

## IF YOU ARE PLANNING RESEARCH . . .

'If only someone had told me at the start . . .'  
'I wish I'd had the assessor's advice *before* I wrote the paper.'

These are recurring responses from authors whose papers have been returned to them by the *Journal* office. It should be widely known, therefore, that the College's Research Committee is prepared to help people planning some investigation—particularly by finding an appropriate expert who can advise on literature to be consulted or techniques to be adopted. This may be particularly useful to those working in non-teaching hospitals or far from any academic centre.

Write to the Secretary of the Committee with as full a sketch as possible of your proposed study, and how much time (for how long) you hope to give to it. The Committee or its officers will clarify the project and find someone to advise you.

The Research Committee recently sent a letter to secretaries of College Divisions, psychiatric tutors, and others, which said in part:

'We believe that participation in a research project is a valuable educational experience, that many problems of clinical practice can only be solved by study in psychiatric clinics and units outside the medical schools, and that there are many young psychiatrists who would like to contribute to the progress of our specialty but are at a loss as how to do so. Some need a subject for study suggested to them. Others need discussion of their subject with specialists in the different technical fields of investigation in order to refine and clarify what they are going to do, to make sure their study can be carried out with the facilities and in the time available. Yet others will need help in writing their results for publication. Some may need help in making application for research funds, at present it appears practicable, worthwhile projects are in short supply and not the money. We hope that all University Departments will be able to assist in guiding trainees outside their own hospitals and units, and we also hope they will be able to publicize the kind of help they are able to offer.'

*Research Committee*

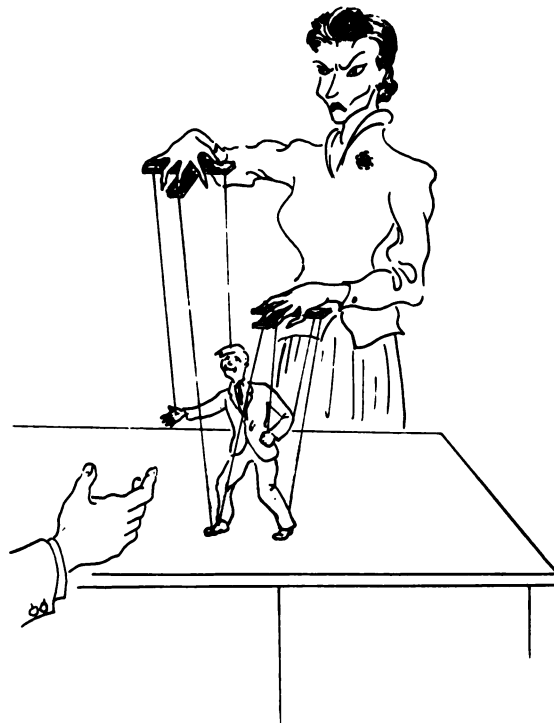
### ***Psychotherapy Section Meeting 14 May 1980***

If there is a widespread strike on 14 May 1980 the above meeting will be cancelled. If in doubt, please telephone the College switchboard (01-235 2351).

## FOREIGN SPEAKING PSYCHIATRISTS

From time to time I receive enquiries from members of the College regarding patients from the Commonwealth or foreign countries. Our member asks if we can give the name of a psychiatrist able to communicate with the patient in his native language. Sometimes this is easy but other times it is more difficult, especially in the case of Asian or African languages. We would like to keep an appropriate list of members who are fluent in foreign languages, and therefore I should be grateful if any member who is able and willing to help in this way would write to me giving the relevant particulars.

NATALIE COBBING  
*Secretary*



*'Doctor, I'd like you to meet my husband.'*

R. de Alarcon