the guardians of our liberties. There are many reasons why psychiatrists, apart from certifying open psychoses, should as rarely as possible be the ones who determine whether and for how long a patient is detained. The prime task of the psychiatrist should be to treat and to devise new treatment techniques for difficult types of patients. Criminal psychiatry and the treatment of psychopaths is still in its infancy and there are few psychiatrists willing and able to treat them. But to those who wish to do so English law and practice offer sufficient scope, e.g. allowing them to treat the patient while he is on probation.

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INTIMATIONS OF IMMORTALITY

DEAR SIR,

I hope you will offer hospitality in your columns of this journal to this written expression of boundless delight I expressed over the excellent paper by Dr. Fitzherbert on "Intimations of Immortality" (November, 1964). We in India have long striven to rid psychiatry of deplorable materialism and now Dr. Fitzherbert has taken up the torch for all of us.

We in India through the wisdom of our ancient books have always known that every infant is in contact with the divine by some process, perhaps extrasensory, and Dr. Fitzherbert has shown now how we project what we have got to know in this way on to our elders, parents, teachers and benefactors. Our Indian upbringing has always stressed that we must honour and love all these people, and the materialist view of sex going on between children and their parents has always been abhorrent to us.

Dr. Fitzherbert's excellent theory also seems to offer adequate explanation for our honoured institution of extended family. Our ancient books teach us that there are many gods and we probably are in communion with all of them projecting it all on to very many people so forming a closer link with them. As this extrasensory gift we all possess as infants is getting lost as we are getting older it probably also got lost through the ages from generation to generation. I should be interested to know from Dr. Fitzherbert whether the nations embracing monotheism have not already lost some of the great gift of extrasensory communication, thus only being able to make contact with one god (and his wife?) projecting them on to father and mother. We in India believe that our ancient books have helped us to preserve it all. May I end by quoting the great poet Wordsworth: "Civilization—at what price". (I am sorry I have been unable to find the exact poem where this comes from.)

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CORRECTION

In the article **"Sleep Disturbance in Depressed Patients"** by J. G. Samuel, which appeared in our issue for September, 1964 (pp. 711–719), the following correction should be made to the acknowledgments—

> The thioridazine syrup (Melleril) and placebo used in the trial were supplied by Sandoz Products Ltd. The Bayer Products Co., to whom these drugs were attributed, supported the trial financially.

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