

psychopathic disorders. Council approved the various recommendations which the Forensic Psychiatry Section made to improve the present system. Copies of the College's response to the DHSS and Home Office are available from the College.

There will be a lecture for school children on Friday, 19 December at the Royal Society in London at 3.00 p.m. Professor Anthony Clare will be delivering this lecture which will be entitled 'Aren't We All A Little Mad?' Further details about this can be obtained from the Education Officer.

Council rejected the proposals contained in the DHSS Consultation Document *Hospital Medical Staffing - Achieving a Balance*. They approved the interim response to this document, prepared by the Dean, which identified the chief areas of concern for psychiatrists. Copies of this are also available from the College.

The College is organising two symposia in the near future. The first, in November, has been organised by the

Special (Political Abuse of Psychiatry) Committee. The meeting is between the College and representatives of other Royal Medical Colleges, to discuss the political abuse of psychiatry with a special focus on the USSR. The second conference will take place in April and has been organised by the Public Policy Committee with the intention of establishing a closer liaison with voluntary organisations and charities established by and for patients' relatives. This consensus meeting will discuss 'What is a good mental health service?: A carer's perspective'.

Finally the following results of recent elections and appointments have been announced:

Dr W. A. G. McCallum has been elected as Vice-President; Dr K. Schapira and Professor A. C. P. Sims have been re-appointed as Sub-Deans and Dr J. Higgins has been appointed as Sub-Dean.

PROF. R. G. PRIEST
Registrar

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 in any year and the date which is four clear weeks after the nomination meeting of the Council, written nominations, accompanied in each case 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 13 January 1987 and the last date for receiving nominations under (2) above will therefore be 10 February 1987.

ELECTION TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Candidates for election to the Fellowship are considered annually by the Court of Electors.

Candidates may not make a personal approach to the College for election, *but must be nominated by two sponsors, who must be Fellows of the College.*

Sponsors should *apply in writing* to the Registrar for the relevant forms. Completed nominations should be submitted to the Registrar by 30 September in any year, for considerations by the Court at its meeting the following February.

Eligibility of nominees

- a. Candidates must either be Members of the College by Examination of more than five years standing, or

Members who have been granted exemption from Examination.

- b. The Fellowship is ordinarily awarded to a Member for unusual distinction in teaching, research, and/or administrative ability, or for exceptional service to patients, especially where the supporting services have been inadequate. Sponsors are therefore asked to indicate any factors which go beyond the carrying out of consultant or academic duties by the candidates of their choice.

All sponsors and all successful candidates will be notified by letter of the decision of the Court of Electors.

Individuals elected to the Fellowship become entitled to use the designation FRCPsych after they have paid the prescribed registration fee.