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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Second Annual Meeting of the College was held at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 10, 11 and 12 July 1973

Scientific Meetings

On Tuesday 10 July, the President, PROFESSOR SIR MARTIN ROTH took the Chair at a Symposium on Mental Handicap. The following papers were read: *Growing Points in Mental Subnormality*, Dr. W. A. Heaton-Ward; *Recent Research into the Causes and Prevention of Mental Subnormality*, Dr. R. Lax; *Cytogenetics*, Dr. Valerie Cowie; *The Use of Behaviour-Shaping Techniques in a Community Service for Severely Mentally Handicapped Children*, Dr. J. A. Corbett; *Group Work with Parents—Parents as Therapists*, Dr. M. Mellor; *The Unwitting Offender*, Professor A. K. M. Macrae; *Children with Multiple Handicaps*, Dr. G. B. Simon.

On Wednesday 11 July, SIR MARTIN ROTH delivered an Address entitled *Sexual Deviation: Medical Disorder or Another Way of Life?*

In the afternoon PROFESSOR L. G. KILOH delivered a guest lecture entitled *Psychiatry Among the Australian Aborigines*. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor W. Linford Rees.

On Thursday 12 July, the morning session was devoted to the subject of *Reviewing the Mental Health Act*. DR. BRIAN WARD, who was Secretary of the Sub-Committee which had prepared the draft recommendations, introduced a discussion of the general parts of the Act. Short papers were then read by Dr. G. C. Timbury and Dr. P. G. McGrath on the Scottish view and on Part V of the Act respectively. The remainder of the morning was devoted to discussion of the Act, and the recommendations are being referred back to the Sub-Committee. Members attending the meeting, as well as others, were also invited to submit written comments to the Sub-Committee.

In the afternoon there was a selection of scientific papers as follows: *School Refusal, Truancy and Adult Neurotic Illness*, Dr. Peter Tyrer; *A Comparison of Diagnosis and Psychopathology of Irish, British and American Mental Hospital Admissions*, Dr. M. J. Kelleher; *The Origins of Analgesic Nephropathy*, Dr. Robin M. Murray; *Cyproterone Acetate*, Dr. T. S. Davies; *The Relationship of the Biological Activity of a Protein Factor and Length of Illness in Schizophrenia*, Dr. Hugh C. Hendrie.

The Psychotherapy Section met on 11 July when DR. MALCOLM PINES presented a paper on *Management of Severe Personality Disorder*. The Child Psychiatry Section met on 12 July, when a paper entitled *Adolescent and Family—The Distance Between* was read by DR. HARVEY JONES.

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The General Meeting

The President, Professor Sir Martin Roth, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in London on 18 and 19 November 1971, and published in the Supplement to the *British Journal of Psychiatry* for June 1973 were approved and signed by the President.

Obituary

The Registrar, Dr. M. Markowe, announced with regret the death of the following Fellows, Members and Affiliates during the preceding year:

Ashby, William Ross, formerly Professor of Cybernetics, University of Illinois, previously Director, Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol.

Bain, Archibald James, Medical Director, The Davidson Clinic, Edinburgh.

Bond, Earl D. (Honorary Fellow), Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Bevan-Jones, David Howell Bevan, Brixham, Devon.

Bower, Cedric William, formerly Medical Superintendent, Springfield House, Kempston, Bedford. (Chairman, South East Division, 1938–39; Chairman, Parliamentary Committee, 1942–51.)

Brown, Felix Warden, Consultant Physician in Psychological Medicine, Royal Free Hospital, London.

Brown, James Leonard, Senior Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Maidstone, Kent.

Brown, Robert Dods, formerly Physician Superintendent, Royal Mental Hospital, Aberdeen.

Byrnes, Allan William, Sun City, Arizona, U.S.A.

Collins, George Henry, Consultant Psychiatrist, Stockport and Buxton Hospital Group.

Couper, Lewis, Medical Superintendent, Digby-Wonford Hospital, Exeter.

Crowley, Timothy, formerly Medical Superintendent, Stallington Hall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dawson, James Stewart, Physician Superintendent, Birkwood Institution, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

Freeman, Walter (Corresponding Fellow), Professor of Neurology, George Washington University, U.S.A.

Gillman, Simeon W., Deputy Medical Superintendent, Central Hospital, Warwick.

Howieson, William Euan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Stratheden Hospital, Fife.

Jackson, Winifred Muriel, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

James-Caistor, Ursula Schroder, Clent Grove, Clent, Stourbridge.

Krauss, Stephen, Consultant Psychiatrist, Fair Mile Hospital, Wallingford, Berkshire.

Lambourne, Robert Alfred, Lecturer in Pastoral Studies, University of Birmingham.

Lowenfeld, Margaret, Director, Institute of Child Psychology, London.

O'Mahony, Patrick Finbarr, Senior Associate Psychiatrist, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Palmai, George, Consultant Psychiatrist, Lidcombe Hospital, Sydney, Australia.

Penrose, Lionel Sharples (Honorary Fellow), Director, Kennedy-Galton Centre, Harperbury Hospital, St. Albans; formerly Professor of Eugenics, University College London.

Rees-Thomas, Mrs. Ruth (Honorary Fellow), formerly Senior Commissioner, Board of Control for England and Wales.

Rosie, John Murdoch, Physician Superintendent, Riccartsbar Hospital, Paisley.

Strachan, Michael, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ida Darwin Hospital, Cambridge.

Taylor, Fred Hayden, formerly Director, John Conolly Hospital, Birmingham (Secretary Parliamentary Committee, 1960-65, Chairman. 1965-68).

Thomas, William David Crawford, Consultant Psychiatrist, Maindiff Court and Pen-y-val Hospitals, Abergavenny.

Werner, Yvonne Helene Pauline, Registrar, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrev.

Dr. Markowe also expressed the College's regret for the death of Mr. David Downs, who, as legal adviser, had contributed so much to the formation of the College.

Report of the Council

Following the granting of the Supplemental Charter establishing the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 16 June 1971 and the induction of Professor Martin Roth as the College's first elected President at the Annual Meeting in November 1971, it was resolved that there would be no Annual Meeting in 1972 but that the second such meeting of the College would be held in July 1973. This Report therefore covers the period from June 1971 to July 1973.

