

JAMES STUART IAN SKOTTOWE, Emeritus Consultant, Warneford Hospital, Oxford.

Ian Skottowe died on his 82nd birthday. He brought to Welsh and English psychiatry that brand of careful and detailed history-taking, accurate diagnosis and formulation in simple and well-worded language that derived from Sir David Henderson before Sir David moved from Glasgow to Edinburgh.

His wisdom and far-sightedness in administration as well as in clinical work were displayed in three spheres. He was an outstanding medical superintendent at both Cef'n Coed, Swansea and St John's, Stone, hospitals. He was a founder-member of the Oxford Regional Hospital Board upon the introduction of the National Health Service. His long-standing service to the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, especially to its important Parliamentary Committee of which he became Chairman, was finally rewarded in the Association's presidency (1964-65). He played an active role in its metamorphosis into the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

In 1951 he gave up hospital administration to join Dr Robin McInnes and start a second consultant firm at the Warneford Hospital, Oxford. His signal clinical contribution to psychiatry at Oxford was in the diagnosis and management of the major psychiatric syndromes during the period when Kraepelinian classification held sway and before phenothiazines and antidepressants had come to light. Prolonged rest under barbitone might restore an agitated depressive without recourse to electroplexy, his use of which was sparing and judicious. Many low-grade depressive patients were kept going in the community on the combination of amphetamines and rigorously controlled low dosage

tinc. opii, the control preventing addiction. Common sense and wise goodwill rather than depth analysis were his psychotherapeutic weapons. Sceptical of psychiatric over-encroachment into the field of behaviour and personality disorders, he often talked of the need to 'extend the boundaries of normality'. He kept in close touch with the historical sources.

To work with him both as senior junior and, later, as junior consultant colleague was, therefore, to be educated. Many of his former junior staff have kept in touch with him, and, through him, one another. SJGS

The deaths of the following were also reported:

RICHMOND NII LARYEA ARMAH-KWANTRENG, Consultant Psychiatrist, Hawkmoor Hospital, Hawkmoor House, Bovey Tracey, Devon.

MICHAEL JOHN HACKETT, retired, formerly Assistant Psychiatrist, Central Hospital, Warwick.

JOHN WHITE HUDSON, Consultant Psychiatrist, Rotorua Hospital, Rotorua, New Zealand.

HUGH GERARD MCCONALOGUE, retired, formerly Specialist Medical Officer (Psychiatrist), Tasmanian Health Service, John Edis Hospital, Creek Road, New Town, Tasmania 7008, Australia.

TERENCE ARTHUR ALBERT PEARCE, Superintendent, Suite 7, Chatsworth House Clinic, 431 Hepean Highway, Frankston, Victoria, Australia.

CHARLES BOOTH ROBINSON, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Forthcoming Events

An International Conference on Anorexia Nervosa and Related Disorders will be held from 3 to 7 September 1984 at University College, Swansea. It will focus upon clinical, therapeutic and scientific aspects of anorexia nervosa and bulimia. Information: Dr Paul D. G. Harris, Conference Co-ordinator, Anorexia Nervosa Conference, PO Box 406, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9BQ, Wales.

The first regional course for senior registrars in advanced psychiatry will be held at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School from 14 to 16 September 1984. Topics covered will include psychopharmacology, community psychiatry, psychotherapy and the administrative aspects of being a consultant. Information: Tricia Carroll, Department of Psychiatry, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, 24 St Dunstons Road, London W6 8RP.

The AUP Postgraduate Course in Behavioural Psychotherapy for consultants, senior registrars and other clinicians will begin with a two-day workshop on 27 and 28 September 1984, after which participants treat their own patients locally and also supervise other trainees. Small group supervision is in monthly half-day sessions over 10 months. The course qualifies for local funding under Study Leave Regulations of the BPF. Course fee is £219. Applicants should write to Professor Isaac Marks, Institute of Psychiatry, London SE5 8AF.

The Portman Clinic is presenting two courses on the psychodynamic aspects of forensic psychiatry and sexual deviations. (1) *An Introductory Course* from 26 to 28 September 1984 designed for medical and non-medical staff who have little or no knowledge of the psychodynamic approach. The