order to do this the questions which were asked must be carefully chosen. This was illustrated by some remarks of a patient who was followed up by Dr. G. A. Heasman, one of their Senior Registrars, three years after termination had been refused. This patient was a single woman, and when asked how she felt about having her boy of two years, she said: "He's wonderful; I wouldn't be without him for the world." But when she was asked whether she thought the hospital had made the correct decision three years earlier, she said she was sure it had been wrong and added: "It has ruined my whole life."

PROFESSOR T. FERGUSON RODGER, in commenting on the discussion, said that what struck him most was the fact that on an impressionistic basis the indications which Professor Sir Dugald Baird had outlined were those which were followed by many psychiatrists throughout the country, and any variation in the frequency with which the operation was carried out on the recommendation of psychiatrists depended on how much local gynaecologists were prepared to co-operate. This point had been well brought out by Dr. Tylden. It seemed that gynaecologists did not always understand the basis of psychiatric recommendations. The memorandum by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists showed a very lukewarm attitude to the role of the psychiatrist in this respect, a point which was emphasized by their miscalling them psychologists in that report.

There would seem to be a need to discuss these matters with gynaecologists so that they could have a better understanding of our position, and perhaps we ought to follow the lead of Dr. Cohen in having conferences on those cases in which the operation has been suggested.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

THE SPRING DIVISIONAL MEETING was held at St. Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex, on Thursday, 6 April, 1967, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and the medical staff.

Members were conducted around the hospital and were shown wards and centres of special interest, including the W.R.V.S. Shop, the excellent newly built swimming pool with its view of the South Downs, the occupational therapy department, industrial therapy units, and the admission villa.

The Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee, Mr. J. C. Donne, welcomed the Division on behalf of St. Francis Hospital, and Dr. B. M. Gilsenan, Chairman of the Division, replied on behalf of the Association,

The Secretary read the Report of the Divisional Committee of Management. In this report the matter of amalgamations between general and psychiatric hospitals was again mentioned. Following advice from Sub-Committees, Council had recommended that no further amalgamations should take place, and they had forwarded this advice to all the Authorities who might be concerned. The Autumn Meeting was planned to be held at St. Clement's Hospital, London, while a later meeting of the Division would be held under the aegis of Dr. Monro at Long Grove Hospital. The future of the Medical Assistant Grade had come under discussion but no unanimity of views had yet been reached and the matter continued to be considered by Council.

In accordance with the Bye-laws, the following nominees of the Divisional Committee of Management were elected for the current year:

Chairman	Dr. B. M. Gilsenan
Secretary	Dr. A. J. Oldham
Assistant Secretary	Dr. D. M. Leiberman
Junior Representative on Council	Dr. D. I. Brough

Dr. A. G. Mezey was duly elected to the Divisional Committee of Management.

The following were elected to ordinary membership of the Association:

BARNES, KENNETH HARLEY, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, The Priory, Priory Lane, London, S.W.15.
Proposed by Drs. J. Flood, I. Black, Carice Ellison.

BICKNELL, DOROTHY JOAN, M.B., Ch.B., Psychiatric Registrar, Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. B. H. Kirman, Valerie Cowie, Elaine Donoghue.

BRUDE, TERENCE JOHN ROBERT, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Senior House Officer, Fulbourn Hospital, Czmbridge.
Proposed by Drs. O. E. F. Hodgson, H. B. G. Thomas, S. N. Wolkind.

CHAIKIN, YOALL MEIR, M.B., B.S., Assistant Psychiatrist, Leavesden Hospital, Abbots Langley, Watford, Herts.
Proposed by Drs. E. W. Shepherd, J. T. R. Bavin, C. I. Finn.

CHAPPELL, JOAN, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar, Marlborough Day Hospital, London, N.W.8.
Proposed by Drs. J. Bierer, P. M. Turquet, R. Gosling.

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DICKINSON, HOWARD JAMES LLEWELLYN, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Clinical Assistant, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. E. H. Hare, W. Falkowski, J. L. McClure.