Officers

Atfer the induction of the President further elections were held, and the following is the list of the first Honorary Officers of the College:

President:	Professor Sir Martin Roth
Vice-Presidents:	Professor T. Ferguson Rodger
	Professor W. Linford Rees

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Registrar:	Dr. A. B. Monro
Treasurer:	Dr. W. Warren
Librarian:	Dr. D. Leigh
Dean:	Professor K. Rawnsley
Editor:	Dr. E. H. Hare
Sub-Deans:	Dr. T. H. Bewley
	Dr. A. Shapiro

Dr. Monro resigned in August 1972 pending his retirement from the National Health Service, and from that date Dr. M. Markowe acted as Registrar. An appreciation of Dr. Monro's outstanding services to the cause of the College has appeared in *News and Notes*. Professor Rodger's last months as the senior Vice-President have been marred by illness; his kindly wisdom has been much missed in the counsels of the College, and Council takes this opportunity to wish him a speedy return to health.

In accordance with the Bye-Laws, Council held its nominating meetings in January and March 1973, and, no further nominations having been made, the above officers will remain in office for 1973–1974, Dr. Markowe's election as Registrar being confirmed.

Other Elections

The first year of the College's life was much concerned with elections and postal ballots for the Council, the Court of Electors, the Standing Committees and for the Officers and Executive Committees of the Regional Divisions and Specialist Sections. Arrangements were made to have Affiliate or Inceptor representation on the main committees and for the present it was also agreed that the Association of Psychiatrists in Training would nominate one observer on each Standing Committee.

Members of the College

One of the first tasks of the Court of Electors was to consider every member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association for Foundation Membership or Foundation Fellowship of the College. Much of the preliminary work had been done before the granting of the Charter, and all members very soon received a letter notifying them of their status within the College and inviting appeals against the decisions taken. The Court has subsequently dealt with over 1,150 appeals, and three former members of the R.M.P.A. who still felt aggrieved referred their claims to Council. In addition Foundation Membership has been granted to 230 applicants who had not previously been members of the R.M.P.A. The current membership figures are as follows (1.5.1973):

Honorary Fellows	34*
Foundation Fellows	510
Elected Fellows	59
Foundation Members / Members	2,419
Affiliates	1,290
Inceptors	69
Corresponding Fellows	53
Corresponding Associates	104
	4,538
	16*
	4,522

Membership Examination

The second of the three very important tasks undertaken by the Court of Electors was the setting up and running of the Membership examination. Again, much of the preliminary work had been done before the granting of the Charter, and the first examinations were held early in 1972.

The figures for examination entries up to May 1973 are as follows:

Preliminary test

Date	Entered	Sat	Passed
November 1971	11	10	5
March 1972	14	13	9
October 1972	47	47	32
March 1973	90	90	58

Membership Examination

	March 1972		
	Entered	Sat	Passed
Whole examination	149	140	84
Exempt written	102	98	68
Final viva	92	85	76
Total	343	323	228

	November 1972		
	Entered	Sat	Passed
Whole examination	270	245	160
Exempt written	113	85	55
Final viva	108	102	91
Total	491	432	306

* The overlap occurs because some Honorary Fellows are also Foundation Fellows in their own right.

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Membership Examination

	May 1973		
	Entered	Sat	Passed
Whole examination ..	293	Not available	
Exempt written ..	108	by 'press'	
Final viva	105	date	
	506	—	—

The figures quoted above are subject to verification when the detailed statistical analysis is completed. It is hoped that this analysis will provide a considerable amount of useful information not only about entries and results and the examination itself but also about candidates' basic qualifications and their origin, length and type of training in psychiatry and other training, other qualifications and appointments held. At the time this goes to press the information is going on to punch cards, and it is expected that by the time this Report is discussed at the Annual Meeting details may be available for future discussion and consideration among all those in the College who are interested. At this point all those concerned with the examination, examiners, tutors and trainees, will be expected to take part in a dialogue to be arranged by the Court of Electors.

The Examination Account for 1972 shows a considerable surplus. The Court of Electors, conscious of the intention that the Examination should not provide a source of income for the College's other activities therefore asked their Examinations Sub-Committee to investigate this. Arising from this consideration the Court made the following points: (i) A detailed costing should be undertaken at the end of a four-year period which would include the two years of the transitional period and two years without exemptions; (ii) In the meantime the entry fees should remain the same; (iii) No changes were recommended in the payments made to examiners, invigilators, etc.; it was noted that patients would receive travelling expenses in addition to the £1 fee; (iv) Costs will inevitably rise because of inflation but also because (v) In future there will be no exemptions and therefore relatively higher running costs (hiring accommodation, paying examiners, organizational costs, equipment, etc.); (vi) There were a number of yet unpaid charges, including the computer analysis and research investigations; (vii) The fees paid by Foundation Fellows and Members had been raised to bring them into line with fees paid by Examination candidates; (viii) 1,160 candidates had been granted exemption from the Preliminary Test, and this accounted for £11,600 of the surplus. This will not recur.

Council subsequently passed the following Resolution: 'The Council views with concern the substantial surplus in the Examination Account for 1972, and bearing in mind the College's undertaking not to make a profit from the Examination, resolves that the surplus monies, subject to further review of costs of the 1972 Examination not included in the accounts for 1972, be offered for return, in a manner to be further decided, to those candidates who paid Examination fees in 1972.'

In May 1972 the General Medical Council recognized the M.R.C.Psych. and F.R.C.Psych. as qualifications registrable under Section 8 of the Medical Act 1956, as amended by Section 11 of the Medical Act 1969.

Accreditation

The Court of Electors has organized the accreditation of psychiatric hospitals and units for purposes of general professional training and recognition as training centres for the Membership. Memoranda were sent to all employing authorities and hospitals and units, and some 300 questionnaires were completed and returned. The first list of accredited hospitals has been published and will be supplemented and kept up to date. The specialist hospitals and units applying for accreditation for general professional training are now being considered.

The next phase of the accreditation exercise has now started. A pilot scheme visiting four hospitals or groups will have been completed by July, and the experience gained from this will be used to launch the main exercise in the early autumn. The panels of visitors will be drawn from Fellows and Members (including, it is hoped, recent Members by examination) whose names have been submitted by the Regional Divisions. It is intended that the visitors will interview all concerned with training schemes and that there will be a two-way exchange of information and views between the College and the tutors and trainees.

Appeal and Building

Council appointed a Special Committee to organize the appeal for funds to provide a suitable home for the new College and enable it to fulfil its aspirations. This Committee has met frequently and pursued its objectives with great energy. In particular a great debt is owed to the President who has devoted much time and effort to this. Council is also particularly grateful to Mr. D. A. Collenette, of the Church Commissioners, for the valuable help and advice he has been able to give the Committee.

