

The College

Spring Quarterly Meeting 1990

The Spring Quarterly Meeting was held at the O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre, University College Galway on 11 and 12 April 1990 under the Presidency of Dr J. L. T. Birley.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held on Thursday, 12 April 1990, attended by 60 Members of the College.

The meeting approved the election of the following Honorary Fellows:

Professor Robert Hugh Cawley, Dr Eric Cunningham Dax, Professor Lee Robins, Dame Rosemary Rue and Professor Michael Shepherd.

Minutes

The minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 24 January 1990 were approved and signed.

Report of Registrar

Here in Galway, we are able to look at activities of the College during the past three months and to get much of it into better perspective. We have continued to be preoccupied with what must seem here to be the parochial problems of the two White Papers. Both of these have enormous impact for the practice of psychiatry within the United Kingdom but may well be a foretaste of things to come here or, at least an opportunity for important lessons concerning medical practice in general and the future of psychiatry in particular.

The Community Care paper on 'Caring for People' following the Griffiths Report has been the major concern. At the same time the Children Bill has passed through Parliament, changing into a very complex Act with implications on not just children but the lives of others in the family as well. To try and understand this, what has been referred to as a "supra-sectional" working group has been set up to build upon the recommendations of a smaller working party formed by the Child and Adolescent Section.

Audit appears to have almost universal application and it is attracting the interest of doctors all over the world. There have been a number of lively

meetings as well as the continued activity of the Research Unit, the Research Committee and the Audit Working Party, the latter concentrating on fostering good practice in audit on the coal face or, as a more appropriate analogy here in Galway, at grass roots.

The College is coming to the end of its deliberations concerning 'The Practice of Psychiatry in a Multi-Ethnic Society'. There has been wide consultation, much discussion and surprising agreement on the essentials.

The many Sections and Divisions in the College continue to maintain a close relationship with the groups concerning the interests of patients and the parents of patients. Notably among the groups with whom we have been working are the National Schizophrenia Fellowship and the organisation called RESCARE, concerned with the residential care of people with mental handicaps.

We are delighted to continue our close relationship with the Republic of Ireland and the popularity of the choice of Galway as a place to meet can be seen in the very large numbers of people who will be attending the Dinner tonight.

DR ANN GATH
Registrar

The College Library

Literature searches

A copy of the database *Current Opinion in Psychiatry* has been installed on the Dell computer in the Library. The database provides information on current psychiatric literature as assessed by experts throughout the world who scan over 175 journals.

The Library staff will carry out literature searches or, alternatively, members are welcome to do their own literature searches in the Library.

Sesquicentennial

The Library has had many requests from members preparing papers or talks connected with the College's celebration of its 150th anniversary next year. Those interested in the history of the College and its antecedent associations may care to read the following

writings, all of which can be seen in the Library. Information on specific aspects of College history can be obtained by consulting the Library's archival database.

Histories of the 'College'

- ANON (n.d. but about 1960) a historical note regarding the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. 4 pages.
- ROLLIN, H. R. (1987) *The Royal College of Psychiatrists*, London, RCP.
- TUKE, D. HACK (1881) 1841–1881 (presidential address). *Journal of Mental Science*, **27**, 305–342.
- WALK, A. (1978) "Forty years of wanderings" – the Medico Psychological Association, 1855–1894. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, **132**, 530–547.
- & WALKER, D. L. (1961) Gloucester and the beginnings of the RMPA. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, **107**, 603–631.
- (1973) The Royal College of Psychiatrists. *St Bartholomew's Hospital Journal*, **77**, 135–139.
- (n.d.) The Royal Medico-Psychological Association: a historical note. 4 pages.
- WOOD, T. O. (1896) The early history of the Medico-Psychological Association. *Journal of Mental Science*, **52**, 241–260.

Donations

Members have continued to be most generous in giving copies of their published works to the Library.

During the last six months books have been gratefully received from the following members:

- Drs A. W. Bateman and D. Sturgeon *UCH Textbook of Psychiatry: an integrated approach*
- Dr G. Beaumont *Benzodiazepines: current concepts: biological, clinical and social perspectives*
- Professor P. J. V. Beumont *Textbook of Psychiatry*
- Dr J. M. Bird *The Burden: fifty years of clinical and experimental neuroscience at the Burden Neurological Institute*
- Professor R. Bluglass and Dr P. Bowden *Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry*
- Dr S. Bourne *Under the Doctor: studies in the psychological problems of Physiotherapists*
- Dr J. Bowlby *Charles Darwin: a new biography*
- Professor G. W. Brown *Life Events and Illness*
- Dr T. M. Brown *Handbook of Emergency Psychiatry*
- Dr J. Ellard *Some Rules for Killing People: essays on madness, murder and the mind*
- Dr D. Enoch *Schizophrenia: voices in the dark: hope for those who care*
- Dr K. W. M. Fulford *Moral Theory and Medical Practice*
- Dr I. M. Goodyer *Life Experiences, Development and Childhood Psychopathology*
- Dr J. D. Haldane *Wedlocked?*

- Dr L. K. G. Hsu *Eating Disorders: Recent Developments in Adolescent Psychiatry*
- Dr J. Jancar *Annual Report on Publications, Research and Other Events to Frenchay HA, SWRHA and University of Bristol*
- Dr R. Littlewood *Aliens and Alienists: ethnic minorities and psychiatry, 2nd ed.*
- Dr M. R. Oates *Psychological Aspects of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*
- Drs E. H. Reynolds and M. Trimble *The Bridge between Neurology and Psychiatry*
- Dr H. Rollin *Festina Lente: a psychiatric odyssey*
- Dr M. J. Sainsbury *Sainsbury's Key to Psychiatry, 4th ed.*
- Dr N. Sartorius *Health and Behaviour: selected perspectives*
- Dr A. C. R. Skynner *Explorations with Families; Institutes and How to Survive Them*
- Dr D. A. Spencer *Record of the Meanwood Park Hospital Archives*
- Dr D. Stafford-Clark *Psychiatry for Students, 7th ed.*
- Dr A. Stevens *On Jung; Archetype: a natural history of the self*
- Dr D. Waxman *Hypnosis: 4th European congress at Oxford*
- Dr M. Weller *International Perspectives in Schizophrenia: biological, social and epidemiological findings*

SUSAN FLOATE
Librarian

Examination results

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Out of 309 candidates who sat the examination, 166 passed.

Paul Douglas Addison; Oyebode Adegboyega Adesida; Shakeel Ahmad; Waheed Mohamed Leon L K Ahmed; Seniya Akhtar; Abdel Moniem Abdelbaki Ali; Elizabeth Anne Almond; Frances Elizabeth Margaret Anderson; Pernia Arshad; Petrus Jacobus Cornelius Bakx; Joanne Barton; Natasha Bijlani; Helen Mary Birchall; Jonathan Ian Bisson; Ann Karen Blagden; Catherine Sarah Bowen; Jocelyn Alan Bray; John Stedman Brewin; Maria Broughton; Philip Morrison Brown; Phillip Michael Brown; Roger Alan Bullock; Jeremy Arthur Burley; Alyson Fleur Callan; Chan Sai Yin; Ben Cheung Kin Leung; Barry Benjamin Chipchase; Tariq Mahmood Choudhry; Dicky Chung Wai Sau; Joan Elizabeth Clark; Maria Del Carmen Clemente Meoro; Mark Thomas Cohen; Maria Elena Colomina Elias; Louise Mary Geraldine Connolly; Alison Emma Conway; Christopher Daniel Corcos; Peter Leonard Cornwall;