

The College

Irish Division

The Annual Meeting of the Irish Division took place at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin on 21 October 1983. This year our clinical section was on the theme 'Liaison Psychiatry'. An attendance far exceeding expectations turned up to hear three stimulating and thought-provoking papers from Drs Rachel Rosser, David Sturgeon and Richard Mayou. Professor Noel Walsh performed the difficult task of summarizing the proceedings with his usual competence.

The Business Meeting was chaired by Dr Gordon McCallum, our new Chairman and Fellow on Council. Dr Michael Pare represented the President of the College. Dr McCallum reported that the meeting planned for early October with the Department of Health had been unavoidably postponed until later in the month. The Irish Division has made a submission to the Department of Health relating to the post of Chief Psychiatrist. The Honorary Secretary reported on the continued efforts of the Division to secure a more permanent secretariat. Considerable discussion took

place on the issue of part-time and shared posts in psychiatry.

At the Annual Dinner in the Banqueting Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, The Minister for Health, Mr Barry Desmond, in proposing the toast to the Irish Division, outlined a number of developments currently under way in the psychiatric services. Despite the general cutbacks, the psychiatric services will receive an extra injection of funds. The Minister acknowledged our submission on the Post of Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Health, and noted our reservations. He drew attention to his own reservations on the new Mental Health Act and intends to seek our views again on this matter.

The members of the Irish Division expressed their appreciation to Professor Thomas Lynch for hosting such a successful and well attended meeting.

DAVID SHANLEY
Honorary Secretary

The College Library

The Librarian wishes to thank those members who have given books to the Library during the past six months, particularly the following who have donated copies of their own works:

Dr J. Bancroft *Human Sexuality and Its Problems*

Professor P. Barker *Basic Child Psychiatry*

Dr J. A. R. Bickford *The Old Hull Borough Asylum*

Professor R. Bluglass *A Guide to the Mental Health Act 1983*

Dr J. H. Clark *A Map of Mental States*

Dr D. W. Costain *Pharmacology and Biochemistry of Psychiatric Disorders*

Professor K. Dewhurst *Hughlings Jackson on Psychiatry*

Dr E. Fottrell *Case Histories in Psychiatry*

Dr W. I. Fraser *Care and Training of the Mentally Handicapped*

Communicating with Normal and Retarded Children

Professor M. Gelder *Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry*

Dr I. B. Glass *Clinical Studies of the Mechanism of Action of Desipramine*

Dr K. L. Granville-Grossman *Recent Advances in Clinical Psychiatry: 4*

Dr J. J. Groen *Clinical Research in Psychosomatic Medicine*

Dr K. Hawton and Dr J. Catalan *Attempted Suicide*

Dr W. L. Jones *Ministering to Minds Diseased*

Professor R. E. Kendell and Dr A. K. Zealley *Companion to Psychiatric Studies*

Professor M. H. Lader *Mental Disorders and Somatic Illness*

Dr M. Pines *The Evolution of Group Analysis*

Dr B. Pitt *Psychogeriatrics: An Introduction to the Psychiatry of Old Age*

Professor W. Linford Rees *A Short Textbook of Psychiatry*

Dr A. M. Reveley and Dr M. Reveley *Biologic Markers in Schizophrenia: Genetic Investigations Using Twins Discordant for Schizophrenia with Twin Controls*

Dr N. Richman *Pre-School to School: A Behavioural Study*

Professor M. Rutter *Lead Versus Health*

Dr M. J. Sainsbury *Key to Psychiatry*

Dr M. Sim *Guide to Psychiatry*

Dr D. A. Spencer *History of the Mansion Hospital and Storthes Hall Hospital*

Dr D. Steinberg *The Clinical Psychiatry of Adolescence*

Professor J. P. Watson *Personal Meanings*