednesday, 23 October, 1968, at St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin, by kind invitation of Professor Ivor Browne, under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. A. S. Mulligan.

Messrs. Geigy Limited sponsored the symposium, and very kindly invited the members participating and their wives, to an informal dinner the same evening at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Dr. Brenda O'Donnell read a paper entitled **'Experiences in a Children's Court Clinic'** in which she described the development of a guidance service to deal with cases referred from the children's courts in Boston, Massachusetts. She described the early stages of probation work with such cases, the difficulties encountered in adequately investigating the relevant family and community factors operative, and the various methods adopted before the present system evolved. An earlier attempt utilizing existing psychiatric services was not successful, owing to difficulties in co-ordination of effort and lack of full involvement in the project with resulting insufficient appreciation of the problems presented. The department now works as part of the department for Forensic Psychiatry. About 5 per cent of offenders are referred to the service, the existence of a group of highly trained probation officers proving a most valuable aid in detecting and referring those cases for whom psychiatric assistance is needed. The run of cases is that familiar to us. An interesting observation was the importance of a good relationship between father and son in prevention; and also the failure to

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