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Subscriptions were due on 1 January last, but many still remain unpaid at the present date.

The membership are asked to pay urgent attention to this matter and forward their subscription for this year immediately. Reminders are very costly to the College. Your attention is drawn to Bye-law VIII 5:

> Members of the College whose subscriptions are more than twelve months in arrear shall not be entitled to vote or to enjoy any of the privileges of Membership of the College, except the right to use after their names the designation prescribed by these Bye-laws. Their privileges shall be restored when, but not before, all arrears have been paid.

Bye-law VIII 6:

> Any Affiliate or Corresponding Associate who, his subscription being more than twelve months in arrear, shall have failed to make payment thereof after a special application to him by the Treasurer, shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Council, which may thereupon direct that his name be removed from the register.

W. WARREN, *Honorary Treasurer*

CHANGES IN THE M.R.C.Psych. EXAMINATION

The Court of Electors has decided that as from Spring 1974, the written part of the M.R.C.Psych. Examination shall consist of two papers. The first paper will be a multiple choice questionnaire; the questions will relate to any field of psychiatry and will examine the candidates' knowledge of the theories and principles of psychiatry and treatment. The second paper will comprise five sections, each consisting of two questions; candidates will be required to answer four questions in all. Sections will be concerned with: (i) General Psychiatry; (ii) Child Psychiatry; (iii) Mental Subnormality; (iv) Forensic Psychiatry; and (v) Psychotherapy and other methods of psychological treatment.

The Court of Electors has also agreed that in the Clinical Examination, during the discussion between the examiners and the candidate, the patient may be asked to join the group and the candidate may be given an opportunity of further talk with the patient in the presence of the examiners.

K. RAWNSLEY, *Dean.*

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