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Certain eminent sponsors have agreed to support the College financially if it finds a suitable building or site, and the Committee's efforts are now being vigorously directed towards this end. Recently it was hoped that a suitable building in the centre of London would become available for the College's new home; this was, however, sold to a higher bidder. The search continues as a matter of urgency; it is felt that if a building is not purchased within the fairly near future bodies such as our own will be priced out of the propery market; also the lease at Chandos House may terminate in December 1974. It is hoped that the major part—though by no means all—of the financial burden will be borne by national and international sponsors.

Any members of the College able to help in these matters are asked to write to the President.

Liaison

During the past two years there has been increasing liaison with a number of other bodies.

There is a Joint Committee with the Royal College of Physicians which has been set up to discuss all matters of mutual concern, including the D.P.M. The two Presidents alternate as Chairmen of the Joint Committee's Meetings. There are also proposals under consideration to establish a similar joint liaison body with the Royal College of General Practitioners. There are links with the Royal College of Nursing through the Nursing Sub-Committee and the Psychiatry Section of that College, and a joint working party recently prepared a memorandum on 'The Care of the Violent Patient'.

In October 1972 the Department of Health and Social Security sponsored a Joint Conference between the College and the Department on 'Providing a Comprehensive District Psychiatric Service for the Adult Mentally Ill'. Some 100 invited participants took part, representing a wide range of interests. The proceedings of this meeting are being published, and a summary has appeared in *News and Notes*. This is to be a continuing dialogue, and in March 1973 there was a College Meeting to discuss matters arising from the earlier meeting and matters which there had not been time to discuss on the earlier occasion; this meeting was mainly a discussion, and many members from all parts of the country took part. (A summary has been published in *News and Notes*.) By the time this Report goes to press there will have been a follow-up Joint Meeting on 22 June 1973, and it is hoped the proceedings of this will also be published. It is felt that this dialogue provides a very important and valuable opportunity for an exchange of views, ideas and information between the College and the Department.

A Tripartite Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Society of Medical Officers of Health and the British Medical Association was set up in 1970 to 'consider the reorganization of the Mental Health Service in all its aspects in the light of plans to unify the National Health Service as a whole'. The Report of this Committee *The Mental Health Service after Unification* (now referred to as the Pilkington Report—the Chairman of the Committee was Dr. Francis Pilkington) was published in June 1972 and has been widely acclaimed as a useful and constructive document.

In the autumn of 1972 a Joint Committee for Higher Psychiatric Training was established with representation from the College and the Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry. Sir Martin Roth is the Chairman and Professor H. Walton the Vice-Chairman of this committee, which is an advisory body mainly concerned with higher professional training.

A Joint Committee with the British Geriatrics Society has drawn up a memorandum on matters relating to the care of psychogeriatric patients which it is hoped will shortly be published.

There has also been continuing and increased contact with international and national bodies throughout the world. The College has supported meetings organized by the World Psychiatric Association and has representatives on a number of other bodies. The President has travelled widely and met many psychiatrists throughout the world and has represented the College on a number of important occasions.

In June 1972 members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists joined with the Canadian Psychiatric Association and the Quebec Psychiatric Association for a Joint Meeting in Montreal. This was an auspicious and extremely successful occasion during which there was opportunity for much exchange of ideas and experience.

In April 1973 the College were hosts at dinner to delegates attending the first meeting of the Council of Direction of the European Union of Medical Specialists in London. The College is represented on this body and is taking an active interest in matters arising from Britain's entry into the European Economic Community.

Executive and Finance Committee

The Executive and Finance Committee was elected by Council and has processed a mass of work which has subsequently been submitted to Council, as well as being concerned with the financial affairs of the College. A separate Report by the Honorary

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Treasurer accompanies the Accounts for 1971 and 1972.

Library

The future functions of the library are currently under discussion but in the meantime, under the guidance of Dr. Denis Leigh, the library has continued as in the past to provide a personal and postal borrowing service of books and journals. Unfortunately because of the greatly increased amount of committee work and the lack of other accommodation, it is sometimes necessary to close the library for meetings; Council apologizes to any members who are inconvenienced in this way.

Journal

The British Journal of Psychiatry continues to flourish under the new editorship of Dr. E. H. Hare, who took over in January 1973. A tribute to Dr. Slater on his retirement has appeared in the *Journal*. Three Special Publications, No. 6 'Recent Developments in Psychogeriatrics'; No. 7 'Psychiatrists in Training'; and No. 8 'Genetic Studies in Mental Subnormality' have been published, and more are in preparation. Proposals for a monthly teaching feature in the *Journal* are at present under discussion.

The Supplement to the *Journal* is now entitled *News and Notes* and the Assistant Editor mainly responsible is Dr. T. A. Kerr. It now appears monthly and has extended its coverage and function. As well as a selection of official College minutes and reports it contains general items of news, invited articles, correspondence, occasionally contributions from other official bodies, and various other notices.

Standing Committees

The Standing Committees were established in accordance with the Bye-Laws and their Officers were elected. During the past two years an enormous amount of work has been done by these Committees and their sub-committees and by Special Committees of Council. Much of this work has been referred by Council in response to the many requests from Government departments and other bodies for the College's advice and views on matters of outstanding importance. Many of the memoranda, approved by Council, have subsequently been published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry* or in *News and Notes*.

The *Public Policy Committee* in particular has been very hard pressed. Memoranda and comments have been prepared as follows: a memorandum of evidence to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Privacy; a reply to a questionnaire and a memorandum to the Davies Committee on Hospital Complaints Procedure; a memorandum on the Abortion Act in Practice submitted to the Departmental Committee on the Working of the Abortion Act; comments on Draft HMs on 'Hospital Services for the Mentally Ill' and 'Hospital Services for Mental Illness Related to Old Age'; a memorandum to the Sub-Committee of the Standing Medical Advisory Committee on 'The Organization of Group Practice'; a memorandum in reply to a request from the Department of Health and Social Security for comments on certain aspects of the Enquiry into the Practice and Effects of Scientology; a memorandum commenting on the Report of the Working Party on the Standardization of Psychiatric Hospital Medical Records; comments on the Report of the Law Commission's Family Courts Working Party; a memorandum on the Interim Report of the General Medical Council on Doctors Suffering from Mental Disorder; comments on the Harness Design Policy; memoranda on the Organization of Medical Work in Hospitals (Cogwheel—Second Report), Medical Administrators (Hunter Report), N.H.S. Reorganization in England, N.H.S. Reorganization in Wales, Management Arrangements for the Reorganized N.H.S., Local Authority Services for the Mentally Ill, and the second Report of the School Health Services Sub-Committee of the Working Party on Collaboration; Aarvold Committee on Part V of the Mental Health Act and the Butler Committee on the Management of Mentally Abnormal Offenders; Community Hospitals; and comments have been made on the report of the Departmental Committee on Liquor Licensing and the Misuse of Drugs Act. Memoranda have been prepared for the Working Party on Civil Liability for Ante-Natal Injuries, the Law Commission's Working Party on Injuries to the Unborn Child, and the Departmental Committee on the Role of the Psychologist in Relation to Current Psychiatric Practice.

