The afternoon session comprised two further papers, the first by Dr. A. D. M. Douglas, Consultant Psychiatrist, Saxondale Hospital, entitled **"A Personal Survey of Industrial Therapy in Psychiatric Hospitals in the Sheffield Region"**, and the second by Mr. G. Burnand, Senior Psychologist, Saxondale Hospital, entitled **"A Study of Admission of Chronic Patients to a Factory Unit"**. Following each paper there was full discussion and comment.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

SPRING MEETING, 1965

THE SPRING MEETING of the Scottish Division was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, on Friday, 12 March, 1965.

The Chairman (Dr. M. Whittet) referred to the deaths of Dr. Ronald Fairbairn and Dr. Michael Sheridan, and the Division paid tribute in the usual way.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Division, congratulated Dr. Craigie on having been awarded the *C.B.E.* on the New Year Honours List.

Election of Ordinary Members

The following were elected as Ordinary Members:

BRAHAMA, RUPENDRA KUMAR, M.B., B.S.(Calcutta University), Senior House Officer, Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. A. B. Sclare, Kennedy and Hamilton.

COOPER, ALEXANDER FRASER, M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Officer, Dundee Psychiatric Services.

Proposed by Professor Batchelor, Drs. McHarg and Aungle.

MENZIES, MAUD PERRY, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Principal School Medical Officer, Corporation of Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Hewitt, Ann Brittain, Freeman.

MONTGOMERIE, MARGARET MCNAUGHT, M.A. (Glas.) L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.(Ed.), L.R.F.P.&S. (Glas.), Junior Medical Officer, Lennox Castle Hospital.

Proposed by Drs. MacGillivray, Sinclaid, Green.

WELCH, JOHN DAVID, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Senior House Officer, Department of Psychological Medicine, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Timbury, Rodger, Ingram.

The following office bearers were elected for 1965–66:

Chairman	Dr. M. M. Whittet
Secretary	Dr. A. K. M. Macrae
Assistant Secretary ..	Dr. J. W. MacPherson
Junior Representative on Council	Dr. G. S. Timbury

Committee of Management

Drs. Philip Barker, W. D. Boyd, M. S. Jones, H. Ross, R. A. Y. Stewart, Professors I. R. C. Batchelor, T. F. Rodger, and G. M. Carstairs.

Office Bearers of Sections

Research and Clinical: *Chairman*, Dr. A. D. Forrest; *Secretary*, Dr. P. G. Fawcett.

Mental Deficiency: *Chairman*, Dr. J. Campbell; *Secretary*, Dr. J. Sinclair.

Child Psychiatry: *Chairman*, Dr. J. B. Rogers; *Secretary*, Dr. I. Sutherland.

Forensic Psychiatry: *Chairman*, Dr. J. K. W. Morrice; *Secretary*, Dr. Peter Whatmore.

Historical: *Chairman*, Dr. J. Harper; *Secretary*, Dr. A. A. Bell.

Dr. J. W. Affleck was re-elected as Representative on the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee.

Dr. Mallon was nominated as Scottish Representative on the British Committee for Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency in place of Dr. Yorke-Moore who has now left the Division.

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Home and Health Department which had taken place on Monday, 1 March, 1965. The Representatives of the

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Division had been Dr. J. W. Affleck, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, Dr. Isobel Sutherland, the Chairman and Secretary. The meeting was an informal one, but valuable discussion took place on the administrative consequences of the proposed formation of a College and on the Child Psychiatry Section's Memorandum on Psychiatric Services for Children and Adolescents in Scotland. This latter item had occupied most of the time of the meeting and had been very thoroughly ventilated with the Chief Medical Officer and his advisors. The R.M.P.A. Representatives had also raised the question of the composition of the National Panel of Specialists and drew particular attention to the lack of child psychiatrists and experts in mental deficiency on this Panel. A brief discussion took place on geriatric services and on auxiliary staff. It was felt that these two matters could form part of a further meeting with the Chief Medical Officer who had expressed his appreciation of the Division's initiative in suggesting the meeting and hoped that such informal discussions might become a regular feature.

It was reported that the Scottish Postgraduate Medical Association was proposing to set up a Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. H. Wright to enquire into the needs of Postgraduate Medical Education in Scotland as far as the National Health Service is concerned and that they had invited the R.M.P.A. to nominate a Representative on this Commission. The Division nominated Professor I. R. C. Batchelor as their Representative. At the same time, assuming that the Division might be asked for evidence by the Commission, a Sub-Committee was appointed to deal with such a request if and when it arose. The members of the Sub-Committee are: Professor G. M. Carstairs, Professor W. H. Millar, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger, Dr. A. C. Tait, Dr. T. Freeman, Dr. R. MacGillivray and Dr. Fred H. Stone, along with the Chairman and Secretary.

It was intimated that Brigadier T. L. Binney, Honorary Secretary of the Mental Health Research Fund, had written to say that the Committee of the Scottish Division of the Mental Health Research Fund were interested in receiving applications for grants for research. Anyone wishing to apply for a grant should submit their application stating the amount required and accompanied by details as to the use to which they would put any grant made.

Applications should be addressed to: The Hon. Secretary, Research Committee, Mental Health Research Fund, 38 Wigmore Street, London, W.1; or to The Hon. Secretary, Scottish Division, Mental Health Research Fund, 141 Bath Street, Glasgow, C.2.

