KLINGHARDT, FREDERICK WILLIAM, Med.Dip.(Moscow), Junior Medical Officer, Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.

Proposed by Drs. S. A. MacKeith, E. A. Bennett, B. W. Orchard.

ROSENTHAL, MICHAEL JOHN, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, London, S.E.5; Psychiatrist, Sutton (Surrey) Child Guidance Clinic.

Proposed by Drs. J. B. Hamilton, Michael Fordham, Ian J. MacDonald.

At the request of the Council the following matters were duly considered:

(*a*) *Nomination to Regional Hospital Boards*

It was decided to recommend that the Council should consider for nomination by the Association not only members of the R.M.P.A. but laymen who were knowledgeable in the field of mental health and sympathetic to its advancement. With regard to nominations, it was decided that in future this matter should be placed on the Agenda for the Spring Meeting in order to give sufficient time for action to be taken.

(*b*) *Shortage of Mental Nurses*

The recommendations of the Special Committee's Memorandum were accepted by the Division.

(*c*) *Superannuation Rights*

It was felt that this was not a suitable matter to be discussed in detail at this Meeting, and it was recommended that the Council should set up an *ad hoc* committee which should prepare a memorandum which could be later considered by members of the Association.

The following papers were read:

"Holloway Sanatorium and the Amenity Bed"

Dr. Macdonald gave an interesting account of the special character and function of the hospital which holds a unique position in the South-Western Region. He emphasized the difficulty of maintaining their standards under their present budget. Holloway Sanatorium is essentially a hospital for the professional classes. The admission rate in 1953 totalled 728 and of direct admissions over 90 per cent. are voluntary.

"Symposium—the Pathology and Psychopathology of Schizophrenia"

Dr. D. M. Parfitt gave a thought-provoking paper on the pathology of schizophrenia. He considered that there was an organic pathology in certain areas of the brain and suggested that the different types of schizophrenia depended upon the area of brain involved. He drew an interesting comparison between the hypoglycaemia associated with adenoma of the pancreas and that of "insulin shock". He was of the opinion that insulin shock acted by destroying brain cells which were already diseased.

Dr. T. F. Main gave some account of the psycho-analytical conceptions of the psychopathology of schizophrenia with a review of the literature. In the discussion which followed, Drs. Leiberman, Copeland and Munro took part.

The President of the Association, Dr. Noel Harris, proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Macdonald and the other speakers, and this was seconded by the Chairman of the Division, Dr. J. G. Hamilton.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held within the City Chambers, Glasgow, on Saturday, 3 April, 1954.

Twenty-three members were present.

The Chairman, opening the Meeting, referred briefly to the stimulating Meeting held in the forenoon with the Scottish Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health. Dr. Boyd also mentioned the recent Honour conferred on Dr. James Curran —the C.B.E. The Chairman and Secretary had both written on behalf of themselves and the Division to congratulate Dr. Curran.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

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Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Dr. H. B. Craigie.

Secretary: Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt.

Assistant Secretary: Dr. G. M. Bell.

Junior Representative on Council: Dr. J. F. McHarg.

The above nominations were accepted and confirmed under the provisions of Bye-law 34.

Election of Committee of Management

The Secretary reminded the Meeting that the Office Bearers and the Chairman and Secretaries of Committees were ex-officio members. The members elected last year, Dr. Adam Milne and Dr. R. A. Y. Stewart were eligible for re-election and were willing to continue. The Meeting unanimously agreed to re-election.

It was agreed that the five committees should annually elect or re-elect their own Chairmen and Secretaries. This should be done at the Winter Meeting.

Report from Committee of Management

The Secretary reported that the usual letter had been received from the Department of Health asking for nomination for Membership of Regional Hospital Boards. Only in the case of the North-Eastern Board was a retiring member a representative of the R.M.P.A., this being Dr. Moore Taylor. It had been ascertained from within the Region that there was adequate support for the re-election of Dr. Moore Taylor and that he was willing to continue, if re-elected. His name was duly put forward.

