

Research Committee

Council Members: Drs Valerie Cowie, Professor J. Gunn (Chairman), Drs P. Jefferys, R. A. Robinson, P. Sainsbury, A. B. Sclare, J. B. Walsh. (Secretary: Dr Sheila Mann.)

Collegiate Trainees Committee: Dr Philip Thomas.

Non-Council Members: Drs Pamela Ashurst, B.

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Observers: Drs Katherine Levy (MRC), J. Pippard (Research Project), R. Wilkins (DHSS).

AUTUMN QUARTERLY MEETING 1979

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting was held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on 15 and 16 November, 1979 under the Presidency of Professor Desmond Pond.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

The scientific meetings were held at the Institute of Psychiatry, and during the parallel sessions the following papers were presented:

Thursday 15 November: Morning Sessions

Biological Psychiatry

The Neuropathology of Dementia—Dr G. Blessed

Recent Developments in the Neurochemistry of Dementia—
Dr Elaine Perry

Clinical Pharmacotherapeutic Trials in Dementia—Dr Iain Glen

Psychiatry in Relation to General Practice

Training Family Doctors to Recognize Psychiatric Illness—
Professor David Goldberg

A Feasibility Study into the Reduction of Prescribing Anti-Anxiety Medication in General Practice—Dr J. Catalan

Psychosocial Aspects of General Practice—Dr A. Clare

The General Practitioner's View—Dr L. Zander

Thursday 15 November: Afternoon Sessions

Implications of Proposals Regarding the Mental Health Act

This session was introduced by Sir George Young MP, Under-Secretary of State for Social Services

The College View—Professor R. S. Bluglass

A Regional Psychiatric Hospital View—Dr B. Ward

A Legal View—James A. Cooke

A Nursing View—P. Clarke

A Social Work View—P. Oakley

Who in the Multidisciplinary Team Should Assess the Self-Poisoning Patient?

The Physician?—Dr R. Gardner

The Psychiatrist?—Dr P. F. Kennedy

The Social Worker?—Dr Jane Newson-Smith

The Psychiatric Nurse?—Dr Keith Hawton

These papers were followed by panel discussion.

Friday 16 November: Morning Sessions

Psychosocial Aspects of Physical Disease

Psychological Research on Women with Breast Cancer—Dr Steven Greer

Psychiatric Aspects of Hypertension—Dr A. H. Mann

Psychiatric Morbidity and Social Problems—Dr Geoffrey Lloyd

Miscellaneous

Doctors' Career Decisions—Mrs Rosemary Hutt

Models of Mental Illness Held by Psychiatrists—Dr R. M. Murray

The Role of the Clinical Psychologist: Post-Trethowan—Dr D. Castell

Other Sessions

The *Social and Community Psychiatry Section* met on Wednesday 14 November and held two sessions, 'Therapeutic Communities' and 'Psychiatric and General Practice—Gaps and Interfaces'.

At the meeting of the *Dependence/Addiction Group* two papers were presented: 'Controlled Drinking' by Dr M. Akhter and 'Alcohol Dependence and Phobias' by Dr J. A. Mullaney and Christopher Trippett.

Dr M. Aveline presented a paper entitled 'Personal Mystery and Reality in Psychotherapy' at the meeting of the *Psychotherapy Section*.

On Friday afternoon BARONESS WOOTTON OF ABINGER delivered the Maudsley Lecture, 'Psychiatry, Ethics and the Criminal Law'. Professor G. F. M. Russell proposed the vote of thanks. As Baroness Wootton was unable to be present at the Annual Meeting to receive her Certificate of Honorary Fellowship, Dr T. H. Bewley summarized the citation delivered on that occasion and the President presented her with the Certificate (*Bulletin*, December 1979, p 181).

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was held on Friday 16 November.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 May 1979 and published in the *Bulletin*, November 1979 were approved and signed.

Obituary

The Registrar announced with regret the death of the following members:

KENNETH APPEL, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, USA.

EDITH MARION BOOTH, Consultant in Preventive Psychiatry, Bucks County Council.