Representatives of the College have given oral evidence to the authorities concerned on many of the above and other subjects on which the advice of the College has been sought.

In many instances the Public Policy Committee has enlisted and is very grateful for the help of representatives from other Standing Committees, the Regional Divisions, the Specialist Sections and from other professional bodies.

The Committee is currently preparing proposals for amendments to the Mental Health Act 1959. Information is being collected by a joint working party with the Forensic Psychiatry Specialist Section, and the membership of the College will have an

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opportunity of discussing the draft proposals during the Annual Meeting.

During the year the Public Policy Committee and the Council have considered a number of ethical matters. In January 1973 the Council passed the following Resolution which has been published and sent to a number of International organizations:

> 'The Royal College of Psychiatrists firmly opposes the use of psychiatric facilities for the detention of persons solely on the basis of their political dissent, no matter where it occurs.'

The *Education Committee*. Much of the work of this Committee has been concerned with manpower problems, and through its Manpower Sub-Committee, which has representation of the Specialist Sections and trainees, it has prepared memoranda which have been submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security and/or the Central Manpower Committee of the Joint Consultants Committee; these include memoranda on the Distribution of Registrar and Senior Registrar Posts in Psychiatry, 'Norms' for Medical Staffing of a Psychiatric Service (Mental Illness only) for a Population of 200,000 (supplementary memoranda in respect of sub-specialties follow), and a Survey of Education and Training in Relation to Manpower. Following a meeting between representatives of the College and the D.H.S.S. the Education Committee is conducting an enquiry among psychiatrists about the possible retention of a non-consultant permanent grade in psychiatry.

The Nursing Sub-Committee is preparing proposals for the publication of a new Handbook of Psychiatric Nursing, jointly with the Royal College of Nursing. Evidence was prepared for the Asa Briggs Committee, which was approved by the Education Committee and Council. The joint liaison committee with the Royal College of Nursing prepared a memorandum on the Care of the Violent Patient which was subsequently approved by the Councils of the two Colleges.

The Clinical Tutors Sub-Committee has held two very successful Conferences, in London in 1972 and in Edinburgh in 1973. The Sub-Committee is considering the status and method of appointment of Clinical Tutors and a number of enquiries are being made with a view to making definite proposals.

The Education Committee has discussed many other matters, including facilities for overseas graduates, regional arrangements for post-graduate medical education, career guidance for doctors and rotational training schemes. The Committee has also set up a Trainees' Sub-Committee, which is widely representative and will discuss all matters affecting trainees.

The *Programmes and Meetings Committee* has been responsible for the organization of the College's scientific meetings since the inception of the College. The meetings of Standing Committees, which had previously been held in conjunction with Quarterly Meetings, are now held between meetings, allowing ample time for discussion and for the preparation of reports and memoranda for submission to Council, and also providing Committee members with the opportunity of attending the scientific sessions. Arrangements are being made for tapes of certain meetings to be available for loan to clinical tutors.

In November 1971 Sir John Richardson delivered the Forty-Sixth Maudsley Lecture 'Morale in Clinical Medicine', and in 1972 the Forty-Seventh Maudsley Lecture 'Non-Verbal Behaviour in Mental Illness' was given by Professor Sir Denis Hill. The Sixth Blake Marsh Lecture, in February 1972, was given by Dr. B. W. Richards on 'Mongols and their Mothers', and in 1973 Dr. John Dobbing delivered the Seventh Blake Marsh Lecture 'Another Vulnerability of the Developing Human Brain'.

Details of the various meetings of the College appear elsewhere, but, to summarize: in November 1971 there were symposia on Hysteria and Phenomenology, the Charter Address by the President, and a paper introducing the Membership Examination. In February 1972 and February 1973 there were Maudsley Bequest lecture courses, which now form an integral part of the Quarterly Meeting programme. In May 1972 the College met in Newcastle upon Tyne at the invitation of the University, and scientific papers were read on a variety of clinical subjects. In the summer of 1972 the meeting was held in London, and there were symposia on post-graduate psychiatric education, and on concepts of anxiety and the relationships to depression; Professor John Romano delivered the guest lecture entitled 'The Psychiatrist—What is he to become?' In November 1972 there was a series of papers on Crisis Intervention and a selection of short individual papers.

In July 1972 many distinguished guests representing a wide range of public and professional bodies attended the Inaugural Banquet of the College in the Guildhall of the City of London. Dr. T. F. Main proposed the toast of 'the Guests' and Lord Platt replied. The President replied to the toast 'The Royal College of Psychiatrists' which was proposed by Sir Keith Joseph, Bt., M.P., Secretary of State for Social Services.

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The Research Committee prepared the Memoranda of comments on the Green Paper 'A Framework for Government Research' and the later White Paper. Proposals for a Research Option in the M.R.C.Psych. were prepared and favourably considered by the Court of Electors; however, the Court decided that no action should be taken for the time being, a definite decision being deferred until the end of the transitional period and the first two years of the Examination. Members of the Research Committee represented the College at a round table conference organized by the Royal College of Physicians to discuss Ethics in Relation to Volunteers in Research; related matters are still under discussion by the committee.

The Committee has set up three main Sub-Committees which are at present preparing detailed proposals for Council in relation to the College's future role in research. These sub-committees are concerned with Training in Research Methods, Epidemiology and Applied Social Research, and the establishment of a Research Register. A preliminary document outlining some of the proposals likely to be made has been seen by Council and a final document containing definitive recommendations will be submitted in due course.

A *Special Committee of Council*, which has consulted the Regional Divisions and has representation from the Standing Committees and Specialist Sections, has prepared evidence for the Merrison Committee on the Regulation of the Medical Profession.

Armed Services

The Armed Services Consultant Approval Board in Psychiatry has been formed, and the College is represented by the President. A Special Committee of Council prepared evidence for the Defence Services Enquiry (Jarret Committee) reviewing arrangements for medical, dental and nursing services for the Armed Forces at home and abroad. The College nominated representatives to the B.M.A. Working Party preparing evidence for the Government (Compton) Committee on Interrogation Procedures.

