meeting of all the Visitors who will be taking part in the Accreditation programme of visits which will begin in January; the hospitals to be visited in the first phase are currently being notified. There has also been the first meeting of the Examination Forum, at which representatives of all those interested in and concerned with the Examination took part in a wide and varied discussion, under the Chairmanship of the Dean. Professor Trethowan and Dr. C. Hassell introduced a statistical analysis of the first three examinations, and this will shortly be published with an introductory paper; Professor Trethowan has also been asked to proceed with a pilot study to investigate various examination techniques involving the use of videotape/films.

Certain changes in the Membership Examination have been approved by the Court of Electors and have been publicised. From the Spring 1974 Examination one of the written sections will be a multiple choice paper. There are also changes in the clinical part, to enable the candidates and their patients to be seen together by the Examiner, and to ensure that the Examiners have an opportunity of seeing the patients before the examination.

The President then reported the text of the telegram referred to above [This was published in the January issue of *News and Notes*]

The Registrar's report was received, and the action taken by the President and by the Council in relation to political dissenters was unanimously endorsed.

Dr. G. A. Low-Beer proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Dr. H. Merskey:

> 'The Royal College of Psychiatrists deplores the current use of psychiatry in the Soviet Union for the purpose of political repression and condemns the activities of doctors who lend themselves to this work'.

Many members took part in the following discussion. In support of the Resolution Dr. Low-Beer referred to specific instances of the alleged misuse of psychiatry in the Soviet Union and offered to show anyone the relevant evidence. Professor Wing reported on his recent visit to the Soviet Union, and, while feeling that there was a case to answer, expressed the opinion that similar activities in other parts of the world should also be investigated; in particular he strongly supported the President's view that the most important thing was to follow a course of action that would be most likely to yield practical and helpful results. Dr. Denis Leigh outlined the action already taken by the World Psychiatric Association and also referred to the limitations placed on that body by its own constitution and by the fact that there were 76 national member societies. Dr. S. Brandon proposed an amendment to the Resolution, seconded by Dr. McKechnie, which deplored the use of psychiatry for political purposes and demanded urgent investigation of current reports from the Soviet Union. The amendment was defeated and the Resolution was passed by a two-thirds majority. It was agreed that the Resolution be forwarded to all those bodies to whom a copy of the President's telegram had been sent.

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION—OCTOBER–NOVEMBER, 1973

List of Successful Candidates

865	Ahmed, S. N.	1041	Brown, E. C.	1364	Davenport, M.	888	Firestone, A. F.
1015	Akhtar, M. J.	1474	Bulmer, D. R.	498	Davenport, R.	442	Fitzpatrick, K. A.
851	Allen, E. A.	1044	Byrne, L.	13	De, A.	1505	Fleming, C. F.
1346	Anderson, C. R. S.	1051	Chakrabarti, G.	588	De, B.	1124	George, T.
		1053	Chandra, M.	1475	Dick, P. H.	1506	Gillmer, R. E.
1491	Arya, R. P.	940	Chaudhary, M. A.	1466	Donovan, W. M.	1507	Glen, G. C.
393	Ashurst, P. M.			1501	Earle, E. M.	1508	Glynn, B. S.
1462	Atkins, R. L. W.	434	Christie, J. S.	1502	El Akabaoui, A. S. M.	1509	Goldney, R. D.
1472	Baecker, T. E.	1061	Clark, T. O.			945	Gonsalves, I.
1473	Barclay, L.	1062	Cody, E. M.	1099	El-Sobky, A. A. L.	1512	Guruji, U. M.
1566	Bark, N. M.	1496	Cornes, N. G. M.			1513	Hai, M. Q. A.
1350	Bartrop, R. W.	1497	Couper-Smartt, J. D.	1503	Evans, A. C.	1514	Hambly, M. T.
1492	Behfar-Rad, M.			1467	Finlayson, J. R. T.	980	Hamilton, J. R.
1493	Bernard, F. E. P.	584	Das Gupta, S.			1516	Harari, M.

