

Two matters of business claimed especial attention. In the *Bulletin* for August 1980 there appeared a paper on 'Community Psychiatric Nursing' in which there was the sentence: 'Referrals by GP's and their colleagues to CPN should be viewed as referrals to the psychiatric team and should be discussed in team meetings'. It was thought that there was some danger in that, and that for the consultant psychiatrist to be responsible for the care of the patient referrals should be made directly by the general practitioner. There was a danger that casual referrals might occur. The other matter concerned development of units. The Division had not suffered closure of any major unit, but it was thought that there should be emphasis on maintaining development of psychiatric units in general hospitals and especial reference was made to the importance of developing units for child psychiatry close to general paediatric departments.

Sir Martin Roth completed four years as Chairman of the Division at the end of June 1981, and Dr S. I. Cohen of The

London Hospital has been elected to succeed him. New committee members from July 1981 are Drs J. H. Dowson, J. M. Pfeffer, R. Seifert, Z. Slattery, S. N. Wolkind and Dr A. C. Kaeser, Convenor of the Division's Approval Panel. Dr Kaeser would be pleased to hear of members willing to serve on the Approval Teams. Dr Philip Eastwood has succeeded Dr F. C. McEvet as representative to the Psychiatric Tutors' Sub-Committee for that part of the Division which covers the East Anglian Health Region.

We have heard that trainees' days arranged by trainees within the geographical area of the Division have been very successful, and the Division is always very pleased to see trainees at its general meetings.

Meetings ahead are to be at Runwell Hospital in October 1981, The London Hospital in March 1982 and Hellesdon Hospital in October 1982.

D. W. HALL  
*Honorary Secretary*

## ***College Notices***

### ***Birthday Honours List***

We offer our congratulations to Professor Ivor Batchelor, Ninewells Hospitals, Dundee, who received a knighthood; Dr Patrick McGrath, CBE, recently retired Physician Superintendent at Broadmoor Hospital, who was awarded a CB; and Dr John Horder, FRCPsych and currently PRCGP, who received a CBE.

### ***Myre Sim Travelling Fund***

Dr Myre Sim, a Fellow of our College and for many years a well-known and distinguished psychiatrist in the Birmingham area and now living and working in Canada, will be generously making available under his Will a Travelling Fund for Fellows, Members or Inceptors of the College not in full-time academic or research posts. He is nominating Dr E. B. Gordon to act as his representative on the Steering Committee.

### ***The College and the General Medical Council***

In the October 1979 *Bulletin* we reported the names of members of the College who had been elected to the reconstituted GMC. Besides the College's own representative, Dr P. H. Connell, four of our members had been elected by the medical profession as a whole (Drs Katharine Bradley and

F. Hashmi and Professors Sir Denis Hill and W. Linford Rees). Three Universities had chosen psychiatrists as their representatives—London (Professor Crisp), Birmingham (Professor Sir William Trethowan) and Manchester (Professor Kessel).

To these there has since been a most gratifying addition—Glasgow University has appointed the College's Registrar, Professor Timbury, in the place of a retiring representative.

Sir Denis Hill is Chairman of the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee. He has also been appointed to undertake personally the preliminary investigation of cases of alleged unfitness to practise on health ground. In the recently published Annual Report of the Council, Sir Denis explains how this screening works, and in particular how every effort is made to deal with such cases by persuasion and voluntary compliance with advice rather than by formal proceedings before the Council's Health Committee.

### ***College Prizewinners***

The Laughlin Prizewinner for the Membership Examination, May 1981 was Dr Bernard Browne, Eastern Health Board, Dublin. The Gaskell Medal and Prize has been awarded to Dr Alan Gordon, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton.

### *Autumn Quarterly Meeting*

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting on 19 and 20 November 1981 will be a joint one with the Danish Psychiatric Society. We anticipate that approximately half the speakers will be from Denmark, and a number of other Danish psychiatrists will also be coming to London. We are hoping that British psychiatrists living in the London area will be willing to offer hospitality to these Danish psychiatrists for two or three nights at the time of the meeting. It is also hoped that a future joint meeting may be held in Copenhagen. The Danish Psychiatric Society has indicated that it would be very willing to return our hospitality at that meeting.

Any doctor in the London area who would be willing to offer hospitality for the duration of the November meeting to one or more of the Danish psychiatrists, and who has not already done so, should contact Miss Natalie Cobbing at the College.

ROBIN M. MURRAY  
*Honorary Secretary*  
*Programmes and Meetings Committee*

### *Future College Meetings*

The Programmes and Meetings Committee would like to hear from both senior and junior psychiatrists who are inter-

ested in presenting papers at either the Spring or Summer Meetings of the College in 1982. The Spring meeting is to be held in Liverpool on 20 and 21 April and the Summer (Annual) meeting (provisionally) from 6 to 8 July in London. In addition, the Committee would also welcome suggestions of unusual and relevant topics for discussion either in full sessions or in smaller workshops. Correspondence should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Robin M. Murray, at the College address.

### *On Sale*

*College Tie:* A new design of College tie with a single crest is now available in dark blue, maroon or dark green at a cost of £4 to members. The previous pattern in dark blue, with the College Arms in yellow and white is still available at a cost of £3.50. There is an additional charge in both cases of 14p. postage and packing within the UK and 90p for overseas mail.

*College Plaque:* This is a wall plaque measuring 7 ins × 6 ins approximately and showing the College Coat of Arms in four colours, raised on a wooden shield of light oak. The price is £5.50 if bought at the College; plus 65p for postage and packing within the UK, or £2.20 for overseas surface mail.

## *Forthcoming Events*

The **British Institute of Mental Handicap** is holding a one-day conference, 'The Law and Mental Handicap—Looking Forward', on 18 November 1981 at the Commonwealth Institute. Information: Conference Organizer, British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3PP (telephone: 0562-850251).

A Course on **Therapeutic Communication with Children**, which is open to staff of Child Guidance Clinics and Departments of Child Psychiatry who are already engaged in work with individual children and who wish to contribute current clinical material, will be held at the Child Guidance Training Centre on Monday afternoons during the Autumn term 1981 and Spring term 1982. Information: Mrs J. Hopkins, Child Guidance Training Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3.

A two-day workshop on **basic committee and management skills for senior trainees in psychiatry** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 17 and 18 September 1981. The programme covers skills related to effective communication, interdisciplinary teamwork, basics of committee practice and

the structure of Health Service administration. The workshop is sponsored by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation and is approved for study leave and expenses. Course fee £25. Information: Dr Helena Waters, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF or Dr Peter Hill, St George's Hospital, London SW17.

The next three-term course for the **MRCPsych and DPM Basic Sciences Course** will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 13 October 1981 at the Royal Free Hospital. Course includes lectures on genetics, neurophysiology, psychology and pharmacology. Course fee £110. Information: Dr Fay Fransella, Academic Department of Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG.

The **Royal College of Physicians of London** is holding a conference from 11 to 13 November 1981 on 'Science and Medicine 1981' at the College itself. The Conference aims to present recent scientific developments as they affect medicine. Information and application: Conference Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.