Regional Divisions

Elections have been held for the Officers and Executive Committees of the ten Regional Divisions, and each Division has met, mostly several times. The Scottish and Irish Divisions have specialist sub-sections and also have considerable direct contact with their respective Health Departments.

In January 1973 the Chairmen of the Regional Divisions met the President and other Officers and had a very useful discussion on matters of mutual concern and ways in which the Regional Divisions would become more involved in the affairs of the College and help the Council.

The Regional Divisions will report more fully next year.

Specialist Sections

The Specialist Sections have held elections for their Officers and Executive Committees and have met regularly throughout the year.

The newly formed *Forensic Psychiatry Section* has been mainly concerned with the evidence prepared for the Butler Committee and the Aarvold Committee which were set up by the Government following the Graham Young case, to make recommendations about the care of mentally abnormal offenders and Part 5 of the Mental Health Act. The Section is also represented on the Working Party of the Public Policy Committee which is making recommendations for amending the Act and on a number of other Special and Standing Committees. Conferences on forensic topics have been held at the Institute of Psychiatry, at Bristol and in Birmingham.

The *Mental Deficiency Section* and its Executive Committee have met regularly through the period covered by the Report, meetings of the Section being held in various parts of the country. The Section is represented on the Standing Committees and various sub-committees, and, with the other Specialist Sections, has made specialist contributions to the accreditation exercise and the Manpower Sub-Committee of the Education Committee. The Section organized a special one-day conference on 'The Responsibilities and Role of the Doctor concerned with the Care of the Mentally Handicapped'; The President was in the Chair and the opening speaker was Sir George Godber, Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security. The meeting was generally considered to have been very helpful and the proceedings are to be published.

The *Child Psychiatry Section* has continued to be very active. As well as the regular Section meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, a residential week-end conference was held at the University of Birmingham in September 1972. Dinners were held at the Royal Society of Medicine in February 1972 and at the Middlesex Hospital in November 1972.

Memoranda were prepared on Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and on the Future of the Child Psychiatry Section in the College. Memoranda

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on the Contribution of Child Psychiatry to the Care of Children with Mental Handicap and on Joint Appointments in Child Psychiatry and Mental Handicap have been referred by Council for comment by the Mental Deficiency Specialist Section and it is hoped to have a joint meeting in the near future. Other matters discussed included payment for court reports and staffing levels in Child Psychiatry. A multi-disciplinary Working Party has prepared a statement on the future administration of Child Guidance and Child Psychiatric Services and representatives of the Section accompanied the President at a meeting with Sir Keith Joseph to discuss preparation for parenthood.

In addition to the Section meetings held in conjunction with Quarterly Meetings, the *Psychotherapy Section* is organizing a series of nine lectures during the forthcoming year on contemporary psychotherapy in its variety. Many matters have been discussed by the Executive Committee and the Section, including methods in social psychiatry, psychotherapy and the future of the mental health services, facilities for psychotherapeutic training in the N.H.S., behavioural psychotherapy, Section representation on the Standing Committees, the architectural requirements of the therapeutic community in District General Hospitals, and manpower needs of psychotherapy. The Section prepared a memorandum jointly with the Public Policy Committee for the Enquiry into the Practice and Effects of Scientology, and with the other Specialist Sections on the membership of the Sections. A specialist panel has advised the Court of Electors on accreditation in relation to psychotherapy.

Groups

Two Groups have been formed.

The first meeting of the *Group for the Psychiatry of Old Age* was held in February 1973 and the second meeting in May discussed the draft Report of the College and the British Geriatrics Society on matters relating to the care of psychogeriatric patients.

At the time this Report went to press the first meeting of the *Group for Social and Community Psychiatry* had yet to be held, on 18 June 1973.

Thanks

Thanks are due to many people and many organizations for help and support willingly and voluntarily given to the College. The first bodies to be mentioned include the interim Council, Court of Electors, Standing and Special Committees and the Executive Committees of the Specialist Sections and Regional Divisions who prepared the way for the duly elected bodies which succeeded them; a great debt is due to all those who served both in an acting capacity and later as duly elected members.

It would be impossible to express adequately the great debt of gratitude owed to the retiring Officers of the R.M.P.A., but a Council Dinner held in their honour went some way towards expressing the feelings of the Council and the College. Thanks are due to Dr. Martin Cuthbert, the last President of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association; Dr. Alexander Walk, Honorary Librarian for 25 years, who continues to work for the *Journal* as Associate Editor; Dr. William Sargant, Registrar; Dr. Eliot Slater, Editor in Chief; and to the Officers who were re-elected and have continued to serve the College—Dr. A. B. Monro as Registrar and Dr. W. Warren as Treasurer. Dr. Monro's subsequent resignation has been mentioned elsewhere and special gratitude is due to Dr. Morris Markowe who has since been Acting Registrar as well as Secretary to the Public Policy Committee. The debt due to the President, Sir Martin Roth, is evident throughout this Report. In addition to these Officers the Vice-Presidents, Professor T. Ferguson Rodger and Professor W. Linford Rees have played an important part in the life of the College, and thanks are also due to Professor J. Hinton and Professor W. H. Trethowan who stepped in at short notice as Acting Co-Deans on Dr. Sargant's resignation until Professor Rawnsley's election as Dean—a new and busy office to which he has brought much energy and wisdom. The new Editor is Dr. E. H. Hare under whose guidance the *British Journal of Psychiatry* continues to thrive.

Many, many people have contributed to the success of the transitional period of the College. Among its members are those who served on the Council, the Court of Electors, the Standing Committees, the Executive Committees of the Divisions and Sections and their sub-committees. There are the Examiners and invigilators and those who served on the five-man committee which scrutinized all applications for exemption from the Examination, the Assessors and the Associate and Assistant Editors of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, and those who represent the College at various meetings and conferences, on the committees of other bodies, and at Advisory Appointments Committees. To these and the many other people who give help and advice the Council is very grateful.

Special gratitude is also expressed to the professional advisers of the College and to the group of sponsors who are helping in the search for a home for the College. Gratitude is expressed to the Miriam Marks Charitable Trust for its generous gift and support, to the F. H. Muirhead Settlement for the Electronic Computer which has been donated to the College,

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and to Dr. Henry Laughlin whose continued contributions to the College are gratefully received. Thanks are also due to the many members of other bodies who serve on our committees and give us the benefit of their specialist advice; in this connection Council also wishes to express its gratitude to Miss Marshall of the Institute of Psychiatry for the memorandum she has written on the work of our Library.

