

# The College

## Winter Quarterly Meeting, 1984

The Winter Quarterly Meeting was held in London on 7 and 8 February 1984 at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School under the Presidency of Professor Kenneth Rawnsley.

### SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

#### Blake Marsh Lecture

On 6 February Professor F. S. W. Brimblecombe, Paediatric Research Unit, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, delivered the Eighteenth Blake Marsh Lecture, 'Mentally Handicapped Children and their Families: Preparation for Adulthood'.

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### Obituary

The President announced the sad death of Miss Natalie Cobbing on 20 January 1984. He spoke of Miss Cobbing's monumental service to the College and to the RMPA over the past 25 years. Her death left a sad void which will be difficult to fill. Professor Rawnsley intimated that a Memorial Service would be held in March.

The Registrar announced with regret the names of those members who had died since the last College meeting.

#### Registrar's Report

Professor R. G. Priest presented the following report:

Council met on 17 January 1984 and noted with much pleasure that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had agreed to become the Patron of the College. Council recently elected Professor R. Bluglass to serve as one of the Vice-Presidents. It was agreed at the October meeting of Council that a Group on Liaison Psychiatry should be formed; this Group held its first Business Meeting yesterday, which I believe was well attended. Council agreed at its recent meeting that it should convene a small Standing Committee for a probationary period of one year to deal with matters relating to general adult psychiatry.

Since the last Quarterly Meeting the Court of Electors approved 186 applications from Inceptors and it was announced that 147 of the 318 candidates were successful in the Membership Examination held in November 1983. The first Induction Course for new Examiners was held in October. The day was very successful, with enthusiastic participation from the 30 new members of the Board. It is hoped that this will be an annual event. The Court of Electors has recommended that all registrar posts in Mental Handicap should be included in general professional training schemes and a notice about this has already appeared (*Bulletin*, January 1984, 8, 8).

The Executive and Finance Committee has a busy agenda and continues to meet monthly. A Working Party has been set up to monitor the progress through Parliament of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill and to liaise with the BMA who are co-ordinating the medical response to the Bill. The College's views on the National Health Service Management Inquiry (The Griffiths Report) have been forwarded to the Joint Consultants' Committee. In this connection Council expressed concern that many doctors lacked proper expertise in management skills and there will be a discussion on management training at the next meeting of Council.

Comments on the Multidisciplinary Report on the Management of Deliberate Self-Harm have been received from various bodies including the Standing Medical Advisory Committee and the Standing Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee. It has been decided not to reconvene the Multidisciplinary Working Party but to prepare a College statement, which will be available within the next few months.

The Public Policy Committee have prepared a report on 'Psychiatrists and the Young Brain Damaged' which has been sent to the Joint Consultants' Committee and is available from the College. The Public Policy Committee also reconvened its Working Party on the Court of Protection to undertake a detailed study of the work of the Court and to make recommendations to improve its efficiency.

The Mental Health Act Working Party meets regularly and has received many letters from the membership pointing out practical difficulties in the implementation of the Act. This Working Party is currently preparing guidelines on consent for the treatment of informal psychogeriatric and mentally handicapped patients. The neonatal Mental Health Act Commission is very much alive and kicking, as most of you are possibly experiencing. We are very grateful to our medical colleagues on the Commission whose task is not an easy one in these early days. Lord Colville, Chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission, addressed Council in January and many of you will have listened to the interesting talk which he delivered to us here yesterday.

The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Section, with representation from the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap Section, have set up a Working Party to consider the report of the Matrimonial Causes Procedure Committee.

Could I point out that an error appeared in the leaflet about the Laughlin Prize, which was circulated with the programme for this meeting. The value of the Prize is in fact £100 and not £50 as printed. The Dean has asked that College members be encouraged to apply for the Gaskell Prize also. The Research Committee reported to Council

that the first stage of the retrospective survey of the UK graduates who have passed the MRCPsych 1975–1977, conducted by Dr A. Ward, would now be made available, we think that Tutors will wish to have this. The recently reconstituted Manpower Committee will be holding its first meeting later this month.

