

Sir William's administrative and medico-political skills were soon in demand outside his own department. In his own University, he was a popular and effective Dean of the Medical School from 1968–74. However, his talents reach far beyond the ordinary level of medical politics and he has been one of the small number of statesmen of psychiatry who have represented our subject in the wider world of medicine. He has served on the General Medical Council—having been its Treasurer; on the University Grants Committee and on the Standing Medical Advisory Committee, of which he was also Vice-Chairman. He was also the Chairman of the influential committee which made recommendations about the future of clinical psychology. His talents have also been sought much further afield, for example, in Hong Kong, where he Chaired the Medical Academic Advisory Committee of the Chinese University.

So far I have said nothing of Bill Trethowan's contributions to our College. He has, of course, served on many of our committees, but his special contribution was to the Membership examination. When our College was founded it was he who took on the seemingly impossible task of devising, in a very short time, a form of examination that was fair, reliable and acceptable to candidates and examiners. The result was a singular success and a tribute to his clear thinking, tenacity of purpose and tact.

These many achievements have led, appropriately, to a series of awards: an honorary fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Psychiatry; a corresponding fellow of the American Psychiatric Association; an honorary DSc from the Chinese University of Hong Kong; and in 1975 the CBE, followed in 1980 by the Knighthood which gave so much pleasure to his many friends.

A record of achievements of this kind does not, of course, give a full picture of the man. Bill Trethowan not only has qualities of leadership, he is also the most helpful of colleagues, a good companion and an attentive host. He is a talented musician: a man of many interests. He is also a popular lecturer: I am told that one of his most recent lectures was called 'Growing old gracefully'. It will certainly be many years before such a lively colleague can grow old; in the meanwhile we are glad that he will grace our College, which he has served so well, as one of our Honorary Fellows.

President, I have the pleasure in presenting to you, Sir William Trethowan.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Unicorn Hotel, Bristol on 6 July 1983. The guests included Lord Glenarthur, Joint Parliamentary Secretary responsible for Mental Health matters, Professor and Mrs R. Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Peter and Lady Tizard, President of the British Paediatric Association, Dr and Mrs T. J. Thomson, President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow, Sir Henry and Lady Yellowlees, Chief Medical Officer, DHSS, Sir Alec and Lady Merrison, Professor and Mrs A. H. Leighton, Dr P. and Mrs Sainsbury.

The Dean, Dr J. L. T. Birley, proposed the toast of 'The Guests' and Professor R. Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, replied and proposed the toast 'The Royal College of Psychiatrists' to which the President replied.

News Items

Drinking and Driving: Problem Drinkers

Following the College's consultations with the Department of Transport concerning the report of the Blennerhassett Committee on drinking and driving, new procedures were introduced on 6 May 1983 to deal with what the Committee described as 'high risk offenders' with an aim to minimizing the hazards which drivers with a serious drink problem present to others on the road.

Each year there are about 3,000 drivers who fall into the problem drinker category: they have been disqualified twice within a 10-year period and are likely to have had more than 2½ times the legal limit of alcohol. The essence of the new procedures will be to ensure that these offenders are medically examined and allowed to resume driving only when it is clear that any drink problem has been effectively treated and cured.

WPA Section on 'Psychiatric Rehabilitation'

At the recent Congress of the World Psychiatric Association in Vienna, a new Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation was inaugurated under the chairmanship of Dr James C. Folsom of New York. Dr Brenda Morris (Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal South Hants Hospital) was invited to represent the United Kingdom on the Executive Committee. The aims of this Section are to promote psychiatric rehabilitation throughout the world, to hold scientific meetings and to improve communication between practitioners in the member countries.

Psychiatrists with an interest in this field of study are invited to become members and application should be made to: Dr James C. Folsom, Director, International Center for the Disabled, 340 East 24th Street, NY 10010, USA.

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Burden Research Medal and Prize

Entry for the Burden Medal and Prize is open to all registered medical practitioners who are working in the field of mental handicap in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland.

The award for 1984, consisting of a gold medal and prize of £500, may be presented for outstanding research work which has been published, accepted for publication or presented as a paper to a learned society during the three-year period ending 31 December 1983. Five copies of the paper or papers, with application form, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Burden Trust by 10 January 1984. Further information and application forms are available from: Secretary, Burden Trust, 16 Orchard Street, Bristol BS1 5EA.

Tuke House—a Community Mental Health Centre

Tuke House, a Community Mental Health Centre for the treatment of neurotic disorders, was officially opened by Professor Michael Barrett (Chairman of the Leeds Eastern Health Authority) on 13 September 1983. This unique treatment facility is sited in a large old house in Chapeltown,

Leeds, two miles distant from the local psychiatric facilities. Its inauguration has resulted from co-operation between Leeds Eastern Health Authority, Social Services Department, Community Health Council, voluntary agencies and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Leeds, with joint financing from Leeds Eastern Health Authority and Leeds City Council. The Royal College of Psychiatrists was represented at the opening by Dr K. Davison, Chairman of the North East Division.

Managing the Overdose Patient

Dr R. Gardner (Consultant Psychiatrist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge) has compiled a booklet on the assessment and management of the overdose patient. This booklet is primarily aimed at doctors and nurses, without experience in psychiatry, who have to face a patient who has taken an overdose. Guidance is given on assessing the suicidal risk and the need for psychiatric or social work referral.

The Overdose Patient: Assessment and Management is available, free of charge, from Napp Laboratories, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 4BH.

Forthcoming Events

The **Institute of Family Psychiatry** will be holding a two-day course in family psychiatry for trainee psychiatrists on 14 and 15 June 1984 at the Institute of Family Psychiatry, Ipswich Hospital. Information: Secretary, Institute of Family Psychiatry, Ipswich Hospital, 23 Henley Road, Ipswich IP1 3TF (telephone: Ipswich 214811).

The **Group-Analytic Society (London)** will be holding its 11th London Workshop from 2 to 7 January 1984. The theme will be: 'Persona and Self in Group Analysis'. Information: Tom Hamroque (Co-ordinator), The Group-Analytic Society (London), 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY.

Following the recent meeting of the **Society for Psychotherapy Research** at Sheffield this year, an inaugural meeting of a UK branch of SPR is to be held at Raven Hotel, Ravenscar, N. Yorkshire from 16 to 18 April 1984. The main aim of the conference is to bring together people actively involved in psychotherapy research in this country and those who are planning to undertake such research. The conference will be organized by the UK Secretariat,

Professor J. Watson, Dr D. Shapiro and Dr F. Margison. Submissions for presentations of papers or projects for discussion in the workshops must be received by 15 January 1984. Information: Dr F. Margison, Consultant Psychotherapist, Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Gaskell House, Swinton Grove, Manchester M13 0EU.

The **Clinical Research Nurses' Association (CRNA)** will be holding a conference at the Royal Society of Arts, London on 10 February 1984. Information: Veronica A. Bishop (Chairman), Research Department of Anaesthetics, Royal College of Surgeons, London WC2A 3PN.

The Foundation Conference of the **Interdisciplinary Association of Mental Health Workers**—'Interdisciplinary Work: Problems and Progress'—will be held on 27 and 28 January 1984 at the University of Leicester. Speakers include Professors Anthony Clare and Kathleen Jones. Information: Mrs Felicity Sykes, Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH.

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