prospective trainees until the end of 1975 and it would seem somewhat unrealistic to look ahead further than this at present. However, since there is a great deal of interest and demand for this type of treatment throughout the world, we are exploring possibilities for expanding facilities.

Should your readers require any further details, would they please get in touch with me.

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THE MEDICAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
Library and Information Service

The Medical Council on Alcoholism is pleased to announce the establishment of a Library and Information Service designed to help anyone wishing to study some particular aspect of Alcohol, Alcoholism and the problems connected with these.

Apart from a fairly representative selection of books on the subject, which it is hoped to enlarge considerably in the near future, the MCA subscribes to the Classified Abstract Archives of Alcohol Literature, and also receives a monthly collection of abstracts from the Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System; and for these reasons the Library is considered as one of the most comprehensive in the country. In addition the Council subscribes to many of the Journals more directly concerned with Alcoholism.

The Service is available, free of charge, to the professional and lay public, and can be made use of by telephone (01-493-0081) or by correspondence, or by personal enquiries, Mondays to Fridays, between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. The address is 8 Bourdon St. (off Davies St., near Berkeley Square), London W1X 9HY.

It is regretted that, for the present at least, it is not possible to allow books out on loan, but photocopies of articles and abstracts can be obtained at a nominal charge.

PROFESSOR YAP POW-MENG MEMORIAL FUND

Professor P. M. Yap passed away suddenly while attending the World Psychiatric Congress in Mexico City on 29 November 1971.

Professor Yap will long be remembered as a pioneer in the field of mental health in the Far East especially in Hong Kong. He arrived there in 1948 as the first qualified psychiatrist to work in the Colony, where provisions for the mentally ill were then minimal; when he left Hong Kong in 1969 to take up an associate professorship in the University of Toronto in Canada he was able to leave behind him a large, modern and expanding mental health service. During the intervening 21 years, apart from being a relentlessly dedicated clinician and hospital administrator, he was also very actively engaged in research and in teaching. Many of his writings, especially those in transcultural psychiatry, have received international acclaim, and many a generation of medical students in Hong Kong acquired their solid groundwork in the practice of psychiatry through his inspired teaching. He had returned to Hong Kong to occupy the newly-established University Chair of Psychiatry barely five months before his untimely death.

Professor Yap was one of the founders of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association. In order to perpetuate his memory, the two Associations have resolved to set up a Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund, to be administered by the Executive Committee of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong with representation for the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association. All available income from the Fund will be devoted to the promotion of mental health in Hong Kong.

Those who would like to contribute to the Fund should send their contribution to the Honorary Treasurer, Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund Committee, G.P.O. Box 1534, Hong Kong. Cheques, drafts etc., should be crossed and made payable to the Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Drug Abuse Conference

The Royal Society of Medicine and the R.S.M. Foundation Inc. are sponsoring an Anglo-American Conference in London from 16—18 April 1973, on 'Drug Abuse—Society's reaction; Medicine's responsibility'. Inclusive registration fee £20.

Enquiries to Conference Office, R.S.M., 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8AE.

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