The date and place of the next meeting was fixed for 18 and 19 June, at Aberdeen.

In the morning, members heard a stimulating and interesting paper on **"Mode of Action of Anti-depressant Drugs"** by Dr. G. W. Ashcroft. Members were appreciative of the detail in Dr. Ashcroft's Paper as was demonstrated by the number of questions and comments raised in the following discussion.

After the business meeting the Memorandum by the Forensic Psychiatry Section on "The Working of Part V of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act, 1960" was discussed by the Division after brief opening comments by Dr. J. K. W. Morrice and Dr. Harold Ross. The Division decided to adopt the memorandum and request that it be forwarded to the Department.

The Division wish to express their gratitude to the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, for allowing them to have the use of their premises for the meeting.

SUMMER MEETING, 1965

THE SUMMER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at Kingseat Hospital, Aberdeen on 18–19 June, 1965.

The Chairman made reference to the death of Sir David Henderson, and the Members of the Division present paid tribute in the usual manner.

The following was elected an Ordinary Member of the Association:

ALABASTER, ANN CATHERINE, M.B., Ch.B., Junior Medical Officer, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow.
Proposed by Drs. A. F. McLean, G. P. McGovern, Hunter Gillies.

It was reported that Dr. J. H. F. Brotherston of the Scottish Home and Health Department had written to say that he had read with much interest the Division's Memorandum on the Working of Part V of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act, 1960, and proposed that it be discussed at the next informal meeting between the Division and the Department. Dr. Brotherston's letter was welcomed.

A letter was submitted from the Secretary of the Standing Medical Advisory Committee's Sub-Committee on Forensic Psychiatry requesting evidence on the provision and development of psychiatric services in relation to Forensic Psychiatry. It was agreed that members should be asked for

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their comments and suggestions and that the matter be further discussed at the Autumn Meeting.

It was pointed out that membership lists of Sections were vague and incomplete, and it was suggested that all Scottish Members be given an opportunity of restating their desires *re* membership of various Sections in order to bring membership rolls up to date.

The Committee of Management had considered a memorandum on the Kilbrandon Report which had been prepared by a special Sub-Committee, and decided that this should be circulated to all members in time for discussion at the Autumn Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Friday, 1 October, 1965 at Lochgilphead.

On Friday, 18 June, Members were given an opportunity of visiting the Psychiatric Units in and around Aberdeen—Kingseat Hospital, Ross Clinic, Royal Cornhill Hospital, the Children's Hospital, and Wellwood Unit, Woodlands Home. In the evening a most successful dinner was held in the Recreation Hall at Kingseat. On the morning of Saturday, 19 June, three papers were given.

Dr. James G. Henderson gave a paper on **"Psychiatric Symptomatology and Vitamin B12"** including the result of a pilot study and the design of a more elaborate assessment of admissions for a period of one year. Dr. Henderson's paper provoked considerable discussion and stimulated much interest in the question of Vitamin B12 deficiency states.

Dr. Cecil B. Kidd read a paper on **"Old People in Mental Hospitals in the North-East Region"**, in which he gave an analysis of the patients over 65 in all the mental hospitals in the area, together with information about their background and detailed information about their physical and mental states.

Dr. John H. Evans, B.Sc., gave a very stimulating paper on **"Computer Techniques in Psychiatry"**.

The Division will wish to thank the Board of Management for the Aberdeen Hospitals and Dr. Ronald A. Y. Stewart for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality which had been shown to the Division.

IRISH DIVISION

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held on Saturday, 29 May, 1965, on kind invitation of Dr. N. B. O'Higgins, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Limerick.

The members were most hospitably received to lunch at the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, on the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. O'Higgins.

Dr. Berrington read a Paper entitled **"Re-Socialization and Repairing the Damage"**.

Dr. Berrington traced the history of industrial therapy in mental hospitals in England, and said that it was a very slow process. He recommended a sheltered life outside hospital for long term patients, with remunerative work. There were three stages in re-socialization: (1) Structural; (2) Sociological; (3) Extension into Community. Hostels were the ideal solution, where patients resided and went out working in various industries.

Dr. Berrington reported on progress of the hostel system in Northern Ireland. The first hostel had 10 beds, and there were now 9 hostels with 70 beds in Northern Ireland.

The paper was discussed by Drs. Moore, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Connor, Hill, Moran, O'Higgins, Power and Blake.

A motion was proposed by Dr. O'Higgins and seconded by Dr. Moore, that the Secretary should write to Dr. Peter Irwin thanking him for his good wishes, and expressing the members' appreciation for the work he had done for the Irish Division. This was carried unanimously.

The next meeting was fixed for The Royal College of Physicians, at a date to be arranged later.

After the meeting the members were entertained to tea by Mrs. O'Higgins, at "Elmhurst".

MENTAL DEFICIENCY SECTION

The Annual General Meeting of the Mental Deficiency Section was held at Rampton Hospital on Thursday, 29 April, 1965, by kind permission of the Ministry of Health and Dr. D. R. K. Street, Medical Superintendent.

Members were taken on a conducted tour of the hospital and much interest was shown in the wide range of skills taught. After lunch the business meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. McCoull, who announced the resignation of the

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