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A REQUEST FOR JOURNALS

DEAR SIR,

The Department of Psychiatry in this College has only recently been established, and at present we are engaged in building up a department which we hope will achieve high standards of scholarship and practice. As is invariably the case in developing countries, financial resources are severely limited, so that the task of building up a library, for example, becomes extremely difficult.

In this connection we are writing to ask if any of your readers would be able to help us in building up our collection of back numbers of psychiatric journals. To purchase back numbers through commercial channels is prohibitively expensive, but we feel sure that there must be many psychiatrists who would be glad to help the cause of psychiatric education in India by donating journals which they no longer require for their personal use. We are particularly anxious to obtain copies of back numbers of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, but also of other journals in the fields of psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.

We can arrange for transportation to India from the British Isles, U.S.A., or Australia. If anyone who can help us by donating journals would kindly write to us, we can make the necessary arrangements.

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CLARKE INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH FUND ANNUAL \$1000.00 PRIZE

DEAR SIR,

This annual prize was established in 1969 for the purpose of stimulating research in psychiatry in Canada. The funds are made available by the psychiatrists practising at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, and it is their hope that the award will help to emphasize the importance of mental health

research in today's health care, and to acknowledge outstanding Canadian contributions in this area.

The prize will be awarded annually to a clinical or basic scientist who has published a report or dissertation on outstanding research within the field of mental health during the preceding year. The scientist shall have carried out his work in Canada, while resident in Canada. He may apply or be nominated for the prize up to 1 March in the year following publication.

All applications (or nominations) should be forwarded in triplicate to the Research Fund Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Clarke Institute. The Trustees' decision will be final. When more than one author is involved in the published work the Board of the Institute will determine the proportion of the prize to be awarded to each author.

The prize will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. Any expenses related to the presentation of the prize will be covered from the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Research Fund.

All nominations and applications postmarked on or before 1 March 1973 will be considered. Nominations or applications, and requests for further information, should be addressed to the undersigned.

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A CORRECTION

'Suicide in Brighton', by S. Jacobson and D. M. Jacobson, *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 1972, 121, 369-77.

It is regretted that a paragraph was omitted from this paper. The following should be inserted on p. 374, after the first paragraph of (v) 'Previous admissions to psychiatric units':

(vi) *Previous attempts and threats of suicide*

There were 36 cases (21.2 per cent) where previous attempts at suicide were made. These consisted of 17 males (24.3 per cent of males) and 19 females (19 per cent of females). These figures contrast significantly with those quoted by Seager and Flood where females preponderated among those with previous suicide attempts (70 per cent). Our series points to the greater inclination of males towards suicidal attempts before the final culmination of the fatal act.