

# THE BULLETIN

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### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

#### COLLEGE NEWS

##### SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING 1977

The Spring Quarterly Meeting was held in Inverness on 3 and 4 May, 1977 by kind invitation of Dr. Martin Whittet and the Highland Health Board. The President, Professor W. LINFORD REES was in the Chair.

##### Scientific Meetings

The first day's papers were devoted to topics related to Alcoholism. In the morning session on *The Epidemiology of Alcoholism* the following papers were read:

'Nationally', Dr A. B. Sclare; 'The Highlands and Islands', Dr Martin Whittet; 'Survey of Drinking Problems in a West of Scotland Urban Community', Dr P. Kershaw and Mr W. Saunders; and 'Prevention and Planning', Dr D. Player.

In the afternoon the papers were on *Research and Treatment in relation to Alcoholism* and were:

'Identification of the Syndrome', Professor H.

Walton; 'Detoxification of Alcoholics', Dr Bruce Ritson; and 'Korsakov's Syndrome', Dr John Cutting.

On the second day the morning session was devoted to a discussion on *Committees of Inquiry*, and the speakers included Professor A. K. M. Macrae, Dr J. M. Loughran, Dr W. Wright, and Mr R. Morrison, Chief Nursing Officer. In the afternoon papers were arranged by the Group for the Psychiatry of Old Age and the Psychotherapy Section. The papers presented by the Group were on topics related to *Geriatric Psychiatry* and were: 'The Cholinergic System in Dementia', Dr George Ashcroft; 'Trends in the Use of Mental Hospital Beds by the Elderly', Mrs Vera Carstairs; 'Impressions of Services for Geriatric Psychiatry as seen from the Scottish Hospital Advisory Service', Dr W. T. Thom.

Dr E. A. M. Wood, on behalf of the Psychotherapy Section presented a paper entitled 'Consultation to an Institution on the Development of a Special Unit'.

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