Hospital in August 1948.

His main interests lay in the field of psychopathology and psychotherapy, and this was reflected in the way that he built up the unit at the West Middlesex Hospital from an old observation ward into a unit with strong psychotherapy leanings. He played a large part in its conversion to a district general hospital psychiatric unit, now serving a catchment area. On his retirement in 1977 he was appointed Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist to the West Middlesex University Hospital.

He had a keen sense of humour and was deeply involved in all the activities of the hospital, where his kindness and friendliness to all his colleagues were deeply appreciated. He was also unstinting in the care which he gave to his patients.

Ricky Haldane is survived by a wife and two sons, as well as by a son and daughter of a previous marriage. CFH

DAVID GEORGE ARTHUR WESTBURY, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Winterton Hospital, Cleveland.

Dr David George Arthur Westbury, a founding father of British forensic psychiatry as we know it today, died on 7 June 1983, at the age of 69.

David Westbury was educated at Rugby School and read medicine at Guy's Hospital, graduating MB, BS (London) in 1947. He had long wished to make psychiatry his career, and after a varied experience in hospital and general practice and two years in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he took up appointments at St Audrey's Hospital, Melton, Suffolk and then at Hellesden Hospital, Norwich. He gained the DPM (England) in 1959 and was elected to the foundation membership of the College in 1971, proceeding to the fellowship in 1976.

It was in forensic psychiatry that he was to make his mark. In 1964 he joined the Prison Medical Service and served as a medical officer at HM Prison, Durham. Then, in 1967, he was appointed Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist to the Home Office, a post he held jointly with the Northern Region Health Authority, thus, in effect, establishing forensic psychiatry as an academic discipline in the northern region. It was he who founded the forensic psychiatry centre at the Winterton Hospital, Sedgefield, which included facilities for the treatment of adolescent male offenders.

Dr Westbury lectured on his subject to a variety of professional and lay audiences and gave readily of his services to the forensic section of the College and to various committees and organizations. He was for many years a medical member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

A serious illness in 1973, which left him a cardiac invalid, led to his premature retirement in 1981. As a tribute to his services to his community, and to forensic psychiatry in particular, the centre he had founded has been renamed the David Westbury Centre.

The deaths of the following were also reported:

GRAHAM JOHN MILNE AIKEN, Registrar, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

JOHN ARTHUR CLARK, Consultant Psychiatrist, Crichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries, Scotland.

DEAN GEORGE LEFTHIBER, Professor and Director of the Institute of Human Relations, 335 North East 26th Street, Miami, Florida 33137, USA.

JAMES LORIMER HALLIDAY, retired, formerly Psychiatrist, Lansdown Clinic, Glasgow, Scotland.

HYMAN ROSENBERG, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Wales.

TREVOR CHARLES NOEL GIBBENS, CBE, retired, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5.

WILLIAM VICTOR WADSWORTH, Medical Director, SIVH, 'Franklyn', Macclesfield Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Forthcoming Events

A Workshop in Psychodrama will be held by Marcia Karp, a graduate of the Moreno Academy in New York, at the Warneford Hospital from 9 to 11 March 1984. The workshop will suit both beginners to psychodrama and those who wish to improve their skills. Anyone working in the mental health field is welcome. The cost of the workshop is £20. Information: Dr S. Bloch, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

The 5th Annual Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Psychiatry Conference of The London Hospital Medical College will be held on 3 February 1984. The theme will be 'Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood'. Information and application forms: The Postgraduate Education Secretary, The London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, London E1 2AD.

The 1984 Residential Conference in Child Psychiatry will be held at City University, London, from 20 to 22 September 1984. Short research papers by SRs in Child Psychiatry are invited. Please contact Dr H. Zeitlin, Westminster Children's Hospital, Vincent Square, London SW1P 2NS.

Correction

An error was made in the news item from Dr Matthews, commenting on the Advisory Council's report on the treatment and rehabilitation of drug misusers (Bulletin, October 1983, 7, 195). The sentence which stated: 'An urgent request for dipipanone prescribing is made ...' should have read: 'An urgent request for the restriction of dipipanone prescribing is made ...'