Lastly, thanks are due to the College staff, for their great efforts during an extraordinarily busy time and under very difficult conditions of limited accommodation and small numbers. The College has undertaken many new tasks and inevitably the burden has fallen upon Miss Cobbing and her staff.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. M. E. Weeks back to the staff as the 'new' Finance Officer, who has had to cope with the complicated procedures of new subscriptions, foundation and other fees. Mrs. B. M. Covington, the examinations secretary, and Miss A. Dalton joined the staff in 1971 and have arranged and organized the large, new Membership examination with all its initial complications most efficiently and well. We also welcome and are grateful to Miss Jean Stirling, Miss V. Barry and Miss J. Boyce who have recently joined the staff and have worked so hard to help us through this transitional phase. Also we are grateful to Miss D. Roebuck and Mrs. Mary (Stewart) Ayres for their great efforts and help.

To the old R.M.P.A. staff we owe a special debt of gratitude. Miss Grace Tingle will have contributed 20 years service this August, and Miss Flora Peett has been the editorial secretary since October 1966. Last, but by no means least, to Miss Natalie Cobbing we extend our grateful and heartfelt thanks for her constant and continuing loyalty and unstinted hard work and dedication to the College.

Without the devoted help of our secretariat the College would not have managed to survive its transitional phase.

DR. MARKOWE introduced the Report as follows: 'In introducing this Annual Report I am bridging the gap between the time it went to the printers and this meeting. All the work that was in progress when the Report was written continues.

Figures for the Membership examination are as follows: 506 candidates applied to enter the examination; 438 candidates sat and of these 304 were successful, i.e. 69.6 per cent. The statistical analysis of the three examinations held so far has now been completed and the Dean will be reporting on some of the results which are available today. I understand that Professor Rees will be speaking about this in "another place" tomorrow. At its next meeting the Court of Electors will be considering arrangements for discussions to take place in the early autumn among the various bodies and people concerned with the examination.

Elections to fill the vacancies on the Court of Electors and on the Council are now proceeding and I must apologize for the fact that the results are not yet available. There is an unprecedented amount of work going through the office at the moment and these delays have been unavoidable.

I am very pleased to tell you that Mr. Justice Ormrod has agreed to deliver the Maudsley Lecture in November 1974, and Dr. J. Jancar will be presenting the Blake Marsh Lecture in February 1974.

On 22 June a follow-up meeting with the Department of Health and Social Security on "Providing a Comprehensive District Psychiatric Service for the Adult Mentally Ill" was held at the Institute of Psychiatry. There were about 100 participants and it was generally felt to be a very successful and fruitful meeting. As a result of the meeting there are to be some preliminary negotiations between the various professions involved in the re-organization of the Health Service, and Professor Russell has been invited to write a paper for *Health Trends* on Manpower Problems. Next year it is hoped to organize a similar joint meeting on the Psychogeriatric Services, and perhaps also another with representatives of the Social Services.

The Public Policy Committee continues to comment on a large variety of documents and is currently considering a new memorandum from the General Medical Council about doctors suffering from psychiatric illness.

At the meeting of Council held in June it was resolved that a refund be offered of part of the examination fees paid by candidates for the Membership examination in 1972, in view of the large surplus on the Examination Account for the year. The Treasurer will be referring to this more fully.

At that meeting Council also appointed Dr. Alexander Walk and Professor Sir Martin Roth (both previously Co-Editors) as Associate Editors of the *Journal*.

Tomorrow, the meeting will consider proposals for amendments to the Mental Health Act which have been prepared by a Working Party which has met over the last year.

The Research Committee continues to consider the proposals which it will be making to Council about the part the College might play in the future in the field of research, and at present two Working Parties are conducting feasibility studies.

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The Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training has had a further meeting, and the parent bodies, i.e. the College and the Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry have now been asked to nominate members to the Specialty Advisory Sub-Committees which are being set up and will have their first meetings in the autumn. The Executive and Finance Committee has considered this and is consulting the Specialist Sections and trainees.'

The Annual Report was approved.

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 31 December 1971

On 16 June 1971, The Royal Medico-Psychological Association became by Royal Charter, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, so that the accounts cover the transitional period. The financial situation for the year and for the future of the College was then quite uncertain and would not necessarily follow the pattern set by previous years. The accounts (pages 15 to 18) show that the General Fund stood at £96,100 on 31 December 1971 (*£87,082 in 1970*). The income of the Association/College remained about the same at £39,808 (*£39,045*), and expenditure was £44,970 (*£39,439*). The expenditure would have remained about the same as in 1970, but unfortunately £5,310 had to be provided to cover an unexpected loss from the liquidation of the advertising agents to the *British Journal of Psychiatry* and so led to a deficit for the year of £5,162. It was hoped, however, to recover a proportion of this debt when the liquidation proceedings had been completed. The finances of the *British Journal of Psychiatry* and associated publications, with the exception of this bad debt, continued to improve satisfactorily in spite of higher costs. It should also be borne in mind that the *Journal* is supplied free to each member of the College, the costs of which are charged to the *Journal* Account.

The running expenses of the College, especially staff costs, inevitably rose during the year, but these were largely offset by the cessation of the heavy expenditure incurred in previous years towards obtaining the Royal Charter. During the year Foundation Fellows and Members registration fees, amounting to £14,180, were received and it was arranged to treat these monies as capital by crediting them to General Fund so as to keep them separately from the ordinary income of the College.

Investments stood in the accounts at £68,403 (*£56,717*), being their value at date of acquisition; the market value on 31 December 1971, was £87,159 (*£57,346*). Further investment or re-investment in short-term and high interest stocks had been made during the year. At the same time, £36,048 was kept mostly on deposit in the bank, as with the transition to a College it was considered that readily available cash might be required at short notice.

WILFRED WARREN.

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 31 December 1972

Accounts

The accounts on pages 19 to 22 for the year ended 31 December 1973 cover the first full year in the life of the College. There were many unknowns to be faced from a financial point of view, so an attempt was made to separate out in these accounts new features of income and expenditure that were incurred. The Maudsley Bequest account, shown separately in previous years, was incorporated in the General Fund account.

The value of the General Fund more than doubled to £208,128 as at 31 December 1972 (*£96,100 in 1971*). This was largely due to substantial further receipts of registration fees during the year, i.e. £55,226 (*£14,180*) and the additional special annual subscriptions paid by Foundation Fellows and Members amounted to a further £26,141; both of these items contributed £81,367. These fees and special subscriptions have been credited to General Fund and not incorporated as part of the ordinary annual income of the College.

