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CHILD PSYCHIATRY SECTION

With the object of promoting academic activities in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, it has been decided to appoint an Academic Secretary, in addition to the Secretary of the Section.

The Academic Secretary will be responsible for arranging the topics and speakers for scientific meetings of the Section, as well as promoting other academic activities. As a first step, a book list on child psychiatry and related topics for trainees in general psychiatry has been prepared.

Dr. Philip Barker has been appointed as the first Academic Secretary and would be pleased to hear from any members of the Section who would like to present papers at Section meetings, or who have any other suggestions to make regarding academic activities for the Section. His address is: Charles Burns Clinics, Queensbridge Road, Birmingham, B13 8QD.

Book List

(a) *Introductory text books*

Basic Child Psychiatry, by Philip Barker. London: Crosby, Lockwood, Staples, 1971.

An introductory account of this subject, based on British child psychiatric practice. Each section contains selected references for further reading.

An Introduction to Child Psychiatry, by Stella Chess (2nd edition). New York: Grune and Stratton, 1969.

Another introductory book but based on American practice.

(b) *Other text books*

Child Psychiatry, by Leo Kanner (4th edition). Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1973.

The latest edition of what was the first full English language textbook of child psychiatry. The chapter on 'Attitudes' and Part Three, 'Clinical Considerations', are particularly useful.

The Psychiatric Disorders of Childhood, by C. R. Shaw and A. Lucas (2nd edition). London: Butterworth, 1970.

A useful American textbook which takes a somewhat different view of child psychiatric disorders to that which is usual in Britain.

Psychological Disturbance in Adolescence, by C. B. Weiner. New York: Wiley, 1970.

A comprehensive American textbook covering the field of adolescent psychiatry.

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(c) *Other useful books*

Children under Stress, by Sula Wolff (2nd edition). London: Penguin Books, 1973.

A valuable account of child development and how it may be affected by stresses. Contains descriptions of the main child psychiatric syndromes.

Normality and Pathology in Childhood, by Anna Freud. London: Penguin Books, 1973.

Probably the best introduction to the work of Anna Freud, and a good account of child psychopathology.

The Family and Individual Development, by D. W. Winnicott. London: Tavistock Publications, 1965.

One of the many important books by Dr. Winnicott.

Education, Health and Behaviour, by Michael Rutter, Jack Tizard and Kingsley Whitmore. London: Longmans, 1971.

A comprehensive account of a survey of the health and educational progress of the 10- and 11-year-old population of the Isle of Wight. Part Three deals with child psychiatric disorders.

The Residential Psychiatric Treatment of Children, edited by Philip Barker. London: Crosby, Lockwood, Staples, 1974.

This book examines the work of in-patient psychiatric units for children, and describes the treatment of all the main child psychiatric syndromes. There is also a chapter on nursing in child psychiatry units.

(d) *Books on interviewing and examining children*

Psychiatric Examination of Children, by J. E. Simmons. London: Kimpton, 1969.

A helpful little book containing practical information on techniques for examining and assessing children. Although based on American practice there is much in it that is useful for British readers.

Interviewing Children and Adolescents, by J. Rich. London: Macmillan, 1968.

This is a thoughtful and also practical discussion of interview techniques as applied to child and adolescent patients.

(e) *Reference books*

(i) The *Modern Perspectives* series, edited by J. G. Howells include:
Modern Perspectives in Child Psychiatry (1965);
Modern Perspectives in International Child Psychiatry (1969); and
Modern Perspectives in Adolescent Psychiatry (1972).
All the above are published in Edinburgh by Oliver and Boyd.

(ii) The series of books *Annual Progress in Child Psychiatry and Child Development*, edited by S. Chess and A. Thomas, has appeared each year since 1968. The books consist of selected republished papers and are a useful source of some of the more important work in this field. The books are published in New York by Brunner/Mazel and in London by Butterworth.

(f) *Journals*

(i) *The Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, published four times yearly by Pergamon Press for the Association for Child Psychology and Psychiatry.

(ii) *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, published and distributed by the American Orthopsychiatric Association four times yearly.

HEALTH SERVICE SOCIAL WORKERS

The following letter has been received by the Registrar of the College from the Department of Health and Social Security:

DEAR DR. MARKOWE,

Thank you for your letter of 10th May about the pay of health service social workers transferred to local authority employment.

The terms and conditions of service of local authority employees are the concern of the National Joint Council for Local Authority's APT & C Grades and are not a matter in which the Department can directly intervene.

The assimilation of the social workers on to local authority grades presents complex problems and straightforward assimilation at equivalent pay points gives rise to anomalies. Most local authorities are waiting therefore for the recommendations of the NJC and the decision of the Pay Board about parity before attempting full integration. I understand that the NJC is very aware of the problems and of the need to resolve them quickly. The recruitment of new staff by local authorities to work in hospitals, who may in some cases receive higher pay than their colleagues still on Whitley scales, gives added urgency

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