If the clergy would follow the example of popular preachers and appeal to the intellectual and moral faculties of their congregations in common language, they would attract hearers from all classes and exercise an extensive beneficial influence.

I am ambitious to see asylum superintendents exercising their great and legitimate influence in their respective districts by showing how insanity has its origin in causes which we may readily trace, and which are in a great measure under our control.

[Sir James Coxe (1811–78) was one of the first Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, appointed under the Act of 1857. See Dr. McNiven's Presidential Address, *J. ment. Sci.*, 1960, **106**, 451.]

UNIVERSITIES AND TEACHING HOSPITALS

St. Mary's Hospital, London

Dr. Robin Priest has been appointed to the Chair of Psychiatry at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and will take up his appointment in August 1973.

Dr. Priest, who is at present Senior Lecturer at St. George's Hospital Medical School, qualified in 1956 at University College Hospital and has worked at the Universities of Edinburgh and Chicago. His varied research interests have included the use of psychodynamic, epidemiological and neurophysiological approaches to a wide range of problems.

A new psychiatric unit, comprising 58 beds, 80 day places, an out-patient clinic and professorial unit laboratories, is being built at St. Mary's Hospital, Harrow Road, and is expected to be opened in the Autumn of 1973. This unit will take district responsibility for a defined catchment area.

University of Sheffield

Professor Erwin Stengel, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, died on 2 June at the age of 71. An appreciation will appear in a later issue of *News and Notes*.

Institute of Psychiatry

A Preliminary Notice of revised arrangements for Lectures and Demonstration Courses for post-graduate students in psychiatry, Session 1973/74. is now available.

Further information from the Dean's Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Psychiatric Association

An International Medical Conference on Alcoholism will be held in London from 10–15 September 1973.

Further information: International Council of Alcohol and Addictions, Case Postale 140, 1001, Lausanne, Switzerland.

World Psychiatric Association

The Second International Congress of CIANS (Collegium Internationale Activitatis Nervosae Superioris) will be held in Prague from 10–13 September 1974. The Congress will serve as a platform for the interdisciplinary discussion of problems related to the higher nervous functions.

Further information and preliminary applications to 2nd International Congress of CIANS, Czechoslovak Medical Society, J. E. Purkyně, Sokolská 31, 120 26 Praha 2, Czechoslovakia.

Two Congresses at Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

25th Anniversary World Mental Health Congress, under auspices of World Federation of Mental Health, Sydney—8–12 October 1973
Theme: Cultures in Collision

10th International Congress: World Psychiatric Association and the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Sydney—14–19 October
Theme: Youth in a World of Change

These two conferences present an exciting variety of papers, workshops, groups and visits centring on transcultural problems and experiences, with participants from all over the world. There is an attractive associated programme of entertainments (including a gala at the New Opera House), and travel schemes are available for attaching holiday travel.

Dr. Elisabeth Shoenberg, Claybury Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex, will be pleased to give further information.

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