The Income of the College which included annual subscriptions at the new rates for all members of the College, rose to £59,759 (*£39,808*). Expenditure also rose to £57,560, leaving a surplus for the year of £2,199. This surplus was largely accounted for by the welcome recovery in the *Journal* Account of £1,742 from the previous advertising agents of the *Journal*. Without this credit, income and expenditure for the College would have about broken even; this is a guide for what can be afforded during 1973, as income is not expected to rise much for the year. Any appreciable increase in expenditure would therefore have to be met out of General Fund.

It should be noted that staff costs have risen sharply, and there have been inevitable increases in printing, postage and stationery. Professional fees incurred included those for supervision of ballots. A new feature has been further limited expenditure on Council and Council Committee members' travelling expenses. This could become very costly to the College, and caution is needed over this. The inaugural banquet was an important and unique occasion. The costs of individual diners were more or less covered but the net cost to the College of £1,648 was largely incurred to cover the entertaining of many distinguished guests. The *British Journal of*

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Psychiatry accounts, including the Special Publications, show a satisfactory balance in spite of continued rising costs.

Investments stood in the accounts at £125,463 (£68,403) being their value at date of acquisition, the market value on 31 December 1972, was £142,771 (£87,159). This large increase was due to further investment, mostly in short-term high interest stocks. In addition, £43,375 was kept mostly on deposit in the bank and other short-term deposits, as it was not known what ready money the College might need during the year.

The Appeal Fund and the Laughlin Award Fund

The Appeal Fund and the Laughlin Award Fund are shown separately, in order to reflect what is being accumulated towards the future needs of the College. The Appeal Fund (launched with £1 found on the floor of Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, after the Annual General Meeting of 1964) is largely made up of a generous gift of £5,000. £750 of this was expended during the year to cover the cost of professional Appeal Fund organizers carrying out a preliminary investigation into fund raising for the College.

Examination Account

Unlike other Colleges, which include examination fees from candidates as part of the general income of the College, the examination account has been kept separately. It was necessary to find out the cost of the Membership examination and so plan for the future. Costing was calculated directly from the experiences of other Colleges and the fees of candidates were kept in line with those charged by other Colleges. It was not known how many candidates were expected to enter for the examination on each occasion in 1972; the overhead costs were expected to be more or less the same whatever the number. Because of the many unknowns, Council decided to try to keep down the cost of the examination. Fees to examiners were kept low, and members of Council who were examiners are, under the charter, allowed no fees. In the case of other Colleges all examiners have been paid.

Administration costs were also kept to a minimum, but capital expenditure is now necessary for such items as a calculating machine, a shredder, etc. It is clear that secretarial help will also have to be substantially increased.

A large surplus has so far been shown in this account partly owing to the exceptional number of candidates who entered for the examination in 1972 (755) and the many exemptions granted to candidates from parts of the examination. In future the number of candidates entering for the Membership is thought likely to drop considerably after the examination to be held in April 1973, and when exemption from parts of the examination will cease. This is likely to put up the relative cost of running the examination. It is thus considered too early yet to judge the cost of running the Membership examination relative to the fees received from candidates on a long-term basis and so determine precisely what fees will be required in future years.

General

While the College in 1972 paid its way, there is little money from income to pay for expansion of its activities in 1973, nor in the future without a considerable increase in funds. The need for a new home, and in it the expansion of College functions requires a very large expansion in its capital assets and then in income for the future.

WILFRID WARREN.

The Treasurer, DR. W. WARREN, introduced the above Reports and Accounts. In the discussion which followed the presentation of these Reports DR. W. A. LOW-BEER queried the subscriptions paid to other bodies, in particular that to the World Psychiatric Association. He felt that members of the College might not wish to continue with this subscription in view of the apparent lack of action by that Association in connection with allegations concerning the misuse of psychiatry for political purposes. DR. WARREN explained that all subscriptions were reviewed annually, in November, by the Executive and Finance Committee and he would reported this discussion to the Committee at that time.

The meeting discussed the arrangements to be made for a partial refund of examination fees to candidates who took the Membership during the transitional period and Dr. Warren indicated that he was seeking the advice of the College's accountants in the first instance and would then be consulting the Officers, the Affiliate representatives on Council, and representatives of the examinees; this procedure was endorsed by the meeting. The President stated that he personally was pleased that the College was honouring an earlier pledge not to make a profit out of the Examination. However, it was his personal opinion that no body such as the College could conduct its examinations without a reasonable working surplus; although there was absolutely no intention of making vast profits out of the examination a fair working surplus should be anticipated and the earlier pledge should not be renewed.

The Reports of the Treasurer were approved, and the Annual Accounts for 1971 and 1972 were adopted.

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Auditors

Messrs. Turquands Barton Mayhew and Co. were re-appointed as the College's auditors for 1973–4.

Election of Honorary Fellows

The meeting approved the election of the following Honorary Fellows whose nomination had been submitted by the Court of Electors:

Dr. H. V. Dicks. Proposed by Professor Sir Martin Roth, Dr. M. Markowe, Dr. R. W. Simpson, Dr. W. Warren, Professor W. Linford Rees, Professor K. Rawnsley.

Sir George Godber. Proposed by Professor Sir Martin Roth, Dr. T. M. Cuthbert, Dr. M. Markowe, Dr. W. Warren, Professor W. Linford Rees, Professor K. Rawnsley.

Dr. A. B. Monro. Proposed by Professor Sir Martin Roth, Professor W. Linford Rees, Dr. W. Warren, Dr. M. Markowe, Dr. T. M. Cuthbert, Professor K. Rawnsley.

Dr. William Sargant. Proposed by Professor Sir Martin Roth, Professor W. Linford Rees, Dr. W. Warren, Dr. M. Markowe, Dr. T. M. Cuthbert, Professor K. Rawnsley.

Dr. Eliot Slater. Proposed by Professor Sir Martin Roth, Professor W. Linford Rees, Dr. W. Warren, Dr. M. Markowe, Dr. T. M. Cuthbert, Professor K. Rawnsley.

Formal Motion

The meeting considered the following motion, proposed by Dr. A. W. Clare (Affiliate) in accordance with Regulation XXIV, 2.

> 'That the Court of Electors, in accordance with Regulation XXI, paragraph 4, appoint a sub-committee to collate and publish information arising out of the administration of Membership examination, to evaluate current and novel methods of assessment and to make recommendations concerning the standardization of current and future assessment methods, and that such a body should number among its members representatives of the clinical teachers and the trainees. The annual reports of such a sub-committee should be available for discussion at each Annual General Meeting of the College.'

