

Dr. G. McCoull who gave a similar paper with regard to a scheme at Prudhoe Mental Deficiency Colony. His problem differed from that at St. Luke's in that his candidates were drawn from small villages. The cadets were taught normal education subjects, colour and design, elocution and the working of all Departments. At the end of 4 years he found that of 55 intakes, 23 had become Student Nurses, 6 were pending students, 11 were still in school and 8 had gone to other nursing. His wastage rate was only 7·8 per cent.

Dr. J. Johnston read a most interesting paper on the role of nurses in rehabilitation and re-training of the chronic psychotic patient. The essence of the scheme was the setting up of patient groups of up to ten patients for whom one nurse was individually responsible. The scheme depended on persistence and regularity of regime and the enthusiasm of the Nursing Staff was enlisted by having a regular forum at which the most junior nurses could express ideas.

Many members took part in the discussion which followed and the clinical session ended with a demonstration by some of Professor Kennedy's Staff of the projection model of his mobile EEG machine, coupled with an infinitely variable photic stimulation.

SCOTTISH DIVISION

THE WINTER MEETING of the Scottish Division was held at the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital on Friday, 4 December, 1953. Forty-seven members were present and thirteen apologies were received.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

The following was elected a member of the Association:

MCLEAN, ALISTAIR FITZROY, M.D., D.P.M., Psychiatrist, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Proposed by Drs. Hunter Gillies, A. Balfour Sclare and A. M. Shenkin.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The matters discussed are dealt with in Items 4 and 5 of these Minutes. Consideration was given to nomination for office-bearers for the ensuing year.

JOINT MEETING WITH MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, AND DATES OF SUMMER MEETING

After discussion it was agreed that the proposed Joint Meeting with the Medical Officers of Health should be held in Glasgow on Saturday, 3 April, 1954.

It was further decided that the Summer Meeting should take two days—the dates provisionally suggested being Friday and Saturday, 4 and 5 June, 1954. Members agreed that Aberdeen would prove a suitable and congenial location for this meeting.

MEMORANDUM ON HANDICAPPED PERSONS

The Chairman read a letter he had recently received from the D.H.S. asking if the Division would prepare a memorandum on mentally handicapped persons. The meeting approved this suggestion and, after discussion, it was decided to set up a small working Committee to prepare a memorandum. Powers were given to this Committee to present this in February, 1954, and to give oral evidence if such was called for. The Committee to be as follows: Dr. James Milne (Convener), Drs. Wm. Boyd, G. M. Bell, Hunter Gillies, W. Mayer-Gross, Martin Whittet and W. J. B. Rogers.

The following papers were read:

“Mental Health and Public Health”, by Professor T. Ferguson Rodger.

“Some Remarks on Psychiatry in India”, by Dr. W. Mayer-Gross.

A lively discussion followed the papers.

Members expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and kindness extended to them by the Physician Superintendent and his Board of Management.