ENFIELD, CECIL CHARLES, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Registrar, West Park Hospital, Epsom.
Proposed by Drs. M. C. Cocheme, Jean Laidlaw, J. Merry.

FARNAN, NIALL DESMOND, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Warley Hospital, Brentwood, Essex.
Proposed by Drs. D. P. Cronin, G. C. Heller, J. P. Farrell.

GOONETILLEKE, ALAN SIRI RAJA, M.B., B.S., Senior Medical Officer, Darenth Park Hospital, Dartford, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. W. Wollen, P. G. Woolf, G. M. Tucker.

HINSHELWOOD, ROBERT DOUGLAS, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., Senior House Officer, Department of Psychological Medicine, University College Hospital, W.C.1.
Proposed by Drs. E. W. Dunkley, B. Garvey, J. A. Kohiyar.

KEARNEY, GARRETT DONAGH ANTHONY, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Assistant in Psychiatry, Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. R. G. McLaren, W. N. L. Haynes, J. A. Kelleher.

NASSER, MOHIT MAFI, M.D., Senior House Officer, Bexley Hospital, Dartford Heath, Bexley, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. M. Radzan, D. M. Leiberman, A. Norton.

PERINPANAYAGAM, KULENTHIRAN SAVUNTHARARAJ, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Psychiatry, Darenth Park Hospital, Dartford, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. W. Wollen, P. G. Woolf, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

PINKEY, BASIL, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Registrar, Royal Free Hospital, London, W.C.1.
Proposed by Drs. S. W. Hardwick, P. K. Bridges, N. I. Swift.

PITT-AIKENS, TOM, M.B., Ch.B., Registrar in Psychiatry, St. Crispin Hospital, Duston, Northampton.
Proposed by Drs. T. E. Lear, A. N. Graham, P. H. ROGERS.

ROONEY, JOHN FOSTER FENTON, *M.B.E.*, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., Clinical Research Assistant, Roche Products Ltd.; The Copse, Pampisford, Cambridge.
Proposed by Drs. A. Gage, A. Walk, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

ROOTH, FRANCIS GRAHAM, B.A., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Registrar, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals; 42 Lower Camden, Chislehurst, Kent.
Proposed by Drs. E. H. Hare, J. L. McClure, W. Falkowski.

SARAN, BRIY MOHAN, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.
Proposed by Drs. L. K. Hemsi, P. J. Noble, M. E. D. Johns.

SHAFFER, DAVID, M.B., M.R.C.P., Registrar, Maudsley Hospital; 9 Apollo Place, London, S.W.10.
Proposed by Drs. W. Warren, P. Flor-Henry, D. Abrahamson.

STEINBERG, DEREK, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Psychiatric Registrar, Brookwood Hospital, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey.
Proposed by Drs. R. Emery, N. I. Lavin, J. M. Frew.

WALLACE, DAPHNE ROWENA DUCKWORTH, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, St. Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
Proposed by Drs. A. Folkson, S. Jacobson, R. H. Wheeler.

Dr. J. S. Stead, Consultant Psychiatrist, read a most interesting paper on **"Group Reactions to the Paranoid Personality"**. In this Dr. Stead reviewed the history of this subject and illustrated the subject matter with personal cases.

Dr. Klaus Bergmann, Consultant Psychiatrist, then read the second paper **"Problems of Psychogeriatric Care in the Mid-Sussex Area"**.

Dr. Bergmann stressed the need for more psychogeriatric beds, and discussed the relationship between this and the community services.

Both papers were well received and a number of members took part in the discussion.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the South-Western Division was held at Borocourt Hospital, near Reading, on Thursday, 20 October, 1966, by kind invitation of the Hospital Management Committee and Dr. G. O'Gorman, Physician Superintendent.

During the forenoon, members were shown around the Hospital and were most impressed by the new buildings. At lunch, members and guests were welcomed by Sir Godfrey Nicholson, Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee. The Divisional Chairman, Dr. A. J. Galbraith, gave thanks in reply.

Report of the Divisional Committee of Management

It was reported that the proposed meeting of the Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section in Bristol had had to be cancelled owing to lack of support.

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