Committee; comments prepared by the Child Psychiatry Section for the Joint Working Party on Pregnant Schoolgirls and Schoolgirl Mothers; a memorandum prepared by the Group for the Psychiatry of Old Age on Hospital In-Patient Accommodation for Patients with Dementia; and a statement from the Public Policy Committee on Interrogation Procedures.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is to be in Inverness, and you will all have received the Preliminary Programme. It is understood that we may be allowed concessionary fares on British Rail.

We are gradually erasing the debt for our headquarters, and we continue to be grateful to all those who are so generous with their help and advice. We are also, very gradually, making improvements at No 17 and taking on a few more activities. We are currently investigating the possibilities of getting our Library going again.

Last Autumn 140 out of 296 candidates were successful in the Preliminary Test (47·3 per cent) and 118 out of 208 candidates passed the Membership Examination (56·7 per cent). The Examination continues to evolve, and recently, following recommendations from the Research Committee, certain adjustments have been made in the Regulations to encourage candidates wishing to take the Research Option.

The first cycle of Approval visits has now almost been completed, and there will be some changes in the Membership of the Visiting Panels among the Convenors. This first programme of visits has been a very important and arduous task, and, it is believed, will have a very positive effect on training standards. The College is very grateful to this group of people, nominated from all the Divisions, for their efforts on behalf of the College.

Dr E. W. Shepherd was congratulated upon the success of the recent Study Tour to Israel.

### Resolution

Dr H. Bourne introduced the following Resolution which was seconded by Dr S. Block:

> In view of the further public testimony recently from Leonid Plyushch and Vladimir Bukovsky, the Royal College of Psychiatrists reiterates its condemnation of the Soviet misuse of psychiatry for the suppression of dissent, and in particular:
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> (1) deplores the continuation of these practices now with the forcible hospitalization of Vladimir Borisov.
>
> (2) again urges the release from imprisonment of Dr Semyon Gluzman.
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> Note: Both Vladimir Borisov and Dr Gluzman are prominent opponents of the abuse of psychiatry in their country.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.* and it was left to the Executive and Finance Committee to arrange for its release to the Press and any other appropriate dissemination.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

At the meeting of Council on 12 January 1977 Professor Linford Rees was nominated for re-election as President. No other nomination was received, and Professor Rees's re-election will therefore take effect from the date of the forthcoming Annual Meeting.



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