Dr. Clare introduced the motion, outlining the thinking behind the proposals made.

The Dean, Professor Rawnsley, said that he felt the time was now ripe for as wide discussion as possible to take place. The transitional period was over and a statistical analysis for the first three examinations would soon be available. He referred to the Court of Electors' hope (expressed in the Annual Report) that 'all those concerned with the Examination, examiners, tutors and trainees, would take part in a dialogue'. He would be in favour of going ahead with this now, and if the Court of Electors so wished he would be pleased to organize such an exchange.

It was agreed by the Meeting that the Dean be asked to set up and organize a discussion and exchange of information between all those concerned with the Membership examination and that a progress report be submitted to forthcoming Quarterly Meetings.

It was agreed that in future the substance of any matter to be discussed at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws and Regulations should be circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting.

Vote of Thanks to Officers and Council

Dr. William Sargant expressed his pleasure at being asked to propose the Vote of Thanks to the Officers and Council. The first democratically elected Officers of the College had had a particularly difficult and busy time; the College owed a great debt to the President, Sir Martin Roth, who had been tireless and unstinting in his efforts; to the Vice-Presidents, Professor W. Linford Rees who had also done a lot of work for the Examinations Sub-Committee and Professor T. Ferguson Rodger whose knowledge and wisdom had served the College (and R.M.P.A.) so unstintingly over the years, and whose present ill-health was so much regretted; to Dr. A. B. Monro who had now resigned, but who as the College's first Registrar and formerly as General Secretary of the R.M.P.A. had done so much towards making the College a reality; to Dr. Morris Markowe who had taken over as Acting Registrar at short notice and in addition to this great task continued as Secretary of the very busy Public Policy Committee; to Dr. W. Warren for his continued masterly and fair handling of the College's finances; to Professor K. Rawnsley who had undertaken an onerous job at a difficult time and was so helpful and considerate towards everyone; to Dr. D. Leigh who loved books and was preparing great things for the Library; to Dr. E. H. Hare who was maintaining the traditions and high standards of the foremost psychiatric journal; to Dr. Walk who also continued, as always, to help his colleagues, and in particular did an enormous amount of work as Associate Editor; to all those Officers he was very honoured to pay tribute on behalf of the College. Dr. Sargant also expressed the College's indebtedness to Dr. J. Howells who had for so long served on its committees and encouraged the petition for the

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formation of the College. Lastly Dr. Sargant paid special tribute to the Secretariat of the College.

In seconding the Vote, Dr. Max Harper, speaking for over 4,000 Fellows, Members, Affiliates and Inceptors proud of their College and with great hopes for the future, supported all that had been said by Dr. Sargant about the Officers, making special reference to Professor Rodger and adding the meeting's wishes for his recovery. Dr. Harper then thanked all those who had devoted so much time and effort in the cause of the College, including also the former Officers of the R.M.P.A. Dr. Harper referred to Dr. Sargant's tribute to Miss Natalie Cobbing and the College staff whose work had been transformed and magnified beyond all recognition, often in conditions of much difficulty, by the inception of the College. Their efforts, their willingness to cope with the heavy load, and their loyalty made a very real contribution to the development of British psychiatry, and without their help the College would not have survived its transitional phase.

The Vote of Thanks was passed by acclamation.

Presentation of Prizes

The award of the *Gaskell Gold Medal and Prize* jointly to Dr. A. H. Mann, of the National Hospital, and Dr. T. W. Harding, of Edinburgh was announced. The *Bronze Medal* and Prize was presented to Dr. P. J. Tyrer of the Maudsley Hospital.

Overseas Delegates

The President welcomed with great pleasure the following Overseas Delegates to the meeting:

Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists —Professor L. Kiloh.

American Psychiatric Association—Dr. Alfred M. Freedman (President).

Société Royale de Médecine Mentale de Belgique—Dr. Jean Titeca (General Secretary).

Canadian Psychiatric Association—Dr. Colin Smith (President-Elect).

Société Médico-Psychologique (France)—Dr. Nehlil (Trésorier-Archiviste).

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Psychiatrie en Neurologie—Dr. A. Hustinx.

Indian Psychiatry Society—Dr. Narendra Wig (formerly General Secretary).

The President was also pleased to welcome to the Meeting a number of other overseas visitors.

General Vote of Thanks

In proposing the General Vote of Thanks, Dr. Markowe expressed the College's appreciation of all the work and effort that had made such a happy and successful Annual Meeting possible. First of all, to Professor Rawnsley upon whom all the organization had fallen and his team of helpers from the Welsh Division, including Mrs. Annear who had arranged two very attractive outings for the ladies; to Drs. Elinor Kapp, Delfun Lewis, A. C. Brown, Max Harper, A. Kellam and Dafydd Hughes who had formed the organizing committee; and to Miss E. Dobson, the College was greatly indebted and grateful. The Catering Officer of the hospital, Mr. Hall, had looked after members all the week, and had not only arranged coffee, lunch and tea, but was also catering for the Annual Dinner, and thanks were due to him and all his staff for the extra efforts put in on behalf of the College. The College was very grateful to the Welsh National School of Medicine for allowing the use of their accommodation throughout the meeting, and also for the splendid Reception at the National Museum of Wales to whose Council thanks were also due for providing the magnificant setting for the Reception. A particular debt of gratitude was due to the Management Committee of the University Hospital of Wales for the use of their catering facilities throughout the week and also for being hosts to the Annual Dinner of the College. Thanks were also expressed to the speakers and discussants, the projectionists and those responsible for recording the proceedings and all those participating in and contributing towards the success of the scientific meetings.

Social Functions

Members' wives, accompanied by Mrs. M. W. Annear, went on a conducted drive through the Vale of Glamorgan and had tea en route. On 12 July 1973 members' wives visited and lunched at the Welsh Folk Museum at St. Fagans.

On Tuesday, 10 July, Members and their wives were entertained by the Provost and Council of the Welsh National School of Medicine at the National Museum of Wales. On Wednesday, 11 July the Annual Dinner was held at the University Hospital by courtesy of the Management Committee; the toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Dr. Delfun Lewis and Dr. Richard T. Bevan replied; Dr. G. C. Timbury proposed the toast of 'The Royal College of Psychiatrists', to which the President replied.

Welsh Division

On Thursday, 12 July 1973 the Welsh Regional Division were hosts at a buffet reception to members of the College, and on Friday the Division organized a Symposium on The Mental Health Service in Wales after Reorganization, to which all members of the College were invited.

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