JOHN PARDY CRAWFORD, Consultant Psychiatrist, Stone House Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

GERALD GARMANY, formerly Physician, Westminster Hospital, London.

SAMUEL JOSEPH GEORGE GILMOUR, Consultant Psychiatrist, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh, C. Tyrone, N Ireland.

THOMAS EDWIN HALL, OBE, formerly Medical Superintendent, Sunnyside Hospital, Christchurch New Zealand.

NEVILLE PEEL LANCASTER, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Barrow Hospital, Bristol.

SAUL HAROLD LUCAS, Consultant Psychiatrist, The Paddington Clinic and The Portman Clinic, London.

WALTER LINDSAY NEUSTATTER, Consultant Physician, Royal Northern and Queen Mary's Hospitals, London.

PATRICK DESMOND MCCARTHY, Clinical Director, Cluain Mhuire Family Centre, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Eire.

GEORGE STROH, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, High Wick Children's Unit, Tyttenhanger, St. Albans, Herts.

Registrar's Report to the Quarterly Meeting

DR GERALD TIMBURY presented the Registrar's report:

'The Executive and Finance Committee met on four occasions since the last report. The new Council met on 26 October and the Court of Electors on 5 November.

Dr P. H. Connell, our representative on the General Medical Council, has been co-opted to College Council and has also been elected Junior Vice President.

A vacancy on the Executive Committee has been filled by the election of Dr I. S. Kreeger.

Council has approved a preliminary memorandum of evidence for the Rampton Hospital Management Review Team. A special committee of Council has been set up to review the present role of all the Special Hospitals and to make recommendations for the future.

Council has viewed with grave concern reports of threatened closures and temporary closures of psychiatric units as a result of the present economic situation. A statement from the President will be published in the December issue of the *Bulletin*, and members are invited to inform the President or myself of the facts of any closure. The President has also written to the Secretary of State seeking his assurance that the present Government will maintain the view on priorities for the Mental Health Services it expressed while in opposition.

A Trust Deed establishing the Dr Peter Scott Memorial Fund has been approved and a Memorial Lecture will be

given by Sir Leon Radzinowicz at Broadmoor Hospital on 6 May 1980.

A memorandum on psychiatric rehabilitation in the 1980s is being prepared by the Social and Community Psychiatry Section and will be published shortly.

Council have debated the current state of manpower in psychiatry and the recommendations of the BMA and the Royal Commission on a future medical staffing structure. A discussion paper on this topic is being sent to Divisions and Sections for comment.

Council have agreed that a short statement on the use of locked wards which was prepared by the Public Policy Committee should be published in the *Bulletin*.

A meeting with representatives of the DHSS was held on 27 July 1979 and a number of topics of mutual interest were discussed.

The Dean, Dr T. H. Bewley, visited Australia and North America recently and met representatives of other Colleges of Psychiatry. It has been agreed that an occasional meeting of representatives of these colleges should be held in order to compare our examination procedures and our system of approving training hospitals.

An Examination Forum which was to have been held in October was cancelled because of an industrial dispute affecting British Rail, but it is hoped that the Forum will be held on Wednesday 19 December 1979.

It has been agreed that a residential conference on training and education in psychiatry will be held in 1981 and that the College will co-operate with the Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry and the Association of Psychiatrists in preparing the conference.

The ECT Research Project has now begun with the three members of staff appointed.

The College Comment on the Report of the Jay Committee has been approved by Council and will be published soon. [This issue, p. 6].

The Collegiate Trainees Committee has now had several useful meetings, and representatives have been nominated for all major College Committees. The Chairman of the Collegiate Trainees Committee, Dr Helena Waters, is now a member of the Executive Committee.

Many other matters of interest and importance are still under active consideration by Council and the Executive.

In conclusion, may I express the College's thanks to all those who have helped to make this meeting a success. Our thanks go especially to the staff at the Institute.'

SOCIAL

A sherry party was held on Thursday evening to mark the publication of *Psychiatry, Genetics and Pathography: A Tribute to Elliot Slater*, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Colleagues and members of the College were received by Sir Martin Roth, and Dr Slater later signed copies of the book.