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Notice to Fellows

The attention of Fellows is drawn to Section IV of the Bye-laws:

'1. A Member with not less than five years of seniority as such shall be eligible for election to Fellowship; provided that a Foundation Member may at his option require that such a period of seniority shall be deemed to have commenced upon the date upon which he first held consultant status in the National Health Service, or other post or status accepted by the Court of Electors as being equivalent thereto.

'2. Any two Fellows may nominate any Member of requisite seniority for election to the Fellowship. Nominations, with supporting evidence, shall be considered by a Sub-Committee of the Court of Electors. The names of Members recommended by the Sub-Committee for election to the Fellowship shall be submitted to the Court of Electors, which may elect such Members or any of them to the Fellowship by not less than a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. In exercising such power the Court of Electors shall pay particular attention to qualifications and professional standing, to appointments held, and to contributions to research and to the literature and the practice of psychiatry'.

The Court of Electors has resolved that Fellows of the College should be reminded of their duty to put forward their nominations for the Fellowship. Normally nominations will be invited for 1 December each year, and considered by the Court of Electors in January. However, for 1973, Fellows are also invited to submit names of suitable Members before 1 March as well as before 1 December.

Nominations should be proposed and seconded, and accompanied by a short statement of the candidates' worthiness. Subsequently, the Members concerned will be informed that their names have been put forward for consideration by the Court of Electors, and they will each be invited to submit a *curriculum vitae*, to help the Court in its deliberations.

K. RAWNSLEY,
Dean.

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS

East Anglian Division

The East Anglian Division met at Fulbourn Hospital on 19 October. The morning programme consisted of an inspection of the Ida Darwin and Fulbourn Hospitals. After lunch, when the members were officially welcomed by Mrs. Pauline Burnet, the Chairman of the Hospital Group, there was a programme of simultaneous presentations. These were:

At 2.30 p.m.

Dr. E. BERESFORD DAVIES—'Psychiatry—Is It Medicine?'

Dr. A. R. K. MITCHELL, MISS C. WHITEHEAD, Mr. A. TSE and Mrs. ROSS—'The St. Columba Centre'.

Dr. D. H. CLARK—'Fulbourn's Therapeutic Communities: Challenge of 1972'.

Dr. V. PILLAI and Mr. C. BENNETT—'The Hawthorns'.

At 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. GAYLENE DENNIS—Film—'The Animals and the Lawnmower'.

Dr. M. J. HERON, Dr. BRIAN DAVY qnd Dr. T. K.

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MACLACHLAN—'The roles and relationships of psychiatrists and young people in a rapidly changing world'.

Dr. O. E. F. HODGSON—'Attempted Suicide'.

Dr. A. F. HEELEY—'The Role of the Biochemistry Laboratory in Hospitals for the Mentally Handicapped and in Psychiatric Medicine'.

Southern Division

The inaugural meeting was held at Springfield Hospital, London, S.W.12 on 11 October 1972.

Dr. Leiberman, who had acted as Convenor in the change-over period, opened the meeting by presenting the new Chairman, Dr. Morris Markowe, who had been elected unanimously.

The results of the elections for the positions of Honorary Secretary, Fellow and Member Representatives to Council, and the members of the Executive Committee were announced. As two candidates had tied for twelfth place, the meeting decided that both should be members to the Executive Committee. The Committee held its first meeting at the end of the day's proceedings. One hundred and twenty-five members of the Division attended.

Dr. Maggs reported on developments at the centre. The meeting heard with pleasure that their Chairman, Dr. Morris Markowe, was acting as Registrar following the resignation of Dr. Monro.

The Chairman invited general discussion on the future activities of the Division. It was resolved to ask Council and the Programmes Committee to discuss the provision of means for audio-recording of educational meetings so that tapes could be distributed as teaching material.

In the afternoon, papers were given on 'Providing a Comprehensive District Psychiatric Service for the Adult Mentally Ill', by Drs. J. Denham, R. G. Priest, E. S. Paykel and J. Watson. The discussion was opened by Dr. J. T. Hutchinson and closed by Dr. R. Maggs.

The next meeting will be held at Netherne Hospital on Wednesday, 31 January 1973.

GROUP FOR THE PSYCHIATRY OF OLD AGE

The Council has approved the formation of a Group within the College concerned with the Psychiatry of Old Age. The first meeting will be held at Chandos House on Friday, 9 February 1973, at 2.30 p.m. The Group will then consider its role, and elect a Chairman and Secretary. All interested, Fellows, Members and Affiliates, are earnestly requested to attend. Any comments or enquiries may be addressed to Dr. BRICE PITT, Department of Psychiatry, The London Hospital, London, E.1.

PSYCHIATRY AND PUBLIC LIFE

The Eagleton affair has recently brought into question the relation of psychiatry to public life and political service. How often are there, or have there been, those in positions of great public responsibility who suffer from severe mental illnesses?

Recent history is terrifying. Hitler's paranoid obsession about the Jews dominated all his political thinking and action. It persisted to the very end when he was still attributing his downfall to an international Jewish conspiracy. Hitler had already had a severe nervous breakdown in World War I, the hospital records of which were immediately destroyed on his advent to power. Stalin also was mentally ill towards the end of his life, and very possibly during the great purge of 1938 in which millions of Russians were liquidated on conspiracy charges. In Britain G.P.I. caused the death of Lord Randolph Churchill and in France that of President Deschanel.

Baldwin had to have 'time off' around the period of the abdication crisis, and later disappeared into his country house, rarely to emerge publicly again until his death. Prime Ministers have made suicide attempts prior to obtaining office, been addicted to drugs and alcohol, and to attacks of depression, so often called 'nervous exhaustion' or 'fatigue'. One of them, while actually in office, even smashed furniture in Downing Street in uncontrolled rages. Candidates for the highest political office have probably included transvestites and certainly compulsive drinkers and recurrent depressives. Fortunately, paranoia generally reveals itself fairly early on to observant colleagues, so that we have not had to suffer the equivalent of a Hitler or Stalin.

In the U.S.A. there have been Lincoln's attacks of melancholia, Forrestal's depression with paranoid features, and Wilson's and Roosevelt's arterio-sclerotic illnesses.

The over-use of alcohol and other drugs, such as

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