

experience abroad would be acceptable for the College Diploma. If overseas experience is not allowed should training be required in a hospital approved by the College for the MRCPsych? Should a candidate for the Diploma be required to notify the College in advance and become subject to some form of scrutiny by a College Psychiatric Tutor? The opinion of the College Sections should be sought as to whether or not there should be a single Diploma or specialist Diplomas in, for example, child psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, mental deficiency, etc. A crucial question would be the duration of training demanded. One year would seem a reasonable minimum, but this might deter general practitioners who normally work in psychiatry for six months. Part-time training should certainly be recognized—presumably on a pro-rata basis.

5. Conclusion

Before proceeding to detailed discussion of the nature of

such an examination and consultation with bodies outside the College, a general College view is required of the desirability or otherwise of adding to the number of post-graduate examinations in the British Isles. A lower tier College examination which would only be taken by psychiatrists is probably undesirable. A psychiatric examination for other specialities have limited appeal.

This document, as well as being published in the *Bulletin*, is being circulated to Standing Committees, Divisions, Sections, Groups and other appropriate bodies in the College. Comments on the specific questions raised in section four are invited and also other comments.

All comments should be sent to the Dean at the Royal College of Psychiatrists by the last day of February, 1981, so that they may be collated and brought to the Court of Electors at their meeting in April.

THOMAS BEWLEY
Dean

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Notice to Fellows and Members

Fellows and Members are reminded of their rights under the Bye-laws and Regulations, as follows:

Bye-law XI

The President shall be elected annually from amongst the Fellows.

Regulation XI

(1) As soon as may be practicable after the first day of January in any year the Council shall hold a nomination meeting and shall . . . nominate not less than one candidate and not more than three candidates . . .

(2) Between the first day of January and the date which is four clear weeks after the nomination meeting of the Council, written nominations, accompanied by the nominees' written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council.

(3) An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

The nominating meeting of the Council will be held on 16 January 1981 and the last date for receiving nominations under (2) above will therefore be 16 February 1981.

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