

diligent writing that became a standard work of reference.

His contributions to psychiatry were substantial, but not widely known. Having developed diabetes in early life, he had a reluctance to travel and was rarely seen at meetings. His modesty was such that he usually had his name attached at the end of papers, if it appeared at all, even when he was the prime mover behind an investigation. His work included studies with monoamine-oxidase inhibitors, and extensive investigations with ECT. He had a great interest in depression, especially intractable cases, and would attempt to help patients that his colleagues had long since abandoned. His judicious use of ECT, each treatment carefully monitored and, except for holidays, personally given, was unrivalled amongst his contemporaries.

Dick Pratt was a generous man, warm, kind, but firm where necessary. To his colleagues he gave good practical clinical decisions and advice; to prospective researchers he gave ideas; to patients he gave time; and of great importance to all, he gave encouragement.

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**The deaths of the following were also reported:**

ROBERT ALEXANDER BLAIR, Consultant Psychiatrist, North Manchester General Hospital, Crumpsall, Manchester.

JAMES DOLAN, The Ontario Hospital, St Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

GERALD EDWIN DUGGAN-KEEN, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Winterton Hospital, Cleveland.

PEARL GODDARD, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, St James' Hospital, Portsmouth.

GUSTAVE CHARLES HELLER, retired, 83 Parkstone Avenue, Emerson Park, Hornchurch, Essex.

JEFFREY LOMAS, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Horton Road and Coney Hill Hospitals, Gloucester.

WILLIAM JOHN MCCULLEY, 1 Amberley Court, Angell Road, London SW9.

ARIE QUERIDO, Consultant Psychiatrist, University of Amsterdam, Bachstraat 1 Hs, Amsterdam 2, Netherlands.

EDMUND CHRISTOPHER TURTON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Stoke House, St Mary Bourne, Andover, Hampshire.

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## College Notices

### **Post-Qualifying Courses in Alcoholism**

The Dependence/Addiction Group would like to draw to the attention of its members the following Post-Qualifying Courses in Alcoholism.

**10th Scottish School on Alcoholism Related Problems—** 26 to 30 March 1984 at Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton Campus, Currie, Mid-Lothian. Information available from: Mrs J. L. Navey, Administrator, Scottish Council on Alcoholism, 147 Blythswood Street, Glasgow G2 4EN (telephone: 041-333-9677).

**Post-graduate Diploma Course in Alcohol Studies—** held in August/September each year at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Information available from: Alcohol Studies Centre, Paisley College of Technology, Westerfield Annexe, 25 High Caliside, Paisley PA2 6BY (telephone 041-887 1241, Ext. 359 or the SCA (above)).

### **Examinations—Spring 1984**

The Spring 1984 MRCPsych Examinations will take place on the following dates:

**Preliminary Test:** 22 February 1984. Closing date for receipt of entries—30 November 1983.

**Membership Examination:** 11 April 1984 (written papers); 16 to 19 April 1984 (clinical and orals). Closing date for receipt of entries—25 January 1984.

The entry fees are £55 and £105 respectively. *Late or*

*incomplete entries are not accepted.* The College does not give exemption from any part of the examination. Candidates are reminded that they must pass the Membership Examination within five years of passing the Preliminary Test.

Details and application forms are available on written request from the Examinations Secretary at the College. Candidates who wish to re-sit either part, or to claim credit for psychiatric experience gained outside the UK or Eire, should submit their applications *at least three weeks before the closing date.*

### **On Sale at the College**

**College Ties:** A new All Silk Tie is now available—plain blue, green and maroon with the College Crest (single motif) in black, gold, silver and red. Price £7 each, plus 25p postage and packing (overseas airmail £1). Other designs are still available in either Crimplene or polyester (blue only), both at £4 each (postage as above).

**College Plaque:** This is available at £7 plus 80p postage and packing (£1.75 surface overseas).

**College Christmas Cards:** These are 15p each; 12 for £1.80—postage and packing, 40p.

### **Late News: New Editor**

Dr Hugh Freeman (Hope Hospital, Salford) has been elected as the new Editor of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

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