different hospitals. The basic principles of joint care are that patients assessed by one service as needing joint care of both should receive it; that each service should have direct access to joint care; and that 'exit responsibility' should, as in all other situations, depend on the assessed needs of the patient rather than merely on who arranged the original admission.

15. Patients with a psychiatric history who develop physical illness or gross physical deterioration at home, should be reassessed again. No one should be labelled as 'a psychiatric patient' by virtue merely of some previous psychiatric episode; and vice versa for patients with previous physical illnesses who develop psychiatric disorders.

AMENDMENTS TO "REGULATIONS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION"

The following amendments to the regulations for the membership examination have been made:

Paragraph 1: Line 2—for *Edinburgh* read *Glasgow*.

Paragraph 3: Add the following sentence:
The Court of Electors has decided that from 1st January 1980 any doctor who is not registered in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland as described above, and who holds any other qualification, will only be accepted as a candidate for the Examination (including the Preliminary Test) if he produces evidence that he is eligible to sit the Professional and Linguistics Assessments Board Examination (PLAB) or has been granted exemption from it, or has passed it.

Paragraph 6: Should now read:
Exemptions granted to candidates before 16th June 1973 remained valid for a period of five years from the date of granting. All candidates who failed to pass the Membership Examination within that period have now forfeited their exemption and must pass the Preliminary Test before proceeding to the Membership Examination.

Paragraph 7: For *Clinical Tutor* read *Psychiatric Tutor*.

Paragraph 9: For *Clinical Tutor* read *Psychiatric Tutor*.

Paragraph 14: Add the following sentence:
The maximum period that is allowed for such training is one year except for those candidates who provide documentary evidence that they have trained in psychiatric posts approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, or the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, who will be given credit for the whole of this period of training.

Paragraph 18: Add the following:
(See also paragraph 3.)

Paragraph 31: Omit the words *of £20*.

Paragraph 32: Delete paragraph concerning interim certificate and substitute the following: **Laughlin Prize**—a prize of £50 will be awarded twice a year in the Spring and Autumn to the candidate who obtains the highest marks and the best recommendation from the Examiners in the Membership Examination.

The Research Option (Notes): Add a further Note (4):
(4) Candidates who wish to have further advice about this may contact the Chairman or Secretary of the Research Committee at the College.

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THE LIBRARY

A whole series of problems have delayed the re-opening of the Library, not the least of which has been the physical movement of the books stacked temporarily in the basement.

Thanks largely to Dr. Alexander Walk's help, the lion's share of the books is now in situ, but additional shelving is required before further books can be moved. The position is further complicated by the fact that the workmen are about to start on the redevelopment of the basement so that those books which are at the moment stored there will have to be temporarily moved elsewhere.

However, I feel it is imperative that members should enjoy what the Library has to offer even if the facilities at this juncture are somewhat limited. I propose, therefore, that any member should have access to the Library, but in the interests of security prior arrangements should be made. Would members, therefore, kindly telephone the College (01-235-2351) in advance?

It is regretted that there are no facilities as yet for borrowing books, although it is sincerely hoped that this will not be long delayed.

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