

burgh where he worked at the Davidson Clinic of which he was later to become the Medical Director. In 1958 he moved to London and into private analytic practice.

In his time he held many important appointments as, for example, that of Chairman of the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society and of the Centre for the Analytical Study of Student Problems. He was co-founder of the Marriage Council in Scotland and continued as a consultant to that organization in London.

He was an innovator of rare distinction. Twenty years ago he instigated the Freud-Jung Group which succeeded in building a bridge between the two schools of dynamic psychology. He was deeply interested in the overlap between religion and politics, and for some years he was a member of the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and the ITA.

He was a prolific writer: his writings reflected in the main his preoccupation with the child within the adult, and the riddle of Germany in the 20th century.

Wilhelm Kraemer was a devoted husband and the father of three sons of whom one, Sebastian, is a consultant psychiatrist and a member of the College.

ISABEL GRACE HOOD WILSON, CBE, formerly Senior Commissioner, Board of Control for England and Wales.

Dr Isabel Wilson died on 8 December 1982 at the age of 87.

Isabel Wilson, past president of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, was one of the leading psychiatrists of her time.

She received her medical education at the University of Edinburgh, qualifying with MB, ChB in 1921. She served as a Medical Officer at Severalls Hospital, Colchester, was physician to the Tavistock Clinic for functional nervous disorders and later became Senior Medical Commissioner to the Board of Control; subsequently she served as Principal Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health until her retirement.

She was awarded the MD degree of Edinburgh in 1926, gained the MRCP London in 1937 and the FRCP in 1947.

Isabel Wilson was at the forefront of the era of the development of important physical methods of treatment. She was instructed by the English Board of Control to investigate hypoglycaemic shock treatment in schizophrenia. She visited Vienna and Munster, investigated all aspects of the treatment in 30 patients and also examined 27 patients discharged after treatment. She discussed the pros and cons of the treatment with various authorities in Vienna and elsewhere, and her report provided a critical appraisal of a controversial treatment.

Later, with Dr W. Rees-Thomas, she wrote a further report on cardiazol treatment and hypoglycaemic treatment of schizophrenia. The report was a careful, critical appraisal of the possible value of cardiazol and insulin in

psychiatric treatment. They pointed out the need for combining psychological help and encouragement with these physical methods of treatment.

One of Dr Wilson's great interests was travel, particularly medical travel, and for over a period of many years she played a leading role in the work of the Study Tours and Postgraduate Education Committee of the RMPA.

In her Presidential Address on 4 July 1962, Isabel Wilson presented a fascinating account of the Study Tour Committee and her own travels abroad to learn more about psychiatric opinions and practice. The Address was illustrated by a number of interesting and beautiful slides, some of which were from a series of her own drawings based on the theme of the 'Famous Insane.' She described visits to Germany and Holland and mentioned the stimulus that this provided for the development of active occupational therapy and how this evolved later into industrial therapy as an effective means of rehabilitation. She also visited Norway to observe the work of Dr Gjessing on nitrogen metabolism in periodic catatonia. In 1936 she was in Vienna studying insulin treatment, and the following year she visited Budapest to study Meduna's convulsion treatment by cardiazol. She graphically described seeing a catatonic schizophrenic patient being carried in for a second cardiazol session and a colleague saying, 'That man is different', and indeed he was obviously much more alert than he had been the day before. She describes the tremendous impact that insulin therapy and cardiazol had in psychiatric treatment. Prior to the introduction of these methods of treatment, very little active therapy was available for psychiatrists.

She concluded her address by saying that she had made many friends, found new insights, contacts and sources of information from her travels which had been useful to her over and over again in her official work, and that the tours enabled the psychiatrist to take from country to country messages of professional understanding and goodwill which can cheer and help us all; the gains achieved were immeasurable.

Another of her great interests was painting, particularly watercolours, and some of her paintings may be seen in the College Library. These, together with the beautiful marble sculpture of Isabel as a young lady which is in the Warren Suite, will serve to remind us of a great psychiatrist, a woman of sympathy and deep understanding who made a truly great impact on her specialty.

