prospective trainees until the end of 1975 and it would seem somewhat unrealistic to look ahead further than this at present. However, since there is a great deal of interest and demand for this type of treatment throughout the world, we are exploring possibilities for expanding facilities.

Should your readers require any further details, would they please get in touch with me.

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THE MEDICAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
Library and Information Service

The Medical Council on Alcoholism is pleased to announce the establishment of a Library and Information Service designed to help anyone wishing to study some particular aspect of Alcohol, Alcoholism and the problems connected with these.

Apart from a fairly representative selection of books on the subject, which it is hoped to enlarge considerably in the near future, the MCA subscribes to the Classified Abstract Archives of Alcohol Literature, and also receives a monthly collection of abstracts from the Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System; and for these reasons the Library is considered as one of the most comprehensive in the country. In addition the Council subscribes to many of the Journals more directly concerned with Alcoholism.

The Service is available, free of charge, to the professional and lay public, and can be made use of by telephone (01-493-0081) or by correspondence, or by personal enquiries, Mondays to Fridays, between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. The address is 8 Bourdon St. (off Davies St., near Berkeley Square), London W1X 9HY.

It is regretted that, for the present at least, it is not possible to allow books out on loan, but photocopies of articles and abstracts can be obtained at a nominal charge.

PROFESSOR YAP POW-MENG MEMORIAL FUND

Professor P. M. Yap passed away suddenly while attending the World Psychiatric Congress in Mexico City on 29 November 1971.

Professor Yap will long be remembered as a pioneer in the field of mental health in the Far East especially in Hong Kong. He arrived there in 1948 as the first qualified psychiatrist to work in the Colony, where provisions for the mentally ill were then minimal; when he left Hong Kong in 1969 to take up an associate professorship in the University of Toronto in Canada he was able to leave behind him a large, modern and expanding mental health service. During the intervening 21 years, apart from being a relentlessly dedicated clinician and hospital administrator, he was also very actively engaged in research and in teaching. Many of his writings, especially those in transcultural psychiatry, have received international acclaim, and many a generation of medical students in Hong Kong acquired their solid groundwork in the practice of psychiatry through his inspired teaching. He had returned to Hong Kong to occupy the newly-established University Chair of Psychiatry barely five months before his untimely death.

Professor Yap was one of the founders of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association. In order to perpetuate his memory, the two Associations have resolved to set up a Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund, to be administered by the Executive Committee of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong with representation for the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association. All available income from the Fund will be devoted to the promotion of mental health in Hong Kong.

Those who would like to contribute to the Fund should send their contribution to the Honorary Treasurer, Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund Committee, G.P.O. Box 1534, Hong Kong. Cheques, drafts etc., should be crossed and made payable to the Professor Yap Pow-meng Memorial Fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Drug Abuse Conference

The Royal Society of Medicine and the R.S.M. Foundation Inc. are sponsoring an Anglo-American Conference in London from 16—18 April 1973, on 'Drug Abuse—Society's reaction; Medicine's responsibility'. Inclusive registration fee £20.

Enquiries to Conference Office, R.S.M., 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1M 8AE.

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Regional Workshop of the World Federation for Mental Health

'The Mentally Ill and Handicapped in the Community', 30 July–4 August 1973, London.

Further information: The Secretary, 1973 Regional Workshop, N.A.M.H., 39 Queen Anne Street, London W1M OAJ.

3rd Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency

4–12 September 1973, The Hague, Netherlands.

Further information: Dr. M. I. J. Goldberg, Box 83, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027, U.S.A.

Two important Congresses in Sydney, Australia:

International Congress of the World Federation of Mental Health

'Cultures in Collision.' 8–12 October 1973, Sydney, Australia.

Further information: Mrs. Valerie Pratt, Chairman, Scientific Committee, W.F.M.H., 9 Langley Street, East Sydney, N.S.W. 2010, Australia.

Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

10th Annual Congress, Sydney, 15–19 October, 1973.

To mark the 10th Annual Congress of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, a special programme is being prepared.

The Congress Scientific Programme will explore themes of modern psychiatry in plenary sessions and in special technical sessions.

A Joint Meeting on Child Psychiatry (Theme: 'Adolescence') is being arranged by the Section of Child Psychiatry of the ANZCP in collaboration with the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) Committee for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

A Joint Meeting on Transcultural Psychiatry (Theme: 'Growing up in a developing country') is being arranged by the section of Transcultural Psychiatry of the ANZCP in collaboration with the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) Committee for Transcultural Psychiatry. This will provide a forum for discussion of the problems of youth in Aboriginal Australia, Polynesia, Melanesia, and in neighbouring countries.

CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Dr. McCoull has sent us the following correction to the last paragraph but two of the article published on page 8 of our issue for December 1972: 'Important are the figures for the various grades of retarded patients. Previous figures since 1909 have given 4–6 per cent of all patients as being in the low grade category, and this has for long been doubted. This report shows the figure for hospital and non-hospital patients combined to be 16 per cent if ESN pupils are excluded, and it must be noted that this figure has been arrived at by an examination of the patients themselves, and not only of their paper records.'

We regret that through a clerical error the name of Dr. J. A. S. Mulligan was omitted from the List of Fellows published in our January issue. We tender our apologies to Dr. Mulligan and hope that this correction will catch the eye of our readers.

We wish also to apologise to Dr. Clifford Tetlow, whose name was wrongly printed as 'Tetley' in the List of Examiners in the same issue.

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