

# THE BULLETIN

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### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

#### COLLEGE NEWS

##### WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

The Winter Quarterly Meeting was held in London on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 and 8 February 1978 under the Presidency of Professor W. LINFORD REES.

##### Blake Marsh Lecture

The Twelfth Blake Marsh Lecture entitled 'Unsuccessful Adaptation of Stress as a cause of Psychiatric Symptomatology that includes Mental Defect' was delivered by Professor F. ESHER on 6 February 1978. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr G. C. KANJILAL.

##### Maudsley Bequest Lectures

The following lectures were given: 'Theoretical Foundation of Cognitive Therapy', Dr Frazer Watts; 'The Value of the Concept of Personality in Psychiatry', Mr David F. Peck; 'Organic Disorders of Memory', Dr Elizabeth K. Warrington; 'Beta Blockers in Psychiatry', Dr Desmond Kelly; 'Beta

Blockers in the Treatment of Schizophrenia', Dr Neil Yorkston; 'The Suicidal Risk', Dr Robert B. Hale. 'Epidemiology in Psychiatry', Professor M. Shepherd; 'Transcultural Psychiatry', Dr Maurice Lipsedge; 'The Qualities of a Good Psychiatrist', Sir Denis Hill; 'Pharmacokinetics in Psychiatry', Dr Malcolm Lader.

##### Section and Group Meetings

On Monday 6 February the *Group for the Psychiatry of Old Age* organized a meeting on the subject of 'Psychiatry of Old Age in Context', Chairman: Dr Felix Post, Speakers: Dr R. A. Robinson and Dr P. Jeffreys; and 'Resources for the Psychiatry of Old Age', Chairman: Dr Brice Pitt, Speakers: Dr Colin Godber and Professor T. Arie.

The *Child Psychiatry Section* and the *Psychotherapy Section* jointly organized a meeting, chaired by Dr R. Gosling, at which Dr A. Bentovim and Dr W. Kinston discussed 'Focal Family Therapy'.

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### Business Meeting

The Business Meeting was held on Wednesday 8 February.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 November 1977 (published in the *Bulletin*, February 1978) were approved and signed as a correct record.

### OBITUARY

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

THE RT. HON. LORD ADRIAN, *OM*, late Master of Trinity College, Cambridge; Honorary Fellow.

AJIT KUMAR CHOUDHURI, Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

JAMES MACKAY CRAWFORD, formerly Physician-Superintendent, Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

JAMES ERSKINE HOWIE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Southport and Ormskirk Area.

BARTHOLOMEW MACMACKIN RAMSAY, Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals, Eire.

WILLIAM HENRY McMENEMEY, Emeritus Professor of Pathology, Institute of Neurology, London, and Hon. Consultant Pathologist, National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases.

PHYLLIS MILDRED SHAW, Lecturer and Research Psychiatrist, Warneford Hospital, Oxford.

AJIT KUMAR SIKDAR, Physician, Department of Psychiatry, Calcutta Hospital, India.

ERNEST SIMMONS, Consultant Psychiatrist, North Wales Child Guidance Service.

ALEXANDER STEVENSON, Consultant Psychiatrist, Garlands Hospital, Carlisle.

CEDRIC MELVILLE XAVIER, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.

MUHAMMAD ZAKUDDIN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Hartwood Hospital, Shotts, Scotland.

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dr M. MARKOWE read the following Report:

The College's advice continues to be sought about many important matters, some of which I referred to in my last Report. A Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr J. H. Kahn prepared a memorandum on The Use of Corporal Punishment in Schools, which was approved by Council, submitted to the Department of Education and Science and widely distributed.

The Special Committee set up by Council, under the Chairmanship of the President, to look into problems facing the Mental Deficiency Section has reported and the memorandum on Mental Handicap has been approved and widely distributed among the various Departments, the Regions, other professional

associations and interested bodies, including the Normansfield Inquiry.

At its meeting later this week the Executive and Finance Committee will be considering evidence on Infanticide (prepared by a Special Committee, Chairman Dr R. Bluglass) for the Criminal Law Revision Committee; comments on the First Interim Report of the Treatment and Rehabilitation Working Group of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (prepared by a Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr M. Mitcheson); Comments on the Report on the Organisation of the Remedial Professions in the NHS (prepared by a Special Committee chaired by Professor Cairns Aitken); and Evidence for the Home Office Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship (prepared by a Special Committee chaired by Dr Hyatt Williams). It is hoped that all these documents will be published, but if any member has a particular interest in any of these subjects a copy may be obtained from the Secretary at the College.

