stimulating papers. He commented on the variety and excellence of Dr. Annear's slides and the most professional way in which they had been presented. Finally he thanked the whole medical staff for the pains they had taken to make our stay such a memorable one, for their help in showing the members round the hospital and in arranging the medical exhibition.

Special Meeting

A SPECIAL MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Barrow Hospital, Barrow Gurney, Bristol, on Friday, 7 December, 1962, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. R. E. Hemphill, Medical Superintendent. Thirty-six members were present, comprising 21 Consultants, 1 Professor, 1 Local Health Authority Officer, 3 S.H.M.O.s, and 4 Senior Registrars.

Discussion on "The Future of Organized Psychiatry"

Extremely adverse weather conditions not only prevented many members from attending the meeting, but also delayed Dr. A. B. Monro. In his absence, his paper which he had forwarded, was read by the Chairman, and Dr. Monro arrived for the latter half and was able to participate in the discussion.

Dr. Monro's paper first dealt with the four main alternatives before organized psychiatry, namely:

1. To negotiate for a closer relationship with the Royal College of Physicians, possibly in the nature of a Faculty on the lines offered to the Pathologists.
2. Status quo, with no additional higher qualifications.
3. To modify the constitution of the R.M.P.A. so that it could fulfil the main functions of a college.
4. To found a College of Psychiatry.

In 1961, when members had been invited to send in their views to the R.M.P.A., only 357, or 18 per cent. of the membership, replied. Less than one-third of the senior psychiatrists in the country answered.

In the same year a meeting of psychiatrists who were Fellows or Members of the Royal College of Physicians was held; they were strongly against the concept of a Faculty.

The Teachers of Psychiatry in the Medical Schools are against a further examination, considering that there are already too many examinations, and that more stress should be laid on better post-graduate training.

Dr. Monro then gave a summary of the main pros and cons for the four alternatives, after which he discussed views and anxieties concerning the status and prestige of psychiatry and concerning the question of a higher qualification in psychiatry.

A keen and animated discussion followed in which many members spoke. Several views were expressed, and Dr. Monro answered questions. It was evident that the majority feeling of the meeting was that no specific action should be taken at present other than some modernizing of the ideas and outlook of the R.M.P.A. A secret ballot was taken to enable Dr. Monro to take back to Council the opinion of the members present.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking Dr. Monro for coming to address the Division, especially in view of the very difficult travelling conditions. He congratulated Dr. Monro on his masterly grasp and exposition of this difficult problem.

NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Northern and Midland Division was held at Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham, on Thursday, 18 October, 1962, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. Duncan Macmillan, Medical Superintendent. Seventy-six members were present.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m. with a tour of the Hospital in which members were privileged to see the many improvements which have been effected, and great interest was shown in the arrangements made for the care and treatment of day patients within the main hospital itself.

The Divisional Committee of Management reported that Dr. Robert McDonald had kindly offered hospitality to the Division at Menston Hospital for the Spring Meeting. The Committee had also discussed the question of Officers for the ensuing year, and had felt that members should be informed of the process of the election of its Officers in order that there should be as wide a representation as possible. The Secretary, therefore, read to the meeting Bye Law 34, dealing with the matter.

The Divisional Representative on Council reported on the position regarding the "Future of

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Organized Psychiatry" and the revision of the Bye-Laws.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

CROOK, Norman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Senior Registrar, St. Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood, Lichfield, Staffs.
Proposed by Drs. J. L. Clegg, P. M. Jeavons, R. Vereker.

FAHY, Thomas James, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar, Department of Psychological Medicine, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.
Proposed by Drs. M. W. P. Carney, L. G. Kiloh, S. Brandon.

GILLESPIE, John Eustace O'Neill, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Director and Consultant Psychiatrist, The Retreat, York.
Proposed by Drs. R. W. Bryson, Dorothy Galbraith P. H. Rack.

HASLAM, Michael Trevor, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.M.S.S.A., Junior Medical Officer, Bootham Park and Naburn Hospital, Fulford, York.
Proposed by Drs. W. A. L. Bowen, A. Walk, Isabel Wilson.

KOTKAS, Lawrence, B.Sc., M.D., L.M.C.C., Clinical Assistant, Scalebor Park Hospital, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire.
Proposed by Drs. W. G. Burrows, J. Cowie, Valerie Cowie.

OVENSTONE, Irene Margaret Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Psychiatric Registrar, Storthes Hall Hospital, Kirkburton, Yorkshire.
Proposed by Drs. A. L. G. Smith, D. H. Ropschitz, N. V. Wilkinson.

PARRY-JONES, William Llywelyn, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., Senior House Officer, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.
Proposed by Drs. T. G. Williams, G. Williamson, P. H. Griffiths.

RITCHIE, William, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Menston Hospital, Menston, Ilkley, Yorkshire.
Proposed by Drs. R. McDonald, G. A. Dransfield, H. B. Milne.

SPENCER, Douglas Anthony, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Registrar, Psychiatric Unit, St. James's Hospital, Leeds, 9.
Proposed by Drs. J. M. Roberts, B. James, J. M. White.

WESTON, William Alan, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, Manchester Regional Hospital Board; 29 Glastonbury Avenue, Hale, Cheshire.
Proposed by Drs. J. Hoenig, G. Hopkinson, J. Erulkar.

Drs. P. F. Fletcher and J. Valentine were nominated for membership of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board, and Drs. G. M. King, G. Williamson, J. P. Spillane and T. P. Riordan for the Welsh Regional Board.

Dr. Duncan Macmillan read an excellent paper entitled **"Recent Developments in Community Mental Health"**. A very vigorous discussion took place afterwards, which showed the great interest taken in Dr. Macmillan's presentation and assessment of the present position.

Members were entertained to lunch to which they were welcomed by the Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. W. R. Brackett. Dr. Pentreath, the Divisional Chairman, thanked the hosts for their very excellent hospitality.

The afternoon session was arranged as a symposium dealing with **"Psychiatric Aspects of Crime"**.

Papers were presented by Mr. Alan Bainton, Governor, H.M. Prison, Wakefield, entitled "The Treatment of Prisoners"; Dr. W. F. Roper, *C.B.E.*, formerly P.M.O., H.M. Prison, Wakefield, entitled "Psychotherapy in Prisons"; and Dr. N. J. de V. Mather, entitled "The Psychiatrist and the Criminal Courts".

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