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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

The Spring Quarterly Meeting was held in Southampton on 22, 23 and 24 April 1974 by kind invitation of the University of Southampton and Professor J. L. Gibbons.

On Tuesday, 23 April, the morning session was devoted to Postgraduate Education in the NHS and the following papers were read: 'The Wessex Philosophy', Dr. R. Moore; 'A Survey of Educational Opportunities in a Provincial Psychiatric Hospital', Mr. G. Wace; 'The Consumer's Viewpoint', Dr. A. Tate; 'The Clinical Tutor', Dr. E. B. O. Smith. In the afternoon the following papers were presented on forensic topics and were followed by lively discussions: 'The Provision of Forensic Psychiatric Services', Dr. J. E. Glancy; 'The Function of the Forensic Psychiatrist', Dr. P. D. Scott; 'The Epidemiology of Forensic Psychiatric Problems', Dr. R. de Alarcon.

On Wednesday, 24 April, following the Business Meeting, three papers were read on the evaluation of psychiatric services: 'Principles of Evaluation', Professor J. K. Wing; 'The Southampton Project', Dr. Jacqueline de Alarcon; 'Residential Accommodation for the "New Long Stay" ', Dr. Sheila Mann. In the afternoon there were research papers on 'Anglo-Scottish Differences in the Classification of Poisoning Deaths by Motivation', Dr. B. Barraclough; 'The Value of Assessing Intent in "Attempted Suicide" ', Dr. D. Pallis; 'Alteration of Consciousness as a Factor in the Aetiology of Depersonalization', Dr. G. Sedman; 'A Unifying Theory of Neurosis', Dr. P. Tyrer.

The Child Psychiatry Section met on 22 April, when Mr. Ron Whatmore read a paper entitled 'Method of Measuring the Quality of Care in Residential Units for Mentally Handicapped Children'.

At the meeting of the Psychotherapy Section, Dr. W. Brough read a paper on 'The Psychotherapy of Bereavement'.

Business Meeting

The President announced with regret the death of the following members:

BOLLAND, John, Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Director, Child Guidance Training Centre, London.

FROSSARD, Philip, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, British Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders, London.

HILTON, Andrew Martin Blyth, Bury St. Edmunds.

YELLOWLEES, David, formerly Director, Lansdowne Clinic, Glasgow.

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The Registrar, DR. MORRIS MARKOWE, read the following report:

'Council has met on two occasions since the last Quarterly Meeting and together with the Executive and Finance Committee has again got through a tremendous amount of work.

In February, Council nominated Sir Martin Roth for a third year of office as President, and his election was confirmed at last week's meeting.

Meetings between representatives of the College and the Department of Health and Social Security at which manpower problems have been discussed continue, and there has also been a meeting between the officers of the College and representatives of the DHSS which discussed administrative arrangements in relation to the reorganized NHS. These meetings provided a useful and frank discussion on many topics concerned with manpower and with the impact of reorganization on the psychiatric services, the difficulties of the present interim phase, and the importance of psychiatric representation not only at Regional and Area levels but also within the Districts.

Last year the College submitted a memorandum of evidence to the Trethowan Committee on the Role of the Psychologist in the Health Service, and the Child Psychiatry Section issued a minority Report and some concern was expressed by various bodies within the College. Subsequently Council appointed a new Special Committee to comment on the Consultative Document to be issued by the Trethowan Committee. This document has now been received and last week the Special Committee submitted a preliminary draft of comments to Council. This is being 'edited' and further comments invited. The final document has to be sent to the Department by 15 May.

Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of a College headquarters in London. Contracts have been exchanged and we are awaiting completion.

The Court of Electors has announced a change in the training requirement for candidates taking the M.R.C.Psych. Examination. Candidates who declare their intention in advance may, with the permission of the Dean, be allowed to do one year of recognized training in general medicine before their psychiatric training. The Court of Electors has also asked the Editor to publish in *News and Notes* a recent Preliminary Test multiple choice question paper.

A memorandum on the psychiatric training of general practitioners has been prepared by the joint working party of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Education Committee, and has been accepted as a basis for discussion by a new Joint Committee being set up by the two Colleges.

A memorandum of evidence on Child Health Services has been prepared by the Child Psychiatry Specialist Section, approved by Council and submitted to the D.H.S.S./D.E.S. Committee. This follows the two previous memoranda on Child Guidance and Child Psychiatric Services.'

In the discussion which followed reference was made to the following matters:

(1) It was suggested that any member of the College aware of any specific instances of difficulties arising from re-organization should send details to the Chairman of his Division.

(2) The importance of psychiatric representation on District Medical Committees was stressed.

(3) The view was expressed by one member that it was not desirable to allow one year of general medicine to count towards the three-year training period for the Membership. The view was also expressed that the current regulations in regard to this were too inflexible and that it was not reasonable to require candidates to declare their intentions at the beginning of the three-year period.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS

The following have been elected to the Fellowship:

D. T. Barnes, R. W. Barton, S. Benedek, A. Bentovim, M. F. Bethell, A. Brook, I. W. Browne, R. F. Caddell, H. S. Capoore, M. W. P. Carney, J. L. Crammer, J. P. Crawford, D. P. Cronin, J. M. Cuthill, P. R. Doherty, M. D. Enoch, J. Erulkar, J. D. W. Fisher, I. A. Fraser, N. L. Gittleson, K. L. Granville-Grossman, H. P. Greenberg, S. M. Haq, G. G. Hay, Dorothy H. Heard, J. M. C. Holden, E. Howarth, H. Hunter, I. M. Ingram, D. H. Irwin, E. Jacoby, M. S. Kamal, R. J. Kerry, S. J. Knox, C. F. Lascelles, T. E. Lear, E. Lewis, I. C. Lodge Patch, J. Lomas, W. A. G. MacCallum, H. A. McClelland, H. B. McNamee, R. D. H. Maxwell, R. P. Michael, H. B. Milne, P. A. Morris, A. Okasha, J. O'Neill, J. D. Orme, A. Orwin, R. R. Prewer, R. G. Priest, D. A. A. Primrose, M. J. Pritchard, C. Protheroe, Naomi I. Rae-Grant, J. L. Reed, H. Richardson, P. H. Rogers, Monica D. Rowbotham, J. T. Silverstone, G. B. Simon, F. G. Spear, B. Steinberg, D. R. K. Street, Nancy I. Swift, E-S. Tan, C. M. Tonks, K. F. Weeks, W. P. C. D. Wijesinghe, Y. C. Wong.

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