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The deaths of the following were also reported:

BRJENDA KUMAR BANERJEE, Consultant, The State Hospital, Carstairs Junction, Lanark, Scotland.

GEOFFREY DUNCAN BANKS, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Saxondale Hospital, Nottingham.

WILLIAM BLYTH, Superintendent, The Residence, Western State Hospital, Fort Supply, Oklahoma, USA.

JAMES BROWNE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Deva

Hospital, and Chester Royal Infirmary, Chester, Cheshire.

JOHN LEWIS CAMERON, formerly Director of Research and Training, Chestnut Lodge Research Institute, Rockville, Maryland, USA.

MELITTA R. SCHMIDBERG, retired, 199 Gloucester Place, Regents Park, London W1.

GEORGE B. STEVENSON, formerly Clinical Professor, 57 Osgood Hill Road, Essex Junction, Vt., USA.

HEINRICH Z. WINNIK, formerly Professor of Psychiatry, Talbieh Psychiatric Hospital, Kupath, Cholim, Jerusalem, Israel.

ELIZABETH JOYCE WYLIE, Senior Registrar, Clifton Hospital, York.

Forthcoming Events

The **Institute of Psychiatry** announces a symposium on 'Advanced Psychiatry, Developments in Treatment and Research', a series of lectures, demonstrations and discussions for senior psychiatrists (consultants or equivalents) to be held at the Institute from 12 to 17 September 1983. Further details: The Dean, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

To celebrate its Golden Jubilee, the **Portman Clinic** is organizing two events: (1) The **Edward Glover Lecture**, entitled 'Perversion and the Desire to Harm', will be given by Dr Robert Stoller (Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles) on 20 June 1983 at 8.15pm in the Peter Samuel Hall, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. Admission will be by ticket only. (2) '**Understanding Human Violence: An interdisciplinary conference on violence in the individual**'—this will be held at Bedford College, University of London from 28 September to 1 October 1983. Speakers will be invited from the psychiatric and legal professions, the police, probation service, social workers and academic departments of psychology, sociology and criminology. Applications for both events should be made to Miss Nancy Dunlop, Administrative Secretary, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohns Avenue, London NW3 5NA.

The **Institute of Group Analysis** is holding a variety of courses from October 1983 to June 1984, including a general course in group work; work support seminars; clinical supervision seminars; and seminars on psychotherapy and the management and treatment of sexual deviants. Details are available from the Course Secretary. The **S.H. Foulkes Annual Lecture**, 'Mind-Body Interaction and the Psychotherapeutic Process', will be given by Dr Heinz Wolff on 23 May 1983 at the Institute. Information: The Course Secretary, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF (enclosing an s.a.e).

The **5th Annual Charney Manor Workshop** (residential) will be held from 26 September to 29 September 1983 at a cost of £60. The subject will be 'The Personal Impact on the Therapist of doing Psychotherapy'. Charney Manor is a 13th century manor house in Charney Bassett, 13 miles south-west of Oxford. Application forms and further details: Marie Vickers, Secretary, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX (enclosing an s.a.e).

The **14th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research** will be held from 5 to 9 July 1983 at Ranmoor House, University of Sheffield. The meeting is open to psychologists, psychiatrists and others with a professional interest in psychotherapy research. Symposia, workshops and individual papers have already been selected for the programme. Poster sessions are open to all participants. A UK branch of SPR will be set up during the meeting. Information: Mary Lou Hughes, MRC/SSRC SAPU, University of Sheffield S10 2TN, to whom reservations must be returned by 6 June.

The Division of Criminological and Legal Psychology and the Oxford Branch of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the British Psychological Society are organizing a multi-disciplinary day conference on '**Options for the Mentally Abnormal Offender—a linked system of prisons, hospitals, secure units and the community**'. It will be held at Wolfson College, Oxford on 30 June 1983. The Conference is designed to bring together people who deal with mentally abnormal people requiring secure care in different settings and to discuss the provisions available in these settings, it will be of particular interest to those who work in Special Hospitals, prisons and other secure environments. Information: Tim Williams, Smith Hospital, Henley on Thames, RG9 6AB. Telephone enquiries: Joanna Shapland, Centre for Criminological Research, Oxford (0865) 53171.