tradition, give their time free, and also through subsidy from other activities of the Institute of Psycho-Analysis, of which the Clinic is a part.

Almost all the distinguished psychoanalysts in the United Kingdom, and many who have trained here and live and work abroad, have treated Clinic patients in their time. The first Director was Ernest Jones, friend, associate and biographer of Freud, and the man most responsible for establishing psychoanalysis in this country. The present Director is Dr Nina Coltart. The Clinic also provides facilities for training students of the British Psychoanalytical Society, thus performing in miniature the role of a teaching hospital. Almost all psychoanalytical therapy available throughout the United Kingdom's National Health Service is given by men and women who were trained by the British Psychoanalytical Society, and who treated their first cases in the London Clinic of Psycho-Analysis.

What are the problems of patients who come to the Clinic? Depression, anxiety, hysterical and obsessional neurosis, sexual disturbances, character disorders, and the more diffuse states of malaise and alienation, are among the most common. Very often the presenting symptoms are difficulties in relating to other people, in giving or returning affection, or experiencing a true sense of reality.

What do we at the Clinic have to offer our patients? A deep, long and intensive treatment in which each individual, as a person struggling towards autonomy and identity, is given the daily attention and skill of a consistently caring, listening, understanding and interpreting analyst in a unique relationship.

Clinic research shows that at any one time well over 50 per cent of our patients are students or members of professional fields allied to our own—psychologists, doctors, social workers, mental health workers, social administrators, and teachers; these then carry their own increased personal insight and psychic stability and skills out into the wider ranges of their own job fields.

JOHN JARRETT,
General Secretary,
The Institute of Psychoanalysis.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sixth International Congress of Group Psychotherapy

The Sixth International Congress of Group Psychotherapy will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Convention Center, Philadelphia, USA, between 31 July and 5 August 1977. Registration fee, during 1976, $80.00; late registration fee, in 1977, $100.00. Payment to Mrs Zerka T. Moreno, PO Box 311, Beacon, New York 12508, USA. Participation in the programme can consist of short papers, organization of workshops, demonstrations, etc. Details should be sent to Dr M. Pines, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF.

Fourth Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine

The Fourth Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine is to be held in Kyoto, Japan, from 5–9 September 1977. The main theme will be 'Psychosomatic medicine, a core approach to clinical medicine. Education, practice, research and theory'. Further information obtainable from The Secretariat, 4th Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine, c/o Japan Convention Services, Inc, 3–23 Roppongi 7-chrome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106, Japan.

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