The College

Irish Division

The Annual Meeting of the Irish Division took place at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin on 21 October 1983. This year our clinical section was on the theme 'Liaison Psychiatry'. An attendance far exceeding expectations turned up to hear three stimulating and thought-provoking papers from Drs Rachel Rosser, David Sturgeon and Richard Mayou. Professor Noel Walsh performed the difficult task of summarizing the proceedings with his usual competence.

The Business Meeting was chaired by Dr Gordon McCallum, our new Chairman and Fellow on Council. Dr Michael Pare represented the President of the College. Dr McCallum reported that the meeting planned for early October with the Department of Health had been unavoidably postponed until later in the month. The Irish Division has made a submission to the Department of Health relating to the post of Chief Psychiatrist. The Honorary Secretary reported on the continued efforts of the Division to secure a more permanent secretariat. Considerable discussion took place on the issue of part-time and shared posts in psychiatry.

At the Annual Dinner in the Banqueting Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, The Minister for Health, Mr Barry Desmond, in proposing the toast to the Irish Division, outlined a number of developments currently under way in the psychiatric services. Despite the general cutbacks, the psychiatric services will receive an extra injection of funds. The Minister acknowledged our submission on the Post of Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Health, and noted our reservations. He drew attention to his own reservations on the new Mental Health Act and intends to seek our views again on this matter.

The members of the Irish Division expressed their appreciation to Professor Thomas Lynch for hosting such a successful and well attended meeting.

David Shanley
Honorary Secretary

The College Library

The Librarian wishes to thank those members who have given books to the Library during the past six months, particularly the following who have donated copies of their own works:

Dr J. Bancroft Human Sexuality and Its Problems
Professor P. Barker Basic Child Psychiatry
Dr J. A. R. Bickford The Old Hull Borough Asylum
Professor R. Bluglass A Guide to the Mental Health Act 1983
Dr J. H. Clark A Map of Mental States
Dr D. W. Costain Pharmacology and Biochemistry of Psychiatric Disorders
Professor K. Dewhurst Hughlings Jackson on Psychiatry
Dr E. Fottrell Case Histories in Psychiatry
Dr W. I. Fraser Care and Training of the Mentally Handicapped
Communicating with Normal and Retarded Children
Professor M. Gelder Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry
Dr I. B. Glass Clinical Studies of the Mechanism of Action of Desipramine
Dr K. L. Granville-Grossman Recent Advances in Clinical Psychiatry: 4

Dr J. J. Groen Clinical Research in Psychosomatic Medicine
Dr K. Hawton and Dr J. Catalán Attempted Suicide
Dr W. L. Jones Ministering to Minds Diseased
Professor R. E. Kendall and Dr A. K. Zealley Companion to Psychiatric Studies
Professor M. H. Lader Mental Disorders and Somatic Illness
Dr M. Pines The Evolution of Group Analysts
Dr B. Pitt Psychogeriatrics: An Introduction to the Psychiatry of Old Age
Professor W. Linford Rees A Short Textbook of Psychiatry
Dr A. M. Reveley and Dr M. Reveley Biologic Markers in Schizophrenia: Genetic Investigations Using Twins Discordant for Schizophrenia with Twin Controls
Dr N. Richman Pre-School to School: A Behavioural Study
Professor M. Rutter Lead Versus Health
Dr M. J. Sainsbury Key to Psychiatry
Dr M. Sim Guide to Psychiatry
Dr D. A. Spencer History of the Mansion Hospital and Storithes Hall Hospital
Dr D. Steinberg The Clinical Psychiatry of Adolescence
Professor J. P. Watson Personal Meanings

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