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382 Hauli, J. G.
1517 Hawton, K. E.
1518 Haye, S.
643 Higginson, J. C.
1468 Holland, L. M.
652 Husain, A.
987 Husain, S. A.
1521 Johnson, F. Y. A.
1522 Jolley, D. J.
1153 Jonnalagadda, M. M. R.
989 Justice, A. W.
1388 Keighran, A. E.
1523 Kok, L. P.
1391 Kulhara, P.
447 Lakhanpaul, O. P.
1395 Lieh-Mak, F.
1571 Lim, K. K.
1526 Lloyd, G. G.
1477 Lodge, A. M.
1527 McAuley, R. R.
1478 McMichael, J.
1179 MacDonald, N. A. H.
501 Marsh, W.
1528 Miles, M. P.
1529 Milne, J. F.
1531 Mullen, P. E.
727 Munib, A. A.
412 Murugananthan, N.
997 O'Boyle, J. H.
1480 Odejide, O. A.
271 O'Shea, M. E.
1533 Parker, R. R.
1535 Petchkovsky, L.
1218 Pohlen, G. J.
1219 Ponnappa, S. M.
508 Preshaw, C. T.
1223 Prudo-Chlebosz, R.
1420 Pu, T.
1294 Quader, S. E.
1481 Rampling, D. J.
1536 Reid, R. W. S.
1537 Ricketts, B. S.
1538 Riding, B. E. J.
1539 Roberts, J. P.
1541 Ron, M.
1542 Rosen, B. K.
416 Rosser, R. M.
769 Rwegellera, G. G. C.
920 Saha, B. K.
1544 Sami, S. F.
1242 Sastry, S. R.
1546 Seied-Roohanna, R. S.
1485 Sharif, M.
310 Shukla, A. K.
1248 Simpson, M. M.
850 Singh, T. M.
1549 Smith, E. D.
860 Smith, M. A. E.
1441 Smith, S.
1293 Smout, S. M.
1550 Spotswood, V. J.
1551 Sugars, J. G.
1552 Sweeney, E.
928 Tabrizi, F. N.
1553 Talbot, R. E.
805 Taloo, F. A.
421 Tareen, I. A. K.
1555 Temple, N. O.
1556 Tennant, C. C.
468 Theodossiadis, A.
1559 Toone, B. K.
934 Watkins, W. G. A.
1275 Welldon, E. V.
1487 Whyte, S. F.
1563 Wilkinson, J. C.
1564 Williamson, P. E.
1455 Wilmot, T. F. W.
1282 Yerramilli, Rao, B. V. J.
1457 Yeung, K. K.

A COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE FOR THE ADULT MENTALLY ILL

Follow-up Conference organized by Department of Health and Social Security and the Royal College of Psychiatrists

This Conference was held on 22 June 1973 at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. After the meeting had been opened by SIR GEORGE GODBER, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, SIR MARTIN ROTH, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, outlined some of the areas in which discussion was needed. The meeting then divided into four syndicate groups for separate discussions.

At the afternoon session the meeting heard the reports of the individual groups and there was discussion of each. PROFESSOR W. H. TRETHOWAN concluded the meeting with a summary of the day's proceedings.

Syndicate A: Implications of the New Service for the Numbers and Training of Psychiatrists.

The remaining differences of view between the DHSS and the College about the scale of the manpower problem were mentioned and it was noted that the rate of expansion in the consultant grade was higher for psychiatry than for any other speciality. The Department recognized, however, that the limit for further expansion might not have been reached. It was noted that national trends tended to conceal variations in medical staffing in different parts of the country.

The reasons for the continuing need for expansion were: the increasing demand for treatment, expansion of facilities to DGH units, decentralization to serve community needs, and the increased demands of teaching and training needs. The development of concentrated courses for general practitioners, for example, would place a further strain. The development of skills of psychologists and nurses also served to increase the demand for a more varied and sophisticated service. The need to improve training standards and expand existing facilities was discussed, together with the urgent need to stop the fall in recruitment. The College suggested that the expansion of the consultant grade was required to relieve the consultant of some of his administrative duties and allow more time to attend to patient needs and for teaching. The College's scheme for improving training and the accreditation of hospitals

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