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AN INVITATION FROM NEW ZEALAND

DEAR SIR,

I write to seek your advice on the possibility of distinguished lecturers from your Association visiting New Zealand.

My hospital has been offered financial aid by a charitable organization to try and procure the services of capable psychiatrists from overseas as lecturers in New Zealand. I hasten to add that the whole matter

is in the exploratory stage. Something as outlined below has been considered.

Visiting British lecturers already proceeding to Australia or even perhaps the United States, would have fares paid to New Zealand and an approach will be made to the Health Department of this country to employ such a lecturer as a member of the staff of this hospital for a period while he worked here and taught psychiatrists in this hospital and from other hospitals who may attend. It would be anticipated that a reasonably senior man, especially of consultant status in the U.K., could be remunerated at the level of £2,900 minimum whilst working for this hospital. It is also possible that there could be some lecturing fees though this would have to be discussed. I realize that this is not a terribly attractive salary but it could be a bit of a fee for a man doing say, a University Vacation or, if not at that time employed, as a stop-gap.

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ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Editor-in-Chief and the Journal Committee wish to appoint an additional Assistant Editor, and would be glad to hear from any interested member of the R.M.P.A.

The member appointed would share in the work now being undertaken by Dr. Walk and Dr. Pritchard, i.e. reading typescripts of articles already accepted for publication, book reviews, correspondence, etc., and correcting galley and paged proofs. This can be an enjoyable hobby for anyone with a flair for detecting accidental errors of fact, inconsistencies, and obscurities, and a liking for sensible grammar and punctuation. The aim is to assist authors by ensuring as far as possible that their work is not open to criticism in these respects, and to maintain the traditional standards of the *Journal*.

read it. At a more mundane level, D.P.M. candidates who master its contents will certainly surprise and gratify their examiners in neuroanatomy and physiology.

J. L. GIBBONS.

3. SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health. Edited by JOHN D. PORTER-FIELD. New York and London: Basic Books. 1966. Pp. 250. Price 35s.

Community Mental Health Services in Northern Europe. By SYLVAN S. FURMAN. Bethesda, Maryland: U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. 1965. Pp. 215. Price \$1.75.

Here are two very sharply contrasting American books. The first can be disposed of rather briefly, as it is unlikely to be of any great interest to psychiatrists or those in related professions. It consists of an edited series of twenty lectures which were broadcast overseas by various public health workers through the "Voice of America". One chapter by a psychiatrist on "The containment of mental illness" deals in fact mostly with a student mental health service in California, and the following section on mental retardation is in rather superficial terms. The publishers describe the book as an "illuminating, expert guide to public health as practiced in the United States", but I find it difficult to share their enthusiasm or to see what kind of reader it is designed for.

Mr. Furman is Executive Director of the Manhattan Society of Mental Health, and his book is the result of two fact-finding visits to Europe in 1963-64. Its purpose is particularly to provide information for those who are planning comprehensive community mental health centres in the U.S.A. under the Kennedy legislation. The author is in the tradition of the intrepid, camera-slung American tourist, though his purpose is a very serious one and the amount of information contained here is impressive. Readers in this country will find it useful to see our mental health services through other eyes (the result is flattering on the whole) but even more valuable are the sections on Holland, Denmark and Sweden, whose services are not so well known. The descriptions of some facilities in Denmark may arouse a good deal of envy amongst those working in decrepit hospitals here, and perhaps it would be worth our while to find out how the Danes provide the money for these buildings. Most of the book deals with specific services, but there is a general introductory

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