

**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.**

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## *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 BPMF. 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

course has been approved under Section HM67/27 and HM63—course fee is £30. (2) *Clinical Seminars on the Psychotherapy of Sexual Deviants and Offenders*: the course is open to any grade of medical and non-medical staff but participants will be expected to have had some experience in psychotherapy. The course is free of charge. Information on both courses: Dr Mervin Glasser, Clinic Tutor, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohns Avenue, London NW3 5SB.

The **Richmond Fellowship Silver Jubilee International Conference** on 'Mental Health and the Community' will be held at the Institute of Education, University of London, from 16 to 18 July 1984. Information: Conference Manager, 8 Addison Road, Kensington, London W14 8DL (telephone: 01 603 6373).

The **Tavistock Clinic** will be holding a series of weekly 'Seminars in Psychotherapy' conducted by John Steiner, Colin James and colleagues beginning in October 1984 on Wednesday afternoons. Candidates should be in personal analysis or psychotherapy or intend to embark on this in the course of the year. Further information and application forms: Dr John Steiner, Adult Department, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone: 01 435 7111).

The **MRCPsych Part II Residential Course**, organized by the Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, will be held at Churchill College, Cambridge, from 30 September to 5 October 1984. Information and programmes: Mrs M. A. Coburn, Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge CB1 5EF (telephone: 0223 248074, Ext. 261).

The **Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry**, under the auspices of the University of Birmingham, will be running a course on 'Young People and their Families: A Psychodynamic Approach 1984-85'. Further information: Mrs Christine Neal, Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Uffculme and Charles Burns Clinics, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD (telephone: 021 449 4481).

**Management Skills for Senior Registrars in Psychiatry**: this course, which has previously been held at the King's Fund College, is now to transfer to other venues in England. The next course will be at Falfield NHS Training Centre (near Bristol) from 3 to 7 September 1984. DHSS funding has been applied for to cover the cost of fees. Information: Dr Helena Waters, telephone 0272 297929.

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