

are lower than normal and that there is a retardation of the normal vasodilatation of the other limbs when one is warmed. She found a low blood pressure in catatonics with increase on remission.

In the subsequent discussion Drs. W. J. T. KIMBER, H. FLEISCHHACKER and O. FITZGERALD contributed and Dr. SHATTOCK replied.

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#### SCOTTISH DIVISION.

ABSTRACT of a Meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association held at the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Friday, 30 September, 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

Thirty-three Members were present; 3 apologies for absence were noted. Dr. Kate Fraser relinquished the office of Chairman and Dr. Angus MacNiven was unanimously elected in her place. The Minutes of the last Divisional Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Prof. Sir DAVID HENDERSON gave an interesting and informative talk about the recent R.M.P.A. tour of the Scandinavian mental hospitals and clinics.

Dr. W. McAlister was re-elected as the Divisional Representative on the Central Consultants and Specialists' Committee (Scotland), with Dr. E. J. C. Hewitt as his deputy.

There was some general discussion regarding the present position of the Mental Health Service, and the meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

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#### NORTHERN AND MIDLAND DIVISION.

THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Division was held on Friday, 21 October, 1949, at Menston Hospital, Menston, near Leeds, by kind invitation of Dr. I. Sutton, the Medical Superintendent.

During the morning Members visited various parts of the Hospital and were entertained to coffee. Lunch was provided at 1 p.m., the Chairman of the Management Committee, Alderman Mrs. L. Hammond being present. Mrs. L. HAMMOND welcomed members of the Association to the Hospital and expressed her good wishes for the future of psychiatry. Dr. POOL replied, expressing the appreciation of the members for the hospitality offered to them.

#### BUSINESS MEETING.

The Meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Pool was unanimously elected into the Chair.

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Thirty-eight members and one guest were present.

3. The following candidates were elected to Ordinary Membership:
  - BOWER, JOHN, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.L.M.(Irel.), L.A.H.(Dublin); Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases, St. John, N.B., Canada; Lancaster Avenue, Fairville, St. John, N.B., Canada.

*Proposed by* Drs. G. J. Harrisson, H. Fleming and G. M. Woddis.

SMITH, STANLEY, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Menston Hospital, Menston, near Leeds; St. Leonards, Church Road, Horsforth, Leeds.

*Proposed by* Drs. I. Sutton, R. W. Lennon and J. S. Johnstone.

4. Dr. M. J. BROOKES, Assistant Secretary, gave the report of the Divisional Committee of Management. Arising out of this:
  - (a) Dr. I. SUTTON proposed that a recommendation be made to the Council of the R.M.P.A. that a communication be sent to the Regional Hospital Boards, stressing the fact that certain medical staff are obliged to live in accommodation provided at the mental hospitals, and that in assessing the value of the services provided suitable abatement be given in consideration of this.
  - (b) Dr. D. K. BRUCE, of Storthes Hall, offered hospitality to the Division for the Spring Meeting. This offer was received with acclamation.
  - (c) A discussion with regard to the D.P.M. of the R.M.P.A. was opened by Prof. D. R. MACCALMAN. He raised the problem of the Assistant Medical Officer with