CHILD PSYCHIATRY SECTION

The Annual Scientific Meeting for 1977 will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, St Andrew's Place, Regents Park, London NW1, on Friday, 11 March. The theme is 'The First Year of Life—Its Significance for Later Development', and the programme will be as follows:

Morning Session: Chairman, Professor Michael Rutter.

Session 1—*The Early Experiences of Disadvantaged Infants:*

Early experience—Myth and evidence:
Dr Ann Clarke and Professor Alan Clarke

Patterns of parenting by mothers who themselves had a disadvantaged childhood:
Dr Stephen Wolkind

Session 2—*Early Medical Intervention:*

Effects on the infant's social development of early separations for treatment:
Dr Martin Richards

The effects of analgesic medication given during labour on infant social behaviour:
Dr Margaret Mills

Afternoon Session: Chairman, Dr John Bowlby

Session 3—*Biological Continuities:*

The continuity of individual differences from infancy through early childhood:
Dr Judy Dunn

The relationship between infantile neurological state and later social behaviour:
Dr Lex Kalverboer

Session 4—*The Competence of the Infant:*

Intentional behaviour in the young infant:
Professor John Newson

Research findings and psychoanalytic theory—an integrative critique:
Dr Arnon Bentovim

Discussion

Business Meeting for members of the Section

Conference Fee (including lunch and refreshments): £6.50.

Applications (to include a stamped self-addressed envelope) to: Dr David Shaffer, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Survey of Women in Psychiatry

The Working Party on Women in Psychiatry (set up by the Education Committee) is surveying by questionnaire all women known to be training, or to have trained at some time, on a part-time basis.

Those who have already received questionnaires and have not yet returned them would help the Working Party to report if they could return them as soon as possible.

Dr Elinor Kapp is also hoping to contact all those women employed in psychiatry in non-training or non-consultant posts, and as it is very difficult to obtain a comprehensive list of names of women in this category she would greatly appreciate it if anyone who works in psychiatry as a Clinical or Medical Assistant would request a questionnaire from her.

Communication from all members of the College who have views on the subject of part-time work and/or training in psychiatry would be welcomed by the Working Party.

KERRY BLUGLASS

MIDLAND DIVISION

Plans are being made for a Divisional Meeting to be held in Leicester on 25 March 1977. It is proposed to include in the papers' session in the afternoon a series of short clinical and research reports by members of the Division. Any member of the Division interested in providing such a report is invited to send a note of the content and a brief summary to Dr Andrew Sims, University Department of Psychiatry, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TH.

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