It appears that despite a notice in the *Bulletin*, not all members are aware that there is a Member's Room avail-

able at the College.

Finally, on your behalf, I would like to congratulate our President, Professor Rawnsley, who was awarded the CBE in the New Year's Honours List.

I would like to thank Professor S. Hirsch and all the staff of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School for helping with the arrangements for this meeting.

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## Obituary

**HARVEY VALENTINE RENDAL JONES, Consultant Psychiatrist, Young People's Unit, Whitchurch Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, Wales.**

Dr Harvey Jones, a leading figure in psychiatric circles, died on 24 November 1983 at the age of 49. He was a pioneer in adolescent psychiatry in South Wales and was in charge of the Young People's Unit in Cardiff since its inception.

Harvey was born in Powys, the son of a minister, and was educated in South Wales. He graduated from the Welsh National School of Medicine in 1957 and served his psychiatric apprenticeship in Warley Hospital, Brentwood and St Bartholomew's, London. For three years he was a medical officer in the Royal Air Force in Germany.

Harvey came back to Wales to work in the prison, probation and after care services in Cardiff and Swansea; but it was to adolescents and their families that he was to devote the last ten years of his life.

He was a Foundation Member of the College in 1971 and elected a Fellow in 1980. He was a member of the Executive of the College's Child and Adolescent Section and of the Association for the Psychiatric Study of Adolescents. Amongst other regional and national appointments, he was a consultant to both Dr Barnardo's and the National Children's Homes. Until his death he was writing prize-winning papers on family therapy and was planning conferences and lecture tours.

As a teacher, Harvey had a happy knack of giving his students enough freedom to make their own decisions, while always being there to pick up the pieces when they did so. He set demanding standards; none, however, that he was not prepared to keep himself. He was a therapist who will be sadly missed by generations of those he strove to help. He leaves a widow and four children.

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Dr R. Marks, Professor of Dermatology, Welsh National School of Medicine, writes:

It is both paradoxical and poignant that such a lively individual should die so comparatively young. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed by his family, colleagues and many friends, all of whom knew him as an affectionate,

witty and loyal companion. His worldliness, compassion and approachability made being with him a pleasing, comfortable experience, and in all senses he was a popular man. Tolerance and a passion for natural justice made him an ideal companion for the victims of our complex society. The sadness of his unexpected and untimely death is partly relieved by the memory of his achievements and qualities.

**HYMAN ROSENBERG, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgen, Glamorgan, Wales.**

Dr Rosenberg died suddenly on 23 October 1983 in his 69th year and in his fourth year of retirement.

Dr Rosenberg obtained his medical qualifications from the Middlesex Hospital in 1936. From the outbreak of war in 1939 until 1946 he served in the RAMC, most of his time being spent with the BEF in France. After demobilization he became Medical Reception Officer at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. It was then that he showed a leaning towards psychiatry, and he was appointed Medical Officer to the Bethlem Royal Hospital, after which he became clinical Assistant at the Child Guidance Clinic, Crayford, Kent. As a Senior Registrar he spent his time mainly at Bexley, Guys and Darent Park Hospitals. Simultaneously he underwent a course of training in psychotherapy at the Tavistock Clinic, and was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to Morgannwg Hospital, Glamorgan, where for a number of years from 1958 he also served as Deputy Medical Superintendent.

As a consultant at Morgannwg Hospital he dealt with patients residing in the Neath and Port Talbot localities of the hospital's catchment area. He became particularly well known to the local family doctors as well as to the staff of the Neath General Hospital where he had his Clinic.

Among his major interests was the practice and teaching of psychotherapy. Even after retirement he continued a close association with patients and staff of the Morgannwg Hospital through the medium of the Postgraduate Centre where he continued to participate in the training scheme for medical staff studying for the MRCPsych examination.

Dr Rosenberg was a member of the Welsh Psychiatric