The Committee will also be considering the Report on Alcohol and Alcoholism which has been prepared by a Special Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr Griffith Edwards, at the request of Council. This is a long, detailed, scientific document which it is thought will contribute greatly towards the understanding of alcoholism; it will be published in some form yet to be decided.

Council received the Report of the (Zangwill) Committee on the Conduct of Behaviour Modification Programmes, and in view of the important issues raised and the very wide implications of the recommendations contained therein it was referred to the Special Committee which prepared the College Memorandum on the Responsibilities of Consultant Psychiatrists in the NHS. Also at its last meeting Council approved proposals for the establishment of the Irish Education Committee of the Irish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (Republic of Ireland).

The Library, recently taken out of store and deposited in packing cases in the basement of the College, is gradually being unpacked and installed in the new Library. We are very grateful to Dr Alexander Walk, who is overseeing this work. As yet we have no professional Librarian nor Library staff, but members will be informed by the Honorary Librarian, Dr Henry Rollin, as soon as the Library can be used.

The Court of Electors has discussed the final report on 'The Use of Videotapes in Psychiatric Examinations', and a demonstration is being arranged.

In the last Membership Examination, 118 candidates out of 211 were successful, the list being published in the February *Bulletin* which you have just

received. You will also have seen the announcement reminding members of the College's Medals and Prizes; at its meeting next week the Court will be considering the revision of the conditions governing these awards and also nominations for election to the Fellowship.

#### Revision of Bye-Laws

In accordance with the Bye-laws, notice had been given of discussion of proposed alterations in the Charter and Bye-laws. The original proposals had been prepared by a Special Committee of Council and approved by Council on 24 March 1976 and the Annual General Meeting in July 1976. These alterations were submitted to the College's lawyers who have since had informal discussions with representatives of the Privy Council and later with representatives of the College. As a result of these discussions the further changes in the Schedule quoted hereunder have been suggested prior to formal submission to the Privy Council.

#### SCHEDULE

CHARTER: Nil.

#### BYE-LAWS:

##### SECTION VI

5. **Delete:** "Scientific" (line 7)  
**Insert:** ". . . Meetings of the College and such lectures . . ."

##### SECTION XVI

5. **Correct:** "Associate"

##### SECTION XIX

2. **Insert:** ". . . Regulations, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Collegiate Trainees' Committee and co-opted . . ."

**Correct:** "paragraph 6"

14. **Correct:** ". . . One of the Members shall be . . ."

##### SECTION XX

4. **Amend as follows:—**  
"Not less than two-thirds of the members of the Education, Public Policy, and Programmes and Meetings Committees shall be members of the Council and not more than one-third may be co-opted from outside the Council, provided that the names of those

co-opted are approved by the Council before they take office. One member of each of the Public Policy and Programmes and Meetings Committees and three members of the Education Committee shall be members of the Collegiate Trainees' Committee and subject thereto all members of the Education, Public Policy and Programmes and Meetings Committee shall be Members of the College."

5. **Amend:** ". . . College. One member of such Committee shall be a member of the Collegiate Trainees' Committee . . ."

7. **New Paragraph as follows:—**

"The Council shall appoint a Special Committee of Council of Representatives of the Senior Trainees and the Inceptors in each Division to be known as the Collegiate Trainees' Committee. Such Special Committee shall advise Council on all matters affecting training and trainees and shall be constituted and have such duties as the Regulations made by Council may prescribe. A Senior Trainee is a Member with less than three years since election as such."

8. **Delete:** previously suggested amended paragraph (now replaced by 7 above).

The above further amendments were approved by Council on 11 January 1978, which also resolved that the Executive and Finance Committee be given authority to approve any further minor changes suggested by the Privy Council which in the opinion of that Committee did not reflect any fundamental change in the spirit of the proposed alterations.

The following Resolution, of which prior notice had been given in accordance with the Bye-laws, was proposed by Dr J. R. HAMILTON, seconded by Dr P. H. CONNELL and carried *nem con*, with one abstention.

"That the Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws of the College be amended, revoked and added to as approved by the College at its Annual General Meeting held on the 7th July 1976 and also in accordance with the Schedule\* herewith and that the Executive and Finance Committee of the College shall have authority to approve any further minor amendments required by the Privy Council in relation thereto and which in the opinion of that Committee do not reflect any fundamental change in the spirit of the proposed alterations."

\* See above.