A request had been received from the Department of Health for nomination for a representative for the Mental Nurses Committee of the General Nursing Council. The Chairman had agreed to re-nominating Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

In connection with these requests for nominations which were frequently received at such times that they could not conveniently be referred to the Division, or even to the Committee of Management, it had been suggested that the Division might care to prepare a list of selected names from which the Chairman and Secretary could put forward nominations. The Meeting agreed to this being done at each Autumn Meeting.

Consideration had been given to the dates and places for the Summer and Autumn Meetings. It had been hoped that the Summer Meeting could have been held in Aberdeen on 4 and 5 June, but apparently accommodation was very limited at that time and Dr. A. Milne had suggested deferring this meeting until the first week in October. It had been decided therefore to hold the Summer Meeting on Friday, 18 June at either Gogarburn or Larbert and to devote this meeting to a further discussion of the proposed new mental deficiency legislation.

The Meeting unanimously accepted the Report.

Report on Memorandum to Guillebaud Committee

The Chairman outlined the steps leading up to the preparation by the Committee of Management of a short memorandum for submission to the Guillebaud Committee. The memorandum submitted by the Association in England was not felt to adequately cover certain views held in Scotland, and the Council had agreed that the Scottish Division could submit a separate memorandum which would be applicable to Scotland.

Copies of the memorandum were circulated to those members who had not seen it, and after discussion, the Meeting agreed with the action taken by the Committee of Management. The Chairman and Secretary were authorized to give oral evidence, if called for.

Report on Memorandum on the Welfare of the Mentally Handicapped

This memorandum, to which consideration was given at the last Divisional Meeting, had now been completed and submitted. Oral evidence had also been

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given. Any member wishing a copy of this extremely good memorandum should write to Dr. James Milne.

In the forenoon a very successful meeting had taken place conjointly with the Scottish Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

The principal speakers at this meeting were Dr. I. A. G. MacQueen, Dr. Allan C. Tait and Dr. D. Cameron, who dealt with various problems of the prevention and after-care of psychiatric illness. These papers produced a most stimulating discussion and a recommendation that a joint committee, representing both bodies, should be set up to further investigation into the various psychiatric problems concerned with prevention and after-care of psychiatric cases. The members of this committee to be the respective Chairmen and Secretaries and any nominated representatives of the bodies concerned.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was held at the Royal Scottish National Institution, Larbert, on Friday, 18 June, 1954. Forty-three members were present.

At the morning session Dr. Kenneth Cameron discussed the past, present and future developments in Child Psychiatry and Dr. Martha Foale demonstrated some paintings done by delinquent mental defectives. At both the above sessions a lively and stimulating discussion followed the main presentation.

A letter was received from the Church of Scotland Home Board, suggesting that many of their Chaplains, especially those in industrial areas, would welcome some lectures in psychology and elementary psychiatry. The Committee of Management had given favourable consideration to this request but thought that it would be wise to have the opinion of the University Teachers in Psychiatry and for the matter to be discussed at the Meeting. After full discussion, it was agreed that favourable consideration be given to the request and that after the Secretary had discussed the matter further with the Church Authorities, the matter could be left in the hands of the Management Committee to make a final decision and report to the Division.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL—FINAL EXAMINATION—REGULATIONS

Consideration was given to a letter from Dr. J. McDougall concerning the recent regulations for the Final Examination for the G.N.C. The point at issue was the minimum age for acceptance on the Register. The Secretary was instructed to obtain a clear ruling on this point before any further action was decided upon.

Drs. E. J. C. Hewitt and R. Bailey were nominated as Representative and Deputy to Central Consultants and Specialists Committee (Scotland).

Dr. W. J. B. Roger spoke on the urgent need for accommodation for mentally handicapped and maladjusted children in Scotland. He further asked if some recommendation to this effect could be submitted to the Secretary of State forthwith. After a short discussion, it was remitted to the Child Psychiatry Section to deal with this as it appeared that any such recommendation had to be made by Monday, 21 June.

Dr. Norman Taylor gave a most interesting and carefully prepared paper on **"Some Clinical Aspects of Homosexuality"**.

Members recorded their appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Spence and his staff for their hospitality and the general efficiency of the arrangements made for the meeting.

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