

and we now understand that new legislation on mental health may be presented to Parliament later this year.

The College has received a generous gift of silver plate from Horton Hospital. Such gifts are particularly welcome as we try to develop the use of 17 Belgrave Square.

Finally, may I record the gratitude of the College to all the staff of Sunnyside Royal Hospital who have made this meeting so successful and, in particular, to Dr Keddie, Mr Rae, the Sector Administrator and Mr Rennie, the Catering Officer.

### ***Irish Division***

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held at the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum, Dublin, on 26 June 1981. The Clinical part of the meeting consisted of three papers; the first paper was presented by John Gunn, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, entitled 'Sieges'. Professor Gunn detailed his involvement in the recent siege of the Iranian Embassy. Dr T. Sharkey, Registrar at the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum, presented a paper on 'Chromosomal Abnormalities in Forensic psychiatry'. Finally, Professor W. E. Fann of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, read a paper entitled 'Drug-Induced Movement Disorders'. In particular, he described a strategy a psychiatrist should adopt if confronted with the problem of tardive dyskinesia.

The Business Meeting was informed that the Mental Services Bill had passed all stages in the Dail and Senate but that its actual implementation might take some considerable

time. The Chairman reported on the plans to hold the American Psychiatric Association post-Convention meeting in Dublin in May 1982. The Honorary Secretary gave an account of a meeting between the Department of Health officials and a sub-committee of the Irish Division. It is hoped that such meetings will now be held on a regular basis. The sub-committee dealing with conditions in Irish Psychiatric Services reported that they had met on a number of occasions and were gathering information.

The members expressed their appreciation to Dr Liam Daly, Director of Forensic Psychiatry, Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum, and to the staff of the Central Mental Hospital for hosting the meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Division will take place at St Patrick's Hospital on 30 October 1981.

DAVID SHANLEY  
*Honorary Secretary*

### ***Education Committee***

#### **Overseas Trainees Sub-Committee**

The aims of the Sub-Committee are as follows:

1. To advise the College, through the Education Committee, of the needs and special problems of overseas trainees in psychiatry;
2. To examine and review the training facilities offered to overseas trainees;
3. To monitor the results of training of overseas graduates;
4. To examine and review the employment opportunities for overseas trainees.

The Sub-Committee meets regularly and exists to assist in all these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact the

Secretary if you are aware of matters which should be brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee.

DAVID GILL  
*Honorary Secretary*

#### **Audio-Visual Sub-Committee**

*Guidelines on Ethical Problems of Videotape and Other Audio-Visual Recording in Psychiatry* have been prepared by the Sub-Committee. Copies are available to members of the College on request from the Honorary Secretary of the Sub-Committee at 17 Belgrave Square.

T. L. PILKINGTON  
*Honorary Secretary*

### ***Postal charges***

There has been an increase in the postage and packing charges for the purchase of the College tie (see note in August *Bulletin*, p. 156). The charge for posting within the UK is now 20p, the